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Local Hospital Unveils New Name

On May 1, Hillside Hospital will change its name to become Southern Tennessee Regional Health System Pulaski. This is the final step in the process of joining Southern Tennessee Regional Health System (STRHS), which includes Crockett Hospital in Lawrenceburg, Southern Tennessee Medical Center in Winchester and Emerald Hodgson Hospital in Sewanee.

The four hospitals, all affiliated with LifePoint Hospitals® of Brentwood, joined forces in Oct. 2013 to share the best clinical practices for quality care, achieve operational

efficiencies, create organizational scale to enable the addition and expansion of important services and expand access to primary care services in the Southern Middle Tennessee region. The combined system has 382 licensed beds, more than 300 affiliated physicians, 1,250 employees and serves more than 160,000 people in rural communities in the region.

STRHS's other campuses will change their names May 1 as well:

- Southern Tennessee Regional Health System Lawrenceburg (formerly Crockett Hospital)

- Southern Tennessee Regional Health System Winchester (formerly Southern Tennessee Regional Medical Center)

- Southern Tennessee Regional Health System Sewanee (formerly Emerald Hodgson Hospital)

"We believe this name change will benefit each hospital in the system," said Phil Young, president of STRHS. "The change will highlight the fact that each hospital is part of a larger health system that brings strength to our hospitals and benefits the communities we serve."

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Pay no attention to the ladies looking behind the curtain!

On a wall in Hillside Hospital's main lobby is a secret to not be revealed until Thursday, May 1, but that doesn't stop Food and Nutrition Services teammates Sharon Garrett and Amanda McCoy from trying to get an early sneak peek.

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Coworkers Respond to Save a Life



Appreciation is shown by Giles EMS and Air Evac to Frito Lay employees for their quick action and skills demonstrated recently when they saved the life of co-worker James Adams. Celebrating are (from left): Giles EMS Administrative Assistant Lea Anne Grissom, Frito Lay's Managing Director Mike Miller and Safety Manager Vicki Allen, Giles EMS Director Roy Griggs, Air Evac Program Director Jon Guthrie, Adams, Allan Shedd, Lee Edwards and Sharon Fogg.

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by Tracy Ayers

REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER

No matter an industry or institution's size and location, teamwork is an essential element for success.

At the Frito Lay plant in Pulaski, cooperation not only produces delicious high-quality snacks, it is also being praised for saving a life.

Employee James Adams clocked in at work March 5 just like any other Wednesday. When questioned by his concerned wife at home and coworkers on the job, Adams simply replied he had indigestion and didn't feel well. A few hours later he was found unresponsive, slumped over in a chair.

Frito Lay Plant Safety Manager Vicki Allen said fellow employees Josh Dodd and Sheila Curtis followed protocol and alerted the plant's First Re-

sponse team, and Allan Shedd, Sharon Fogg and Lee Edwards came to the area.

"We were just leaving a lunch meeting when we received a 9-1-1 call that an unresponsive man was receiving CPR at Frito Lay," Giles Ambulance Service Director Roy Griggs said. "When we arrived on the scene people were at the gates to wave us in and show us where to go and how to get to the loading dock."

Inside the plant, Griggs said he and fellow EMS employees Paramedic Supervisor Danny Hardy, Administrative Assistant Lea Anne Grissom, EMT-IV John Dollar and Paramedic Shawn Wroda witnessed an outstanding scene — cowork-

ers doing all the right things to save a life.

"Mr. Shedd was doing CPR, and doing a fantastic job at it," Griggs said. "They were doing all the right things to save Mr. Adams' life until he could get a higher level of care and treatment."

"They had properly used the company's AED machine — twice. The CPR was textbook. You just don't see that everyday."

EMS took over, and within minutes Adams was being loaded aboard Air Evac 110 medical helicopter enroute to Huntsville (Ala.) Hospital. Within a few hours, Adams was talking to his family and thanking God, his coworkers and medical professionals for saving his life.

"If not for them, I'd be a widow."

— Terri Adams

Training Saves Lives

Griggs said EMS employees were impressed with how well the Frito Lay Response Team handled the situation, made good use of the equipment available and used their training.

"It all worked perfectly," he added.

Adams and wife Terri are ready to shout from the rooftops their extreme gratitude to Shedd, the first shift emergency response team members, the Giles County Ambulance Service and the Air Evac team.

"James and I want to thank Frito Lay for providing the training and AED equipment used to save James after his massive heart attack that happened at work," Terri said. "You are all heroes to us — the emergency staff and cardiologist of Huntsville Hospital told us repeatedly that without the

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Assessments Yield More County Tax Revenue

by Paul Manke
POLITICAL EDITOR

Giles County will gain \$533,700 in new tax money for the 2014-15 budget year, based on latest estimated assessments, according to Giles County Assessor of Property Tommy Hyatt.

Hyatt, speaking to the Giles County Commission's Budget Committee April 24, said the County Board of Equalization and the State Board of Equalization have yet to meet, and those bodies could change assessments.

Also, Hyatt said his office has estimated the Public Utilities Assessment, whose final figures will not be released until the end of the 2014 calendar year.

"The 2014-2015 estimated assessment for Giles County is \$530 million. At the \$2.7711 current tax rate, this will produce \$14,686,830 in tax dollars," Hyatt said in a letter read to the committee.

"The penny will produce \$53,000," he said, a reference to the amount of money generated by each penny on the tax rate.

"This will bring in \$533,700 in new tax money to the county."

Also, based on the \$2.7711 tax rate, an additional \$23,921 will be added to the 2014 tax roll based on Industrial Development Board Pilots (payment in lieu of tax) agreements on Johnson Controls Expansion, Hoover-Personal Property and Windsor Mold, Hyatt wrote in the letter.

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County Executive Candidate Stresses Business, Military Experience

Giles County resident Danny Lindsey is announcing his candidacy for Giles County Executive in the Aug. 7 county general election.

A retired U.S. Army officer, Lindsey has had varied assignments, ranging from commanding a nuclear equipped missile site in Alaska, authoring war plans for U.S. forces in Europe and inspecting Army logistics, nuclear stockpiles and chemical and biological weapons storage facilities worldwide.

He completed a successful career at the Redstone Arsenal, and retired to Giles County in 1992. He is a Vietnam era veteran, and served through the Cold War, the breakup of the Soviet Union and the first Gulf War.

Now Lindsey divides his time between helping new small businesses grow and prosper and coaching youth soccer in Giles County. He coached the first soccer team in Ardmore, the first girls high school team at GCHS, and has coached at the recreational, travel and high school level in the county

for more than 20 years. He still coaches the Giles County Lady Bobcats.

"I'm not sure which of the two I'm more proud of," Lindsey said, "my record of growing business or my record of teaching young female athletes to excel."

The most difficult task, he said, is learning the difference between leading men and women in uniform, and managing men and women in industry.

"It takes completely different skill sets, and the transition was not an easy one," he said, "but I have over 20 years experience at both. We need strong leadership and managerial skills for the next four critical years in the county. That's the main reason I decided to run."

"I will be discussing several issues over the next few months," he said, "among them jobs, education, development of the I-65

corridor and finding a way to stay within our means with our county budget without adding to the taxpayers' burden."

Next month Carleigh, the sixth of his children, will graduate from high school, leaving only Noah, a freshman. All attended and graduated from Giles County High School.

"I chose Giles County to live in as soon as I discovered it," he said, "and even moved my mom here from Mississippi for her last 20 years. She loved it as much as I."

He and his family attend the First United Methodist Church in Pulaski, where they are active in the church's charities.

"We support the public school system, worship locally and are proud to be members of the county and community," he said.

You can follow his campaign at <https://www.facebook.com/ElectDannyLindsey>.

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