

Press Release

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Stone County Medical Center Hosts Tour of New Surgical Unit

Mountain View, Ark. - Friends of Stone County Medical Center (SCMC) were given a preview tour of the hospital's new Surgery/Outpatient Wing on Saturday, November 5. More than 100 guests attended the event hosted by Karen Craft, SCMC Administrator. Guests were given tours of the new wing and enjoyed a buffet catered by the Culinary Arts Department of Ozarka College.

The new Surgical Services Department includes an outpatient admissions area and waiting room, three preoperative beds, two operating suites, an endoscopy room, four postoperative beds, central sterile facilities, nursing station, and physician and staff support. The new wing also includes 6 semi-private patient rooms with an Intermediate Care Unit. Intermediate Care is for patients who may require a higher level of nursing care.

"The scheduled completion date is mid-November. We expect to actually be using the facility by December 1," Craft said. "Completion of the surgery/outpatient wing allows for construction of Phase II to begin."

The second phase includes a new Emergency Department, renovation of existing patient rooms and renovation of the Imaging Department. The second phase also includes

renovation of the hospital's main entrance with the addition of a larger waiting room, gift shop and cafeteria.

Guests included city and county officials, SCMC Advisory Board members, members of the SCMC Medical Staff and major contributors to the project's fund raising campaign. In addition to local guests, Mark and Dianne Lamberth, Mike and Linda Weeks, and Larry and Brenda Sandage from Batesville attended the event. Dianne Lamberth is the Vice President of the White River Health System Board of Directors and a member of the WRHS Foundation Board. Weeks is the WHRS Chief Financial Officer and Sandage is the WRHS Foundation Director of Institutional Advancement.

A local fund drive is raising money for the project. The campaign has raised more than \$235,000 thanks to the generosity of the community. Members of the fundraising team are Chairman Ric Wilcox, Co-Chairman Janice Sutton, Virginia Breeding, Whit Fowlkes, and Kenny Wyatt.

Stone County Medical Center is a 25 bed critical access hospital serving Mountain View and the Stone County area. SCMC is an affiliate of White River Health System, a private not-for-profit regional healthcare provider. The hospital's Medical Staff includes thirteen physicians representing six medical specialties.