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3D mobile mammogram screening van will be at Crawford Electric on Oct. 31

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BOURBON – Just 66% of women aged 40 and over had a mammogram within the past two years, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. This is despite the fact that breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death for women in the United States.

That's why Crawford Electric is partnering with Missouri Baptist Medical Center to make mammogram screening even-more readily available in our area. The hospital's 3D digital mobile mammography van will be at the co-op from 8:45 a.m. -2 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31. The co-op is located at 10301 N. Service Rd., Bourbon. A minimum of 12 pre-registered appointments is needed, and as many as 20 can be screened that day.

"We want to help our members access this potentially life-saving screening service," said Kortney Smart, the co-op's public relations coordinator. "Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a perfect opportunity."

To pre-register, please call 314-996-5170 and have your medical insurance information handy.

Those without health insurance may qualify for a free mammogram by calling 314-956-9829.

A mammogram is a screening test that aims to detect cancers at early stages, when cancer may be easier to treat successfully.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends breast cancer screening every two years in women aged 50-74. However, Missouri Baptist's experience is that more than 27% of the women they've diagnosed with breast cancer are younger, aged 40-50. That's why they recommend women begin annual screening at age 40.

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