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## Cuero Community Hospital changes its name

The Dewitt County Hospital District Board announced Monday, Jan. 9 the adoption of a new entity called Cuero Health to demonstrate the full array of healthcare services available to citizens of Dewitt County. Along with this new name, the District Board also approved changing the name of Cuero Community Hospital to Cuero Regional Hospital. Accompanying these new names are graphic changes, to include logos, colors, renaming of various services and the adoption of new hospital signage.

“By adopting the name Cuero Health we help the community understand and appreciate all of the health services provided by the Dewitt County Hospital district, to include wellness and fitness, hospital and emergency services, local physician care, home health care, emergency ground and air transport services, and new hospital services,” said Richard Wheeler, Dewitt County Hospital District Chairman. “We know there is really no need to travel outside of Dewitt County for most healthcare needs, and we hope this new image and enhancement of services will go a long way to help our citizens appreciate the District Board’s dedication to provide the best quality healthcare right here in Dewitt County,” Wheeler further indicated.

As a regional health services provider, Cuero Regional Hospital’s new name also better reflects the fact that citizens throughout the county and beyond wish to seek healthcare closer to home. Whether it is setting an appointment through six Cuero Health physician clinics owned by Cuero Regional Hospital, or attending fitness workouts at the Cuero Wellness Center, to emergency care without a long drive, Cuero Health is an all-encompassing health provider with quality care as its daily priority.

“With an expanding ER, new emergency transport services, stroke care, neuro spine surgery, expanded general surgery, and pending cardiology and oncology services, Cuero Regional Hospital should be your first choice,” said Lynn Falcone, CEO of Cuero Regional Hospital. “Furthermore, our national 4-star ranking for quality clinical services demonstrates the commitment of

Cuero Health’s nurses, physicians and technical staff to continually improve on already excellent patient care,” further stated Falcone.

Over the past several months, through the help of the Cuero Health partnership with Methodist Healthcare San Antonio, Cuero Regional Hospital has expanded emergency services through the arrival of Methodist Air-Care, along with enhanced ICU-level ground transportation. Moreover, in the next couple of months the emergency department will begin a significant expansion and renovation program. The Cuero Health Clinics on the hospital campus are also currently under renovation, along with enhanced services to lower physician office wait times and to make it easier to secure a physician appointment when you need one.

To help guarantee a significant focus on the patient experience, management is continually measuring the level of patient and visitor satisfaction in the physician clinics, as well as hospital and emergency services. These results are shared with physicians, staff and the District Board, with continuous improvement the highest priority.

“Cuero Health is an excellent example of a county hospital district recognizing the importance of the resources provided to them by county residents, and in turn making sure a full complement of quality healthcare services are offered. Methodist Healthcare is proud of the Hospital District’s achievements and continuing improvements. We cherish this partnership that has the ultimate goal of providing all Dewitt County citizens the very best quality healthcare, close to home,” said Geoffrey Crabtree, Senior Vice President of Methodist Healthcare, San Antonio.

The community will be invited to the unveiling of the new Cuero Health image and service improvements Feb. 1 at 10:30 a.m. on the campus of Cuero Regional Hospital.

Cuero Health is made up of Cuero Regional Hospital, Cuero Wellness Center, Cuero Home Health, Parkside Family Clinic, Cuero Medical and Bohman Clinic, Yorktown Medical Clinic, Goliad Family Practice and Kenedy Family Practice.

## Weather related fires

Fire Departments and Volunteer Fire Departments across DeWitt County and their fire fighters have been busy in the last week due to weather related fires. Fire fighters have been working fires in freezing temperatures and wind chills in the teens.

Nordhiem Volunteer Fire Department assisted by Yorktown Volunteer Fire Department responded to a structure fire on Friday, Jan. 6 at 3:40 p.m., that was fully involved when they arrived. The home was a total loss; however, the residents were not home at the time of the fire. It is believed that a heat lamp may have been the cause, that was used to keep a family pet warm during the cold temperatures.

Westhoff Volunteer Fire Department responded to a grass fire on Saturday, Jan. 7 at 12:25 a.m. It is believed that an electrical line in

the high winds sparked and caused the fire.

Cuero Fire Department assisted by Cuero Volunteer Fire Department responded to a structure fire on Saturday, Jan. 7 at 6:30 a.m. The structure was fully involved on arrival. The resident was asleep at the time of the fire and woke up and tried to put the fire out. He received burns to his hands and feet and was flown to a San Antonio hospital as a precaution. The resident’s dog died in the fire. The resident stated a pillow fell against the space heater next to the bed and ignited the fire.

Cuero Volunteer Fire Department assisted by Cuero Fire Department responded to a small barn fire on Saturday, Jan. 7 at 12:30 p.m. It is believed to have been started by a heat lamp used to keep some show pigs warm. At least two of the four show pigs

died in the fire and equipment was also lost.

Yoakum Volunteer Fire Department responded to a call Saturday, Jan. 7 at 12:40 p.m. for a control burn that got out of control. It is believed that the high winds caused the fire to become out of control.

During this cold weather, it is important to remember that space heaters are for heating a small room and the air in the room. Not just what is in front of it. If you can feel the direct heat from the heater you and anything near you is too close and could catch on fire. Make sure that nothing can fall or come in contact with the heater and unplug heaters and heat lamps when not in use. Do not leave space heaters unattended.

If a fire starts in your home, get you and your family out and then call 911. Do not go back in.



## Heirloom Stickers raffle

Shelly Summers of Sugarland, Texas was the winner of the 2016 Heirloom Stickers Quilt Guild raffle quilt. She bought the winning ticket at the Yoakum craft show.

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## Lassmann sworn in as DA

Pictured is Rob Lassmann being sworn in as the new District Attorney for Dewitt, Goliad and Refugio counties by the Honorable Judge Kemper Stephen Williams in the DeWitt District Court Room in the DeWitt County Courthouse on New Years Day.

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**Outpatient Center Schedule**  
**Wednesday - January 11th**  
 General Surgery V.A. Benavides, M.D.  
 Podiatry (Feet) Neil Campbell, D.P.M.  
 Orthopedics (Bone & Joint) Trent Twitero, M.D.  
**Thursday - January 12th**  
 General Surgery V.A. Benavides, M.D.  
 Cardiology (Heart) Ajay Gaalla, M.D.  
 Nephrology (Kidneys) Haresh Kumar, M.D.  
**Friday - January 13th**  
 General Surgery V.A. Benavides, M.D.  
**Monday - January 16th**  
 General Surgery V.A. Benavides, M.D.  
 Podiatry (Feet) Neil Campbell, D.P.M.  
 Nephrology (Kidneys) Azhar Malik, M.D.  
 Cardiology (Heart) Dakshesh Parikh, M.D.  
**Tuesday - January 17th**  
 General Surgery V.A. Benavides, M.D.  
 Cardiology (Heart) Harish Chandna, M.D.  
 Pain Management J. L. White Jr., M.D.  
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 To view Specialty Clinic’s monthly schedule and CCH Services, go to [www.cuerohospital.org](http://www.cuerohospital.org).  
 For information or appointments call Central Scheduling at 361-275-0170.