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Good afternoon everyone!

Let's get into this week's update...

- I know many of you have seen or heard about posts on Facebook asserting that, by opening a clinic outside of Crawford County, CMH has violated a state statute related to hospital district property taxes. I want to reassure you that we are confident in and comfortable with our decision. Of course, we were aware of this statute when we began exploring the possibility of opening a clinic in Newton. We carefully considered the legal requirements and received excellent legal advice before moving forward. It's also important to understand that the assertions being made on social media focus on a single sentence within the statute. Laws, however, must be considered in their entirety and within the context of the entire statute. Looking at one sentence in isolation does not provide a complete picture of what the statute means or how it applies, just like a single sentence in a conversation isn't a complete picture of what the whole conversation was about. We remain confident that our decision was made thoughtfully, responsibly, and with appropriate legal guidance. If you have any questions about our Newton Clinic, please feel free to email me or call me. I'll be happy to talk it through with you.
- In the meantime, we celebrated the Clinic's grand opening with an open house yesterday. We had a great turnout and got lots of positive feedback so we have high hopes for the success of our venture there. The picture at the top is from last night's ribbon cutting. We will have general surgery, OB/Gyn, urology, podiatry, and orthopedics care in the clinic and we start seeing patients on Monday, 9/14.
- Tuesday, 9/8, is the last day you can purchase tickets for the Foundation's Mum's the Word Bingo event on

Thursday, 9/10 at 6 p.m. at Quail Creek. Tickets are only \$25 and you can buy them by contact the Foundation office or by following this link: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/mums-the-word-bingo>

- Our local health department is still seeking responses to its community health needs survey. They use information gleaned from this survey to help determine how they can best address the issues facing our community. You can complete the survey here: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=GbTJiIgm0kOAAMCVhStb8NGI3yqK4F1KqTmPvrNWPBRUMzVSNihHTFBCVTRZNIVTNjVNOVNSUjFJOS4u&route=shorturl>
- Last but certainly not least, Charlee Stewart (our local RMED student who's signed with CMH) will be rotating with the General Surgeons for the next three weeks. Please give her a big CMH welcome!!

Enjoy your holiday weekend and the Palestine Rodeo!



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