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Luncheon in Winters discusses rural healthcare

Tammy Thorn, Bronte City Secretary and EDC Director and Robert Lee community leaders Debbie Childers, Floyd Pettit and Jane Pettit attended a regional network luncheon sponsored by Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) and hosted by the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation on Thursday, March 26th at the historic Rock Motel. The "Museum Ladies" provided a delicious Mexican lunch.

The focus of the luncheon was "Healthcare in Rural Texas: Successes, Challenges and the Future". Discussions were led by Judy Espitia, Administrator, North Runnels County Hospital and Veronica Aguirri, Health Careers Promotion Coordinator at the West Texas Area Health Education Center -- Big Country Region. Both provided insight into their respective healthcare stories, services offered and their perspective of the future of rural healthcare in Runnels and surrounding counties!

Texas Midwest Community Network is a regional organization for community and

economic development, regional promotion, education, and legislative awareness. It is an organization of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone." TMCN sponsors networking events during the year and projects to market the region for business and tourism development.

TMCN Member cities are: Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Graham, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Hico, Jacksboro, Knox City, Menard, Merkel, Miles, Munday, Ranger, Rising Star, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, San Angelo, San Saba, Santa Anna, Seymour, Snyder, Stamford, Strawn, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye, and Winters.

Memories of Times Past Festival set for Winters

Spring means time for the Z. I. Hale Museum's MEMORIES OF TIMES PAST "SPRING FESTIVAL" This year there will again be an Automobile Show, a

Motorcycle Show with Fun Run and a Tractor Show with String Olympics.

The MEMORIES OF TIMES PAST "SPRING FESTIVAL" will be APRIL 18, 2015 from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM with a street dance from 7:30 to 10:30 PM. The Z. I. Hale Museum is a collection of buildings filled with artifacts dedicated to the preservation of the Winters and surrounding area's history. 200 W. Dale, Winters, Texas will be the place to be April 18th.

The Auto Show will have four classes in which to enter your vehicle, so there should be a category for everyone. The Antique Class will be for autos built before 1946 and in original or restored original condition. Classic Autos will be for autos built from 1946 to 1990 in original or original restored condition. Commercial Vehicles will be 1990 or earlier vehicles in original or restored original condition. Special Interest Vehicles are vehicles built after 1990 or any age vehicle that has been modified from original. There will be trophies in each class for the Peoples Choice with ribbons for second and third places. There will also be a Trophy and ribbons for the

Peoples Choice Best of Show.

Cruisers, Trikes and Vintage Motorcycles will be on display competing for Peoples Choice trophies and ribbons. There will also be an overall Best of Show trophy and ribbons. Participants in the Fun Run will need to stop at several locations along their route and have their card initialed. When they return from the Fun Run with the proper initials they will draw cards for the best porker hand. Fun Run Winners will be presented a trophy and ribbons.

All of the tractors entered in the Peoples Choice Best of Show competition will be in one class. Winners will receive a trophy and ribbons. Our String Olympics is a competition, held on the museum grounds, that compares the tractor driver's skills in a number of events. The driver's skills are recorded on a score sheet and the winner will

receive a trophy while second and third place winners will receive ribbons.

The museum grounds and some of the buildings will have events and demonstrations thru out the day. "Lone Star Lead and Lace" will have staged Gun Fights thru out the day. The public will be able to challenge the actors to fast draw contests. Funds from fast draw challenges will go into a scholarship fund. If you think you can text and drive come challenge the Texas Department of Transportation's Impaired Driver Simulator.

You will have several food choices with the New Chick-Inn serving hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks, etc. The Rock Hotel will set up a tent out back so you can enjoy a slice of pie and drinks. The Cowboy Church Chuck Wagon will do their cooking over an open wood fire.

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