

# J. D. McCarty Center

for children with developmental disabilities



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### **Bikers Rumble Down the Road for the McCarty Center**

Motorcycle enthusiasts of all ages, gender and manufacturer allegiances rumbled down the highways of central and south central Oklahoma on Saturday in support of the J. D. McCarty Center poker run.

"We are certainly grateful that the temperature was about 20 degrees cooler today than yesterday," said Uwe von Schamann, director of development for the McCarty Center.

"If it had remained as hot as it was Friday we probably wouldn't have had 10 riders."

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As it turned out 145 riders showed up on 102 motorcycles to make the run. The day started with registration and breakfast at the McCarty Center located at 2002 East Robinson. The riders departed the McCarty Center and rode to Blanchard, Lindsay, Ratliff City, Fox, Springer, Wynnewood, Pauls Valley, Paoli, Purcell, Lexington, Slaughterville, Noble and back to Norman where the ride ended at the Santa Fe Cattle Company. A total of 180 miles was ridden.

Upon arrival at the Santa Fe Cattle, who sponsored the poker run, the riders were entertained with live music by The Wise Guys, a well known oldies group from the Oklahoma City area.

The poker run netted almost \$3,000 and will be used to support programs and services for the patients of the McCarty Center.

Winners of the poker run were Brenda Delaney of Norman in first place with a full house. Delaney wins a one-night stay at the Montford Inn Bed and Breakfast in Norman. Second place went to David Higgins of Newalla. Higgins had three aces with a nine high card. Maggie Williams of Norman won third place with three aces and a six high card. Higgins and Williams both won dinner for two at the Santa Fe Cattle Company in Norman. The low hand winner was Charlene Keeler from Lexington. Keeler also won a dinner for two at the Santa Fe Cattle Company.

The J. D. McCarty Center is Oklahoma's center of excellence in the care and treatment of children with developmental disabilities from birth to 21. The 40 et 8 of Oklahoma, an honor society of the American Legion, founded the McCarty Center in 1946. In the early years the McCarty Center only treated one diagnosis...cerebral palsy. Today the McCarty Center has treated more than 70 different diagnoses in the developmental disability category. In an average year, the McCarty Center will see children from 70 of Oklahoma's 77 counties.

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