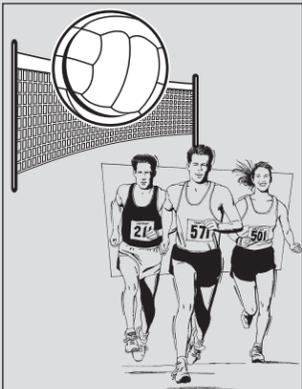


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# Cupboard benefits from donations

Number of needy served by Maquoketa facility continues to increase

By KELLY GERLACH

The public tends to forget about the Maquoketa Community Cupboard until the Christmas holidays roll around. But area residents in need can't forget it.

Gary Eggers, who volunteers at and organizes the Maquoketa Community Cupboard out of United Methodist Church, said the program is feeding an average of about 100 families a week. Community Cupboard provided food for 108 families one week ago, 120 families a week earlier.

"What's really sad is that the people who are really in need don't come in to get food. But we're feeding about 120 now, so I think they've gotten to where they're too hungry to let their pride get in the way," Eggers said.

Maquoketa's two medical family medical practices, Maquoketa Family Clinic and Medical Associates, took up a challenge to combat area hunger. During the month of August, they challenged each other to see which clinic could collect the most non-perishable food items and cash donations to benefit Maquoketa Community Cupboard.

Consider it looking out for the most basic health needs of their patients.

Patients at both clinics brought in food items, paper products and cash donations for the month-long collection drive.

Both clinics won the competition. Together, they collected about 2,275 items, amounting to 2,100 pounds of food. That doesn't include about \$385 in cash donations.

Medical Associates collected the most items with 1,708, or about 1,527.5 pounds of food. Maquoketa Family Clinic recorded 567 items, or about 572.6 pounds of food, as well as the \$385.

Employees at both clinics said they were excited about the amount of food and cash they collected. They said they knew their patients and staff were generous but didn't realize just how generous.

They said they held the food collection in August because, as mentioned earlier, they realized people tend to think of Maquoketa Community Cupboard donations more during the Christmas season.



MSP photo by Kelly Gerlach

Staffers from Maquoketa Family Clinic and Medical Associates stand with just a portion of the food and paper items they collected during August. The two Maquoketa medical clinics challenged each other to see which could collect the most donations. Together they received about 2,100 pounds of food and \$385 in cash and gave it all to the Maquoketa Community Cupboard.

Eggers said that the community cupboard is doing comparatively well considering what dire straits it was in this time a year ago. He said he's impressed with the contributions from the public.

He added that Wal-Mart has contributed to that sense of wellbeing. The retail store has weekly been donating meat that, while it is still healthy to eat, can no longer be sold on store shelves. Those meat products are frozen and distributed amongst the Maquoketa Community Cupboard and food pantries in Bellevue, Preston and Bernard, Eggers said.

What is lacking, Eggers added, are toiletries and paper products. While donors generously give cash and food items, he said the Maquoketa Community Cupboard also needs shampoo and conditioner, toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.

That's where Maquoketa Community High School's club hOpe enters the picture. The club will be going door-to-door Sunday, Sept. 13, collecting all types of paper products – toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissues, napkins, etc.

According to adviser Mindy Orris, club hOpe members will be dressed up in special costumes made from toilet paper. They'll take two pick-up trucks and shopping carts and go door-to-door collecting paper product donations from 1 to 4 p.m. Sept. 13.

For people who want to donate but won't be home during that time, club hOpe will have drop-off spots in the Fareway parking lot and possibly Happy Joe's during that same 1 to 4 p.m. time slot.

All donations will then be unloaded at Maquoketa Community Cupboard and distributed to needy families in the community.

# Health care reform draws many to town hall meeting

By DOUGLAS MELVOLD

U.S. Rep. Bruce Braley, D-Iowa, heard cheers and jeers about proposed health care reform from an estimated 350 area residents who attended a town hall meeting on the heated issue Thursday afternoon, Sept. 3, at Pearson Memorial Center in Maquoketa.

The town hall session was the most recent in a series of sessions he's held in each of the 12 northeast Iowa counties in the First Congressional District to gather reaction to the House health care reform bill that is awaiting the Senate version.

The 90-minute session had tense moments with audience members showing their pleasure or displeasure over comments. But in general, decorum was maintained. At one point, after much of the crowd cheered and clapped in response to a comment favorable to the House bill, Braley reminded the crowd that "this is not a political rally" and that he was elected to represent all the people regardless of viewpoint or party affiliation.

The audience included approximately 100 Maquoketa Middle School students, some of whom asked questions. One student challenged Braley as to whether or not he had actually read the bill, House File 3200, and asked how he could vote on it if he had not done so.

Braley picked up the thick binder that was his copy of the bill, walked up to the student and thumbed through the pages, showing her his notes and passages he had highlighted to show he had indeed read it.

He told the audience he would vote in favor of the present House plan if that were the one that Congress will send to President Obama. But he said he won't know how he will vote until the final bill is completed. He is a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, the committee charged with authoring health care reform legislation.

Braley opened the session with a visual presentation of health care data and a review of

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## Next collection for Maquoketa Community Cupboard

**What:** Paper products

**When:** Sunday, Sept. 13, 1 to 4 p.m.

**Where:** Maquoketa

**What:** club hOpe members will be going door-to-door collecting paper products – toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissues, napkins, etc.

**Additional:** Drop-off spots will also be located in the Fareway parking lot during the same hours.