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WHA Calendar:

WHA PAC Golf 9/23
Tournament

WHA Annual 9/24-
Meeting & 9/25
Convention
Cheyenne

Other Events:

Labor Health & 9/4-9/5
Social Services
Interim
Committee
Lovell, WY

Leading Age 9/17-
Wyoming Fall 9/19
Conference
Jackson, WY



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Cowboys vs. Cancer

Three Wyoming organizations—the Cheyenne Regional Healthcare System, Jonah Bank of Wyoming and the University of Wyoming—were teaming up for Cowboys vs. Cancer, a statewide campaign aimed at kicking cancer to the end zone.

For each touchdown scored by the University of Wyoming during football games this season, Jonah Bank of Wyoming will donate \$100 to the Cheyenne Regional Cancer Center.

Gregg Jones, E.V.P./Cheyenne President of Jonah Bank of Wyoming, supports the cause. “It is an honor for Jonah Bank to participate in the Cowboys vs. Cancer Campaign,” he said. “Nearly all of us have lost a relative or close friend to this horrible disease, and we feel this program is a great way to be involved.

Our mission is to ‘Build a Better Wyoming,’ and there is no better way to accomplish this than teaming up with UW and CRMC to attack cancer in our own state and communities.”

The Cheyenne Regional Cancer Center opened its doors in January of 2014. It is the first and only American College of Surgeon’s Commission on Cancer accredited cancer program in Wyoming.

The state-of-the-art cancer center offers a comprehensive, holistic approach to cancer treatment, caring for the mind, body and spirit of the cancer patient and the patient’s family.

“We’re excited to team up with Jonah Bank of Wyoming and the University of Wyoming, and we are grateful to Jonah Bank for their generous pledge. We believe in the importance of building

a strong community, and this campaign is another wonderful opportunity to strengthen relationships and support our local community here in Wyoming, while taking a stand for the health of our people,” said Margo Karsten, CEO of Cheyenne Regional.

The University of Wyoming football team also stands behind the cause. “We are proud to partner with Cheyenne Regional Healthcare System and Jonah Bank of Wyoming to help support this important cause that touches so many lives,” UW Athletics Director Tom Burman said. “We ask Cowboy and Cowgirl fans to embrace the challenge and support the cause.”

Fans will also be able to donate via text message once the season begins.





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CRMC Receives "Health Care's Most Wired" Award

Cheyenne Regional Medical Center (CRMC) has received a "Health Care's Most Wired" award from Hospitals & Health Networks (H&HN) for having a state-of-the-art, secure information technology system that is also helping Cheyenne Regional provide quality, coordinated care to patients.

CRMC is the only stand-alone hospital in Wyoming and one of only 375 hospitals or healthcare systems in

the nation to receive the award this year.

The recognition is given based on the results of a survey and benchmark study conducted by H&HN, in partnership with the AHA, College of Healthcare Information Management Executives, McKesson and AT&T.

"This recognition is the result of several years of hard work and of having a strategic plan in place that identified the kinds of IT improvements that needed to

be made at Cheyenne Regional," said Jody Siltzer, Cheyenne Regional's director of information technology.

According to an H&HN fact sheet, hospitals and healthcare systems that are given the Most Wired designation must meet all requirements specified in each of four focus areas: infrastructure, business and administrative management, clinical quality and safety as well as clinical integration.

WYhealth Works to Reduce Readmissions

"Hello! My name is Heather and I'm a nurse with WYhealth. I'm reaching out to you today because you were recently in the hospital..."

This script is the introduction to a telephone conversation which occurs dozens of times every Monday across the state. The nurses making these calls are on a mission to reduce hospital readmissions in Medicaid patients.

WYhealth is a company which contracts with Wyoming Department of Health to provide case management to the state's Medicaid pop-

ulation. One of WYhealth's many goals is to reduce hospital readmissions.

The process used to reduce readmissions is straightforward. Each week, every hospital in Wyoming faxes a list of every person who was inpatient and insured with Medicaid.

The nurse case managers at WYhealth triage these lists by diagnosis every Monday to determine which patients are at risk of readmission.

WYhealth case managers attempt to contact every

patient who appears to be at risk of rehospitalization.

Upon making successful contact with the patient, WYhealth nurses perform intensive assessment, education, and support to those patients who are interested in enrolling in the program.

Discharge instructions are discussed and in-depth education regarding the patient's holistic health needs is provided.

Learn more about WYhealth's programs by visiting the website at www.wyhealth.net.

WCAHN Executive Webinar Series

The Wyoming Critical Access Network (WCAHN) has converted its traditional leadership training program into a series of Executive-Level Webinars that are targeted more toward hospital CEOs and your other C-Suite leaders

The next WCAHN Exec-

utive Webinar Series will be held August 28th .

This session is entitled Risk Management in a Critical Access Hospital and will begin at 1 p.m.

All of the Executive Series are provided via webinar.

The 90-minute session is facilitated by Nick Healey,

partner at the Cheyenne law firm of Dray, Dyekman, Reed & Healey, and all materials will be provided.

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