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WHA Calendar

WHA Golf Tournament Buffalo, WY	9/19
WHA Annual Meeting Sheridan	9/20-9/21

Other Events

LeadingAge Wyoming Annual Meeting	9/20-9/21



President's Report

providers are the safety nets for our state.

I am proud and honored to be a part of a team that represents the hospitals in our great state.

Many of you had all hands on deck in preparation for the eclipse. Thousands of dollars were spent and countless hours of preparation were expended in preparation for the event and the citizens of Wyoming along with the hundreds of thousands of visitors should be proud and rest assured that your staffs and facilities stood at the ready to meet their needs.

You prepared for the what-ifs and the possibilities. You looked at as many different scenarios as possible and you prepared for those cases.

I want to congratulate you and thank you for all you do.

Our state and your communities are truly blessed by your commitment and dedication. You are the safety nets that protect the sick and injured.

You are there 24/7, always ready and always able. We often times take a beating around the state but when push comes to shove, everyone knows they can turn to and count on the great hospitals in this state to be there in time of need. Thank you and your incredible teams for all you do!

I look forward to seeing all of you in Sheridan in September at the WHA/LAW Annual Meeting. It will give us all a great opportunity to share our stories, to network with one another and to learn from experts in the field.

A once in a lifetime event. A total solar eclipse! I am so happy to have had the opportunity to witness this event and to share it with my family. Eclipse mania has come and gone.

As reports come in from around the state, there appear to have been no major incidents but what rings true is the fact that we, as an industry, stood ready to take care of those in need.

The amount of preparation and planning that went in to effect around the state, along with our partners in our respective communities stands as a testament that the hospitals in the state, the EMS services that serve those areas and the medical





Don't forget to send us a story about your hospital so we can feature you in our Member Spotlight section!



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MHCC Nurses Honored with Gold Standard of Excellence

Hurst Ratings and Analytics has recognized the nursing staff at Memorial Hospital of Converse County with the Hurst Gold Standard of Nursing Award for achieving excellence in quality nursing, which significantly contributes to the hospital's overall patient satisfaction rating.

"Being recognized with The Hurst Gold Standard of Nursing Award is an honor for our nurses staff and hospital," MHCC CEO Ryan Smith

said. "It demonstrates the level of dedication and commitment to quality patient care that our patients, their families, and the community can expect at MHCC."

Nurse communication directly impacts outcomes and hospital patient satisfaction ratings. Hurst reviews key quality indicators from HCAHPS surveys in the categories of communication, responsiveness, medication communication, pain management, discharge information, and care transition.

The Hurst award is given to hospital nursing staffs that achieve top tier weighted scores, significantly above the national average on these performance measures.

"Nurses make up the majority of hospital staff and are the primary providers of patient care in our hospital," MHCC CNO Cristy Cobb said. "It is wonderful that nurses are being celebrated and we are grateful to Hurst for honoring our staff with this special award."

Woman Walking Across Wyoming for Suicide Prevention

Terresa Humphries-Wadsworth continues to train for her long trek across Wyoming to raise awareness and support for local Suicide Prevention efforts. Starting September 1, 2017 from Cody to Cheyenne, Terresa will walk to raise awareness for suicide prevention across the state.

Again, her journey is about bringing a voice to the silent and connection to the lost. It is about recognizing, encouraging

and bringing hope to those who are struggling and comforting those who grieve. It is raising awareness that struggle is part of the human condition but you don't have to do it alone.

Local ambulatory services will be monitoring Terresa's vitals every day of her walk. She will consume over 5,376 ounces of water, blow through three pairs of shoes and experience over 2,000 feet in elevation change.

Terresa and her team are asking people to spread the word by liking their Facebook page #walkacrosswy, share the Facebook event "Walk Across Wyoming" with their friends and family and come out to join the walk for a mile, five miles or more!

Terresa's walk schedule and walk needs are located at: www.walkacrosswy.com. Anyone can dedicate a mile of the walk to a loved one by going to www.walkacrosswy.com/in-honor-of.

AHA Guide Offers Housing Strategies

A new resource from the AHA's Health Research & Educational Trust and Association for Community Health Improvement highlights innovative strategies that hospitals and health systems are using to promote safe and stable housing for vulnera-

ble populations. "The links between housing and health are clear: Individuals struggling with unsafe or unstable housing experience worse health outcomes and higher health care costs," the guide notes. For more information and to register for a free Sept. 21 webinar on the

guide, visit www.aha.org/housing. The resource is the second in an AHA series on how hospitals can address the social determinants of health. For more on the challenges of vulnerable communities, visit www.aha.org/EnsuringAccess.