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WHA Calendar:

HFMA Meeting Cody	11/16- 11-18

Other Events:

Special District Task Force Casper	10-14
Title 25 Special Committee Meeting Cheyenne	10/17
Joint Corporations Committee Cheyenne	11/21- 11/22
Joint Labor Health & Social Services Committee Cheyenne	12/12- 12-13

PAC Fundraising Activities at the Annual Convention

As has been a tradition now for the last decade, the 2016 Wyoming Hospital Association Annual Convention kicked off with a fundraising golf tournament, hosted at the beautiful Cheyenne Country Club. Seven teams vied for the first place trophies and competition was fierce. Ultimately, the team of Rachel Quinn, Dayer Worrall, Chris Gould and Chris LaPree walked away with the victory, shooting a great score of 61.



Second place went to the team of Todd Gray, Ron Purcell, Director Tom Forslund and Eric Boley with a score of 64. The third place team, consisting of Gary Jones, Bob Tucker, Doug Faus and Neil Hilton shot a score of 68.

In addition to the team competition there were several individual contests on the course. JoAnn Farnsworth won the Ladies Closest to the Pin contest on Hole 4, while Chris Gould took honors with Men's Closest to the Pin on Hole 8. Director Tom Forslund bombed a drive down the middle of Hole 12 and

took honors for longest drive. On the final hole of the event, Hole 18, Doug McMillan sank a putt in excess of 40 feet to win the longest putt contest. Those competing in the tournament seemed to have a great time, great comradery and helped raise money to assist with the Association's PAC.

In addition to the fundraising tournament, the first annual silent auction was held to also raise money for the PAC.

Items were donated from all around the state and to showcase different communities. Items such as a fly fishing rod were donated and then you could buy fishing trips to Monster Lake or fly fishing on the Platte River where you could use that new pole.

Beautiful art pieces from local artists and photographers were also available to bid on. Tickets to the Denver Broncos, the Wyoming Cowboys and Cheyenne Frontier Days were up for grabs and sparked great deal of interest. Vacation retreats in the Big Horn Mountains, a day trip to Thermopolis and the hot baths, or even a getaway to Deer Valley Resort in Park City were options to purchase. If adventure and entertainment weren't things of interest, there were gift baskets showcasing Wyoming products and com-

panies that could be enjoyed during our wonderful autumn season.

Those that participated seemed to really enjoy the new addition to the annual meeting. Several intense bidding wars took place and made the event even more fun. A quick report on the PAC activity for the year. The WHA PAC sent out \$7,000 to various candidates all around the state. The PAC committee met and based on requests from candidates and requests from facilities, the PAC committee voted and determined where donations should be sent. There is a great deal at stake here in Wyoming and those that are elected have their hands full, so the fundraising and the fund using efforts of the PAC are crucial and the PAC Committee is grateful for the fundraising efforts and for the generosity of all the donors.

Look forward to another fun PAC Tourney and PAC Auction next year at the WHA Annual Convention, scheduled for September 19-21, hosted in Sheridan.





Hospital Volunteers Fund New Hope & Healing Garden

Cheyenne Regional Medical Center’s volunteer organization is funding the design and landscaping of a meditation garden on the vacant lot just south of the hospital’s main entrance.

Called the Hope and Healing Garden, the focal point will be a 36-foot circular meditation path, which will be surrounded by lawn and flowers and enclosed by a perimeter

of flowering deciduous trees.

“The idea is to provide an area that conveys peace and healing for our visitors and staff. Our hope is that this space will offer respite to those in need,” said Arlene Flood, CRMC’s volunteer coordinator.

The CRMC volunteers are funding the entire project, which is estimated to cost about \$77,000. Preliminary work to prepare the site

started in early September. Project completion is expected by late fall or next spring.

The garden was designed by a local firm, High Plains Design, LLC., and was approved in August by the volunteers’ board of directors and hospital administration.

“We hope that having a garden in this location will be a nice addition for both the hospital and the neighborhood,” Flood said.



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Project Lifesaver

A program is now available for those in Carbon County to help keep their loved ones safe when they wander off. The Carbon County Sheriff’s Office has implemented Project Lifesaver, a search and rescue program designed to quickly find a person suffering from a brain injury, Down’s syndrome, Autism, Alzheimer’s or other dementia related disorders who wander and become lost or missing, a release from the agency stated.

The Sheriff’s Office was awarded \$17,098 in grant funds for startup equipment and training. The funding was available through the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security through action from the Wyoming Legislature in 2015.

The Legislature approved \$125,000, not tied to federal funds, for a search and rescue program designed to quickly find a person suffering from mental related disorders who had become lost or missing.

Project Lifesaver allows participants to wear a small

personal transmitter around the wrist that emits an individualized tracking signal. The release stated the transmitter “emits a tracking signal every second 24 hours a day.”

“If the person should wander away and become lost, the caregiver will notify the CCSO that the person is missing and a team of trained deputies will respond to the last known area and begin searching with a mobile locator tracking system, which allows deputies to locate the person in a short amount of time,” the release stated.

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Orthopedics in the Tetons

Wyoming NAON (National Association of Orthopedic Nurses) is hosting an orthopedic nursing conference in Jackson on Friday, October 28.

Topics include pain management, enhanced recovery after major spine

surgery, total shoulders, regional nerve blocks, preventing malpractice litigation, ski and snowboard injuries, orthopedic emergencies and an orthopedic surgeon’s experience in Afghanistan.

Registration is \$80 before October 1 or \$100 after

that date.

The meeting will be held at the Wort Hotel in Jackson.

More information is available by calling 307-739-6199 or www.tetonhospital.org/naon.