



# NEWS BRIEFS

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### WHA Calendar

<b>WHA Golf Tournament Cheyenne</b>	<b>9/3</b>
<b>WHA Annual Meeting &amp; Convention Little America, Cheyenne</b>	<b>9/4-9/5</b>

### 2019 PAC Contributions

**Barry Burkart  
Bren Lowe  
Margie Molitor  
Doug Faus  
Andy Fitzgerald  
Maureen Cadwell**

## Norman S. Holt Award for Nursing Excellence

In 1983, the Wyoming Hospital Association Board of Directors, in honor and memory of Norm Holt, established the Norman S. Holt Award for Nursing Excellence due to his tremendous understanding and active involvement with the nursing profession.

The award is presented annually at the Wyoming Hospital Association Convention to honor one outstanding nurse in Wyoming. Each Wyoming hospital is allowed to submit one candidate per year. The individual institution is responsible for determining its own method of nominating and selecting the candidate who will be submitted for further consideration. It is

imperative to remember that every R.N. and L.P.N., regardless of position, should be considered an eligible candidate provided he/she meets the award criteria as shown on the application form.

Nominations will be considered using the following criteria:

- Concern for the profession and its improvement
- Improved skills and knowledge
- Respect by peers
- Compassion for patients and family members

- Creativity and innovation in nursing care
- Dedication to providing the highest quality of care possible
- A positive work approach to superiors, peers and subordinate

The recipient of the award will receive a complimentary registration to the 2019 WHA Annual Meeting and Convention, including travel expenses, a recognition plaque and a monetary award.

All applications for this year's award must be received no later than July 15, 2019.



## Volunteer Awards

The Wyoming Hospital Association will be presenting an award to recognize an outstanding hospital volunteer or hospital volunteer program at this year's Annual Meeting & Convention.

We would like to receive your entry this year for the Outstanding Volunteer" or "Outstanding Volunteer Program".

Nominations may be made by the chief executive officer or the staff person responsible for volunteer programs. The winner will be selected by qualified judges. Any WHA member hospital is eligible for the award. Each institution is responsible for determining its own method of nomination.

The recipient of the award will be announced at the Wyoming Hospital Association Annual Convention to be held September 4-5, 2019 in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

All nominations must be received by July 15, 2019.

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## CRMC Hosts Butterfly Release

Families who have lost an infant or young child or who have experienced a miscarriage, stillbirth or ectopic pregnancy were invited to participate in Cheyenne Regional Medical Center's butterfly release this past month at the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens.

"Bereaved families often value a ceremony like this that allows them to recognize and honor their child's memory," said Jenny Ash, the tendercare and outreach educator for Cheyenne Region-

al's Women and Children's Services.

"For many, this event is a source of support and healing both for the families and for our employees who work with families during a time of loss."

The butterfly release is also a way for families and Cheyenne Regional staff to reconnect. This was the sixth year for Cheyenne Regional to offer the butterfly release.

"Even though it's a simple event, we often hear how much it means to families that

we continue to do this each year," Ash said.

"Many parents have told us how thankful they are to be able to come and share with others who have gone through a loss and that they have this time to remember and celebrate their child."

"There are a lot of tears and hugging," Ash said. "But there is also a sense of joy in being able to celebrate a child in a tangible way."

## Senate HELP Introduce Lower Health Care Costs Act

Senators Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., and Patty Murray, D-Wash., have introduced the Lower Health Care Costs Act (S.1895), legislation to prevent surprise medical bills, reduce prescription drug prices, improve transparency in health care, invest in public health and improve health information exchange.

The bill holds patients harmless from surprise medi-

cal bills and, in an update from the draft legislation, uses a benchmark rate to resolve payment disputes between plans and out-of-network providers.

Under that provision, health plans would pay providers the median in-network contracted amount insurers have negotiated with other providers in that geographic area, according to a section-

by-section summary of the bill.

The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee expects to mark up the legislation on June 26. American Hospital Association staff are reviewing the bill and members will receive a Special Bulletin with a more detailed analysis.

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

## Make Your Hotel Reservation by August 3

This year's Annual Meeting & Convention will be held September 4-5 in Cheyenne at Little America Hotel & Resort.

The annual golf tournament will be held September 3rd at the Cheyenne Country Club.

Little America Hotel & Resort is located at 2800 West Lincolnway, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82001.

Hotel Reservations must be made by the August 3 deadline. The Wyoming Hospital Association has reserved a limited number of rooms for Convention attendees. The WHA room block will be available through August 3 at a rate of \$100 for Deluxe Rooms and \$130 for Preferred rooms so make your reservations today.

Mention the Wyoming Hospital Association to get the preferred Convention rate!

**Reservation Deadline  
August 3, 2019  
Phone : 800-235-6396  
\$100/night**

