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News briefs

Cheney Introduces Legislation To Allow Americans To Take Advantage Of Telehealth Services



Wyoming Representative Liz Cheney joined Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI) in introducing the "Advancing Telehealth Beyond COVID-19 Act of 2021," legislation that will codify critical telehealth policies implemented during the pandemic while also making it easier for seniors - especially those in rural areas - to access emerging health care technologies.

This bill will allow Americans to utilize telehealth services even after the emergency declaration has ended. COVID-19 presented unprecedented challenges, including the facilitation of a safe environment for our seniors to

receive high quality health care. Fortunately, Congress was able to remove many of the barriers that prevented seniors from utilizing telehealth services from the comfort and safety of their homes. As a result, telehealth use among seniors has continued to rise and this legislation would continue this successful trend well after the pandemic is over by permanently cutting burdensome red tape, while allowing Medicare to adapt to the ever-changing innovation in medical technology.

Iverson Nurse Navigator Program

What does this mean? What happens next? Will I need chemo? Surgery? Radiation? It is easy to become quickly overwhelmed. At Iverson's Meredith and Jeannie Ray Cancer Center, they will help you answer those questions, which is where the Nurse Navigator steps in.

According to the Oncology Nursing Society, the goal of oncology navigation is to reduce cancer morbidity and mortality by eliminating barriers to timely access to cancer

care. These barriers patients face may be financial, psychological, logistic, or related to communication or the healthcare delivery system. It is the role of the nurse navigator to help patients overcome these barriers.

The nurse navigator is a role that came into fruition through a partnership between Iverson, the Wyoming Breast Cancer Initiative (WBCI), Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Wyoming Department of Health (WDH). The program

seeks to improve clinical outcomes for patients starting with a navigation program for breast cancer with plans to expand the program further.

"The Nurse Navigator helps improve the outcome for the patient by reducing the time from abnormal diagnosis to treatment," says Laurie Heath, Iverson's Nurse Navigator. "Research indicates if you can start treatment within 30 days of diagnosis, your outcomes are greatly improved for breast cancer."



2021 Contributions

- Barry Burkart
- Tim Thornell
- Robin Roling
- Carol Solie
- Irene Richardson
- Doug Faus
- Eric Boley
- Colleen Heeter
- Maureen Cadwell
- Mike Phillips
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Hot Springs Health (formerly Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital) is pleased to announce it's new name and logo.

The changes coincide with a 30,000 square foot expansion and substantial renovation of the hospital campus in the final stages of completion. "Our mission, Partnering with our community for quality health and healing, was strengthened by the establishment of a hospital district and a 1% special purpose tax which made the construction and renovation project possible and enables us to ensure full service healthcare for the southern Big Horn Basin into the future", noted Hot Springs Health CEO Margie Molitor. "The new name and logo denotes that we are now more than just a hospital." HSH has grown to include the critical access hospital in Thermopolis, five family practice clinics in Basin, Worland, Thermopolis, Shoshoni and Riverton; surgical, orthopedic and pain clinics, and the only rural track training program for family practice residents in the state of Wyoming. While our mission has not changed, our vision has also been updated: To be the provider of choice in our region; providing the highest quality care and excelling as a teaching hospital in Wyoming.

**WHA Golf Tournament—September, 7
Paradise Valley Golf Club, Casper**

**WHA Annual Meeting—September 8-9
Clarion Inn, Casper, Wyoming**

Wyoming Nurses Presented with Daisy Award



The DAISY Foundation expresses gratitude to nurses with programs that recognize them for the extraordinary skillful, compassionate care they provide patients and families.

The DAISY Foundation, created to express gratitude by a family that experienced extraordinary nursing, is the leader in meaningful recognition of nurses. Everyone who is involved with DAISY, whether they are presenting the Awards, choosing Honorees, or coordinating the program, is an extension of this family and their expression of this gratitude.

Our expression of gratitude will help nurses always remember the unforgettable impact their care has on patients and families, inspiring nurses to provide extraordinary care not only with their brains but also with their hearts.

Vicky Marshall, the director of nursing for the Sublette County Rural Health Care District, has been awarded the 2021 Daisy Award.



Green River Valley Health Foundation board members Dr. Fitzsimmons and Jill Hermstad present Vicky Marshall with the DAISY Award.



Erik Wesolowski has earned the DAISY Award from the Sheridan Veterans Affairs Health Care System.



Registered Nurse Erik Wesolowski receives the DAISY Award for nursing excellence at the Sheridan VA Medical Center from Geo Gillett, and Jonda Johnson