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Grab Your Clubs: The 19th Annual WHA Golf Tournament Is Almost Here

Mark your calendars — the Wyoming Hospital Association's Golf Tournament tees off for its 19th year on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at the Cheyenne Country Club. Whether you're a scratch golfer or just looking for a fun afternoon with colleagues, this is one of the best chances all year to get outside, unwind, and connect with friends and partners from across Wyoming's healthcare community.



The day kicks off with lunch at 11:30 a.m., followed by a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. After 18 holes on one of Cheyenne's premier courses, everyone heads back in for an awards banquet — so bring your best game, but don't worry, there's plenty to celebrate even if your short game lets you down.

What's Included

Entry gets you 18 holes, a golf cart, a shot at some great prizes, and dinner at the banquet. It's a great value, and every dollar helps support WHA's mission on behalf of Wyoming hospitals.

How to Get In the Game

- Team Registration: \$600 for a 4-person team
- Individual Player: \$150 per person
- Hole Sponsor: \$200

Don't have a full foursome? No problem — sign up individually and we'll help get you paired up. And if your organization isn't ready to swing the clubs but still wants to be part of the day, hole sponsorships and prize donations are always welcome and appreciated.

Ready to Sign Up?

Contact Rose Fishback at 307-632-9344 to register your team, grab an individual spot, become a hole sponsor, or donate a prize. Registration is available by check or cash.



In Memoriam: Lisa Van Brunt

Washakie Medical Center CEO Remembered for Decades of Rural Healthcare Leadership

Banner Health and Washakie Medical Center have announced with great sadness the passing of Lisa Van Brunt, Chief Executive Officer of Washakie Medical Center. Her leadership, vision, and unwavering commitment to high-quality, safe patient care leave a lasting imprint on the organization and the communities it serves.

Lisa spent more than 20 years at Washakie Medical Center, building a career that took her from dedicated nurse to clinical leader before she was named CEO in 2024. Throughout her tenure, she was a steadfast advocate for rural healthcare and a champion for patients, employees, and the community alike. Her passion for safety, quality patient care, and exceptional service became cornerstones of the organization's culture — a legacy that will continue to benefit patients, families, and employees for years to come.

Banner Health leadership expressed deep gratitude for Lisa's dedication and the impact she had on those around her. "Lisa touched so many people; we will be forever grateful for the impact she has made on all of us," said Margo Karsten, Vice President of Banner Health, Western Division. Lisa's more than two decades of service reflect a career devoted to the patients and community of Washakie County — first at the bedside, then in clinical leadership, and ultimately as CEO. Her impact will be felt across Washakie Medical Center and the broader Wyoming healthcare community for a long time to come.

Our deepest sympathies are with Lisa's family and friends during this difficult time. We are grateful for the lasting impact of her life, leadership, and dedication to her community.

All of us at the Wyoming Hospital Association send our heartfelt condolences to Lisa's family, and to the entire Washakie Medical Center and Banner Health community.

WYPCA/Nurse Training

Applications are now open for the WYPCA/FutureSync International Leaders in Advanced Nursing Practice Course, a seven-session leadership program designed to strengthen APRN leadership skills in practice and policy. The program focuses on topics such as emotional intelligence, strategic thinking, leading change, team engagement, and advanced critical thinking. Participants also receive leadership assessments, a comprehensive workbook, CME credits, and experiential visits in Wyoming communities.

Applications are Now Open for the WYPCA and FutureSync International LEADERS IN ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE COURSE



This course enhances APRN skills as leaders in practice and policy. Through seven in-person weekend sessions across Wyoming, participants build collaborative relationships and advanced leadership skills through the **FutureSync International Physicians/HealthCare Leadership Program**. WYPCA will provide book studies, meals, lodging, and coordination of community visits with local healthcare leaders and cultural sites.

FutureSync Curriculum Topics:

- Emotional Intelligence & Relationships
- Meaningful Influence
- Team Engagement
- Strategic Thinking
- Advanced Critical Thinking
- Leading Change & Transitions
- Accountability, Resiliency & Leading Generations

Participants Receive:

- 360-Degree Leadership Assessment
- DISC Behavioral Profile Assessment
- Comprehensive Course Workbook
- Experiential Visits in Wyoming Communities
- Continuing Medical Education (CME) Credits
- Graduation & Recognition Ceremony

Schedule and Locations*:

October 23-25, 2026	Cody
November 20-22, 2026	Casper
February 19-21, 2027	Cheyenne
March 12-14, 2027	Sheridan
April 23-25, 2027	Lander
May 21-23, 2027	Rock Springs
June 25-27, 2027	Saratoga
*Course weekends begin at noon on Friday and conclude at noon on Sunday	

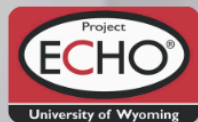
Tuition:

Program tuition is \$3,000. Business Training Grants are available through the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services. Applications must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the course start date. Go **HERE** for more information.



Applications due August 14, 2026. Interviews take place August 17.
Scan QR code or visit www.wypca.org/events-trainings/ to apply.

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ADVANCES AND INNOVATIONS IN GERIATRIC CARE 2026

- Aug 20: Treatment Advances for Agitation in Alzheimer's Disease
- Sept 3: GeneSight: Using Genetics to Guide Psychotropic Medication Use
- Sept 17: Guiding Goals of Care with Frailty and Prognosis Calculators
- Oct 1: Updates in Anti-Amyloid Antibody Therapies for Alzheimer's Disease
- Oct 15: Obstructive Sleep Apnea in Older Adults – A Clinician's Update
- Oct 29: The Role of Blood-Based Biomarkers in Alzheimer's Care
- Nov 12: Strategies in Geriatric Pain Management
- Dec 10: The Newest Form of Dementia: Limbic-Predominant Age-Related TDP-43 Encephalopathy (LATE)

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Upcoming Events

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Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Cheyenne Country Club

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WHA Annual Meeting

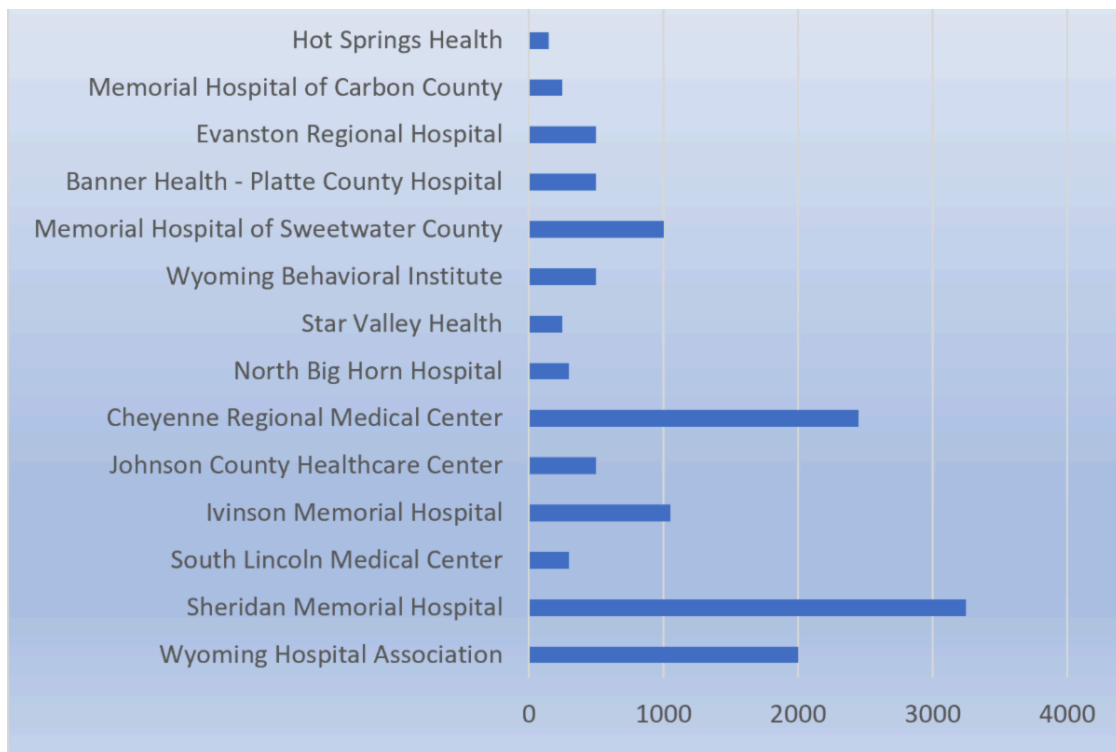
Wednesday–Thursday, Sep 9–10, 2026

Little America Hotel & Resort, Cheyenne

[Annual Meeting Information Can be Found Here](#)

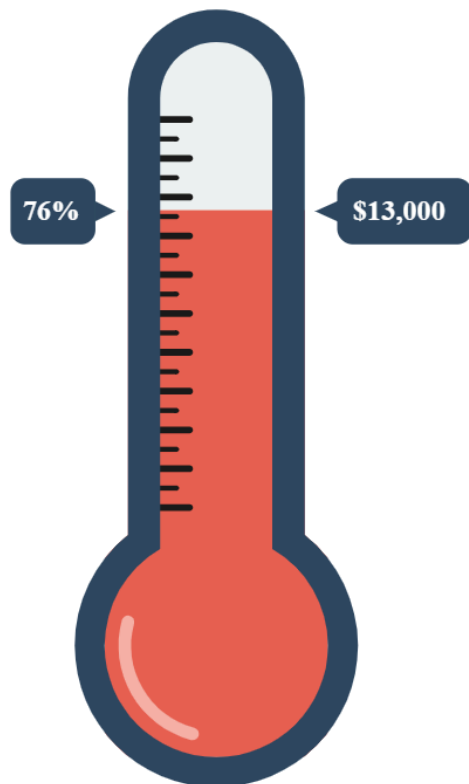
WHA PAC Goal for 2026

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