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Sublette County Celebrates Opening Of Its First Hospital, Ending 100-Year Wait for Local Care

For more than a century, those in need of medical care in Sublette County and surrounding areas were forced to drive more than 70 miles to get to a hospital. That changed with the opening of Sublette County Hospital, the county's first hospital, a milestone that's been 100 years in the making.

Sen. John Barrasso and Rep. Harriet Hageman joined Gov. Mark Gordon in Pinedale on Thursday to cut a ribbon to celebrate the grand opening of the hospital.

Sublette County was Wyoming's only county without a hospital, posing a challenge to generations of locals seeking medical care. The new \$73.8 million facility includes a 40,000-square-foot, 10-bed hospital. The complex also has a 44,000-square-foot long-term care facility with 40 beds and a 10-bed memory care unit.

The hospital is expected to create 20 new jobs in the area and pay out about \$15 million in wages to employees per year. Patients will benefit from the availability of mammograms, blood transfusions and cardiology care among other healthcare services offered.

Dave Bell, a member of the Sublette County Hospital District Board, told Cowboy State Daily Thursday's proceedings were "100 years in the making, literally." "There's an article in the Pinedale roundup literally 100 years ago about how we need a hospital in Sublette County," he said via phone. "It's just taken a long time to finally get here and it's taken an enormous amount of work by the hospital board."

The county, he said, has historically had a small tax base, making major building projects a challenge. It wasn't until a local energy boom that the area could grow to a size that could sustain such a hospital. Bell specifically highlighted the efforts of Hoffman in getting the project across the finish line. Without her, he argued, the project would have never received the funding needed. Bell added the people of Sublette County are also to thank for the hospital's opening as they voted in favor of an additional tax mill, which increases property taxes by one dollar per \$1,000 of a property's value.



Employee Wellness Resource

The Wyoming Professional Assistance Program (WPAP) offers a completely anonymous and confidential Self-Check Questionnaire designed to help professionals reflect on how stress, burnout, or mental health challenges may be affecting them — and to connect them with support if they choose. Please share this important resource with your staff licensed by the Boards of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Dental Examiners or the State Bar. *(Per state statute, they can only assist licensees of contracted boards.)*

It's quick. It's 100% anonymous.

By taking just a few minutes to complete the Self-Check Questionnaire at wpap.connectsyou.org, you'll receive:

- Personalized, confidential feedback from a WPAP Clinician
- Recommendations and resources tailored to your needs
- Options for next steps — including mental health support, counseling, or simply continuing the conversation anonymously

Here's how it works:

1. Complete the brief online Questionnaire (less than 10 minutes).
2. A WPAP Clinician will review your responses and post a personal reply for you on the secure site.
3. You decide what's next — whether that's seeking support, asking questions, or doing nothing further.

This service is completely free, anonymous, and voluntary. You never have to share your identity unless you choose to.

If you have any questions about this service, feel free to reach out to Candice Cochran, Executive Director, WPAP at (307) 472-1222 ext. 1 or candicec@wpapro.org.

WPAP has been providing professionals who are struggling with substance abuse and mental health issues with confidential assistance since 1997. This includes evaluations, intervention guidance, life coaching, treatment provider referrals and a comprehensive monitoring program.

Visit webpage at www.wpapro.org

Take the Self Check Questionnaire

Healthcare Providers: We Need Your Help!

WyTN has launched a survey to help understand the current telehealth landscape in Wyoming from the perspective of healthcare providers. This survey aims to gather insights from providers related to the successes and challenges of telehealth implementation and adaptation.

The results from this survey will help identify and address specific barriers that currently limit telehealth use in Wyoming, with the ultimate goal of developing a more comprehensive telehealth network throughout the state.

Anyone who provides direct services to clients is invited to participate in this anonymous and voluntary survey – whether you currently provide telehealth services or not. The survey can be accessed via [this link](#), or by following the QR shown below.



Just-In-Time Trainings

Mountain Plains Regional Disaster Health Response System (RDHRS)/Denver Health offers free educational resources and training.

These are all free of charge for any healthcare professionals who live in the Region 8 states. Please feel free to share with your partners.

September is National Preparedness Month—a reminder that readiness starts with practice. Just-in-Time (JIT) trainings give Region 8 health care professionals quick, practical tools for real-world scenarios. Each 15–30 minute video comes with a one-pager you can use on the spot, anytime.



[Explore JIT Trainings](#)

AP Automation: A Guide for Higher Education

Corpay, a WHA Resources endorsed vendor, has provided an educational summary of AP Automation.

Most finance teams in higher education still process invoices manually. It's time-consuming and creates bottlenecks, especially with complex approval processes and grant accounting requirements. AP automation can help streamline these workflows. The technology handles data capture from invoices, routes them through approval chains, and manages payment processing. Some systems

can reduce processing time significantly and provide better visibility into spending patterns. When evaluating vendors, there are specific considerations for higher education. Systems need to handle grant restrictions, work with existing ERPs, and support the approval hierarchies that colleges actually use. Many platforms were designed for simpler business processes and struggle with academic complexity.

Key areas to investigate include ERP integration capabilities. Can the vendor demonstrate their connector working with your specific financial system? How flexible are their approval workflows? What happens when invoices need special handling or don't match purchase orders? Security and compliance matter too. Look for vendors that understand regulatory requirements and can provide audit trails. Ask about fraud prevention features and data protection standards. Implementation support varies widely between vendors. Some provide dedicated project managers and comprehensive training. Others expect you to figure things out independently.

Our guide walks through 17 key areas to investigate when looking at AP automation solutions. It covers technical requirements, workflow considerations, security features, and implementation support with specific questions to ask vendors.

[Read the Complete Guide](#)

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Cheyenne Regional
Medical Center

CRMC Deepens Investment in UW's Health Care Pipeline

Cheyenne Regional Medical Center (CRMC) has made two new gifts to the University of Wyoming that build on its nearly three-decade partnership with the university and underscore a shared commitment to developing Wyoming's health care workforce.

The new investments support two critical initiatives within UW's College of Health Sciences: a joint faculty partnership with the Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing and a pilot program delivered through the UW Science Initiative Roadshow. Together, these initiatives aim to promote evidence-based nursing practice while cultivating future health care professionals in Wyoming.

"Cheyenne Regional is proud to partner with the University of Wyoming to invest in the next generation of health care professionals," says Robin Roling, chief operating officer at CRMC. "This partnership reflects our commitment to keeping talent in Wyoming by supporting local citizens and strengthening the future health care workforce."

CRMC's \$250,000 commitment to the Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing establishes a faculty partnership that will integrate academic rigor with on-the-ground hospital experience. The new role will hold a joint appointment at UW as a faculty member and at CRMC. Responsibilities include teaching, student advising and consulting on evidence-based practice initiatives at CRMC.

This partnership is designed to expand the use of best practices among nurses which, in turn, provides incredible patient care. Additionally, this role supports CRMC's Magnet designation, a recognition the hospital achieved in 2020 and still holds today -- the only hospital in Wyoming to hold this designation that recognizes excellence in nursing practice.

“We are so excited to expand our partnership with CRMC through this new joint appointment to support the work we do together to develop a quality nursing workforce for Wyoming,” says Sherrill Smith, dean of the Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing.

The faculty member also will serve as a resource for CRMC nurses seeking advanced degrees and research opportunities, helping to build a stronger and more skilled nursing workforce in Cheyenne and across Laramie County.

CRMC also is supporting the development of a pilot K-12 health sciences curriculum through the Science Initiative Roadshow, UW’s statewide science, technology, engineering and mathematics outreach program. The \$45,000 commitment, spread over three years, will allow UW faculty and students to collaborate with Laramie County schools to deliver hands-on, health-focused learning experiences.

The Science Initiative Roadshow currently reaches more than 7,000 students annually across Wyoming. This new health care-themed pilot program, developed in partnership with CRMC, will engage students in science through real-world applications in medicine, nursing and public health -- planting the seeds for future careers in health care.

“Cheyenne Regional appreciates the opportunity to continue partnering with the University of Wyoming Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing to ensure the highest-quality nursing care is available to Wyoming communities,” says Tracy Garcia, chief nursing officer at CRMC.

A History of Impact

These gifts continue CRMC’s long tradition of supporting Wyoming’s university. Since 1995, CRMC has contributed more than \$417,000 to UW programs and hosted hundreds of UW students for clinical rotations in nursing, pharmacy, communication disorders and kinesiology. According to a recent report, in the last three years alone the partnership has accomplished the following:

- 320 nursing students completed clinical or capstone experiences at CRMC.
- 87 pharmacy students completed 122 clinical rotation slots across 11 specialized areas.
- Graduate students in communication disorders and kinesiology were placed in key hospital departments, such as cardiac rehabilitation and speech-language pathology.

In 2020, CRMC and UW launched their first jointly funded nursing faculty position -- an innovative role that enhanced evidence-based practice at CRMC and strengthened student learning. That initial investment laid the foundation for this new faculty partnership.



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SUN. OCT. 5TH - MON. OCT. 6TH

GRACIOUSLY HOSTED AT CRMC
OPTIONAL UW GAME ON SAT. OCT. 4TH

Registration is only \$75 and goes directly toward conference costs.
This is more than an event — it's your chance to gain industry insight,
connect with experts, and spark ideas that move your career forward.

Sessions Include:

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Financial Counseling
Billing with AI Bots
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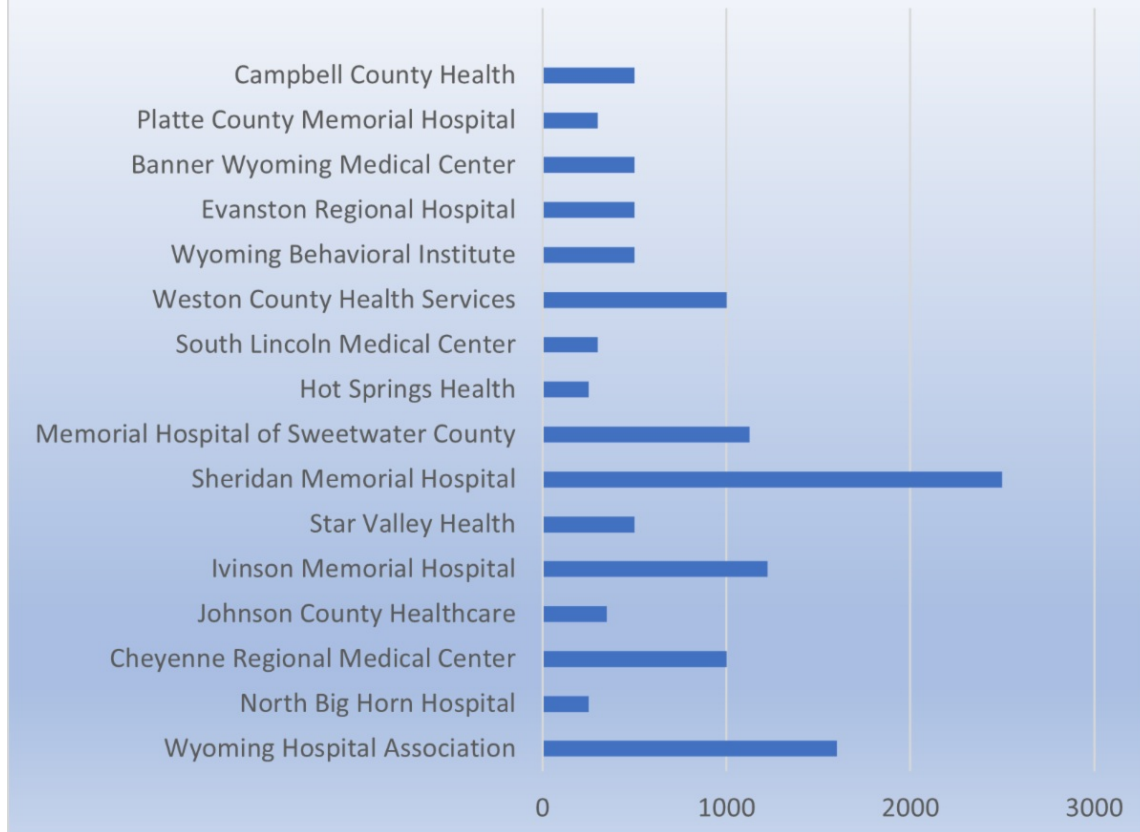
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[More information and registration can be found here](#)



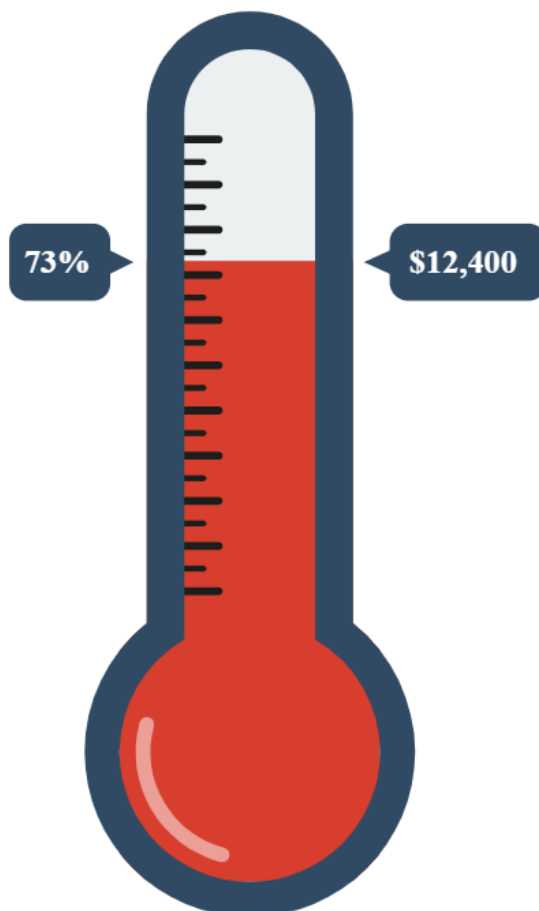
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