

Community Hospital's Antimicrobial Stewardship Program Leading the State

Community Hospital has excelled in developing a quality program to manage administration of antibiotic use for best patient outcomes, according to experts at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Antimicrobial Stewardship. It's not a phrase used by the average layperson, yet it is an essential practice to keep patients safe from overuse and resistance to antibiotics. The practice of antimicrobial stewardship is the effort to measure and improve how antibiotics are prescribed by clinicians and used by patients.

Trevor Van Schooneveld, MD, Medical Director of the Antimicrobial Stewardship Program at UNMC had this to say about Community Hospital, "Community Hospital is setting the standard for what small hospital antimicrobial stewardship should look like. Your program has been consistently forward thinking in their approach to appropriate antibiotic use. It is an example that other hospitals could learn from."

Dr. Anthony Rodewald, Community Hospital Director of Pharmacy, explained that in 2014 the CDC called on all US hospitals to implement and expand effective stewardship programs based on "The Core Elements of Hospital Antibiotic Stewardship Programs." Since then, the CDC has used the NHSN annual hospital survey to query hospitals about their implementation of the core elements. Nationwide, only 26% of hospitals with 25 or fewer beds (critical access hospitals) have reported meeting all seven core elements, according to the CDC website.

"While small and critical access hospitals face special challenges in implementing the CDC core elements," the website stated, "in part due to limitations in staffing, infrastructure and resources, antibiotic stewardship

is no less important in these settings. Patients in small and critical access hospitals have not been spared the problems of antibiotic resistance and C. difficile. However, small and critical access hospitals also have some factors that can support improvements in care, as they are often tight-knit communities where collaboration is the norm," it explained.

In Community Hospital's efforts to implement some of these core elements, Rodewald said the hospital entered into a contractual relationship with UNMC in 2020. "We were the first hospital to enter into such a relationship with UNMC." Under the contract, the Infectious Disease – Antimicrobial Stewardship Team at UNMC provides services such as:

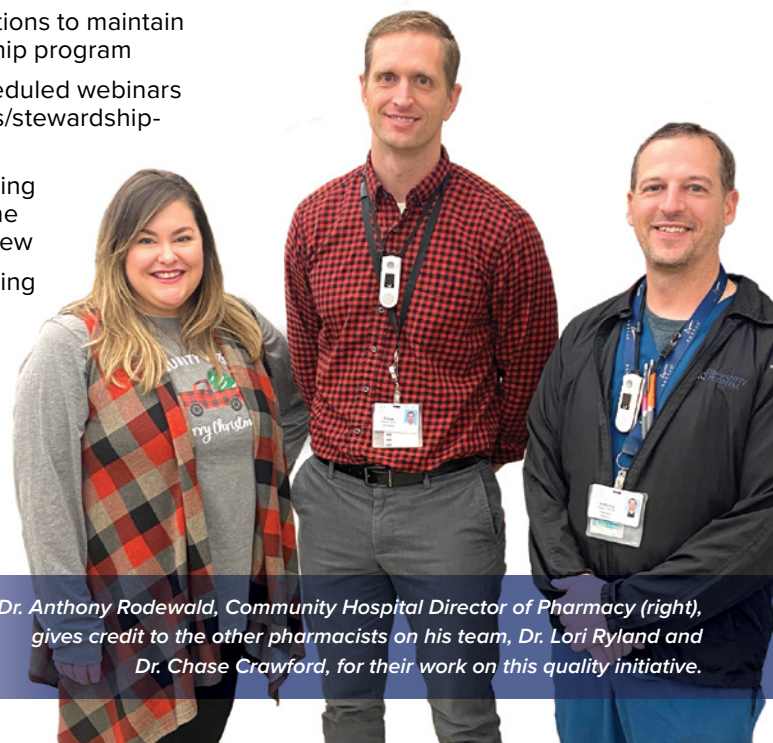
- Daily review of antimicrobial therapy with Community Hospital pharmacy staff
- Review of microbiology culture results from the regional lab to follow up with patients discharged from the hospital
- Provide recommendations to maintain a compliant stewardship program
- Provide regularly scheduled webinars on infectious diseases/stewardship-related topics
- Provide remote coaching for policy and guideline development and review
- Provide remote coaching for individual stewardship-related case input from an infectious disease physician

"Even with this contractual relationship in place, Community Hospital still did not

have the ability to gather two key metrics for antimicrobial stewardship," he said. These included: 1) our own local antibiogram —a document that provides local resistance data, and 2) inability to submit Antibiotic Usage data to the state and CDC databases, which would give Community Hospital the ability to benchmark antibiotic prescribing against other facilities.

In March 2022 Community Hospital was able to implement software, called Senti7, that allowed the hospital and pharmacy department to start reporting the necessary metrics, making Community Hospital the first critical access hospital in the state and the ninth hospital overall to do so.

Rodewald gives credit to the other pharmacists on his team Dr. Lori Ryland and Dr. Chase Crawford, for their work on this quality initiative. "My staff took the bulk of the daily calls once we got the program up and running. They also did the majority of the culture reviews after discharge as well," he said.



Dr. Anthony Rodewald, Community Hospital Director of Pharmacy (right), gives credit to the other pharmacists on his team, Dr. Lori Ryland and Dr. Chase Crawford, for their work on this quality initiative.

Community Hospital Welcomes New Staff

Two Physical Therapists Join Community Hospital Rehab

Two physical therapists, a McCook native and his wife, have made the decision to return to his roots. Brett Burton, PT, DPT, SCS, ATC, CSCS and his wife, Candice Burton, PT, DPT, OCS, moved to McCook from Phoenix, Arizona in late 2022. They joined Southwest Nebraska Physical Therapy, the rehabilitation company that provides physical therapy at Community Hospital.

Brett, the son of Bill and Cori Burton, was born and raised in

McCook, graduating from McCook High School in 2007. His parents currently live in Elkhorn, Nebraska. He graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2011 with a degree in athletic training and from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 2014 with a Doctor of Physical Therapy. He also completed a sports physical therapy residency program at St. Luke's Sports Medicine in Boise, Idaho, becoming a sports clinical specialist in 2015.

He has worked at St. Luke's Health System in Boise with EXOS in Phoenix. Brett has spent five years working in sports medicine and has spent the last three years taking these concepts to aging adults and those living with chronic conditions.

He founded One Harmonic Motion to provide blood flow restriction (BFR) education to health and fitness professionals and Somavive to provide online wellness services utilizing BFR. Both businesses will continue to operate from McCook.

Candice grew up in Los Angeles, California, graduating in 2012 from Azusa Pacific University with a degree in applied health. She received a Doctor of Physical Therapy in 2015 from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She also completed an Orthopedic Physical Therapy Residency Program in 2018 at HonorHealth in Scottsdale, Arizona, becoming an Orthopedic Clinical Specialist.

Her previous work experience includes St. Luke's Health System in Boise and HonorHealth. She has spent seven years working in outpatient orthopedics.

The couple has three boys, ages four, two and eight months.



New Family Emergency Physician

JENNIFER CRAIG, MD



Community Hospital welcomes emergency room physician, Jennifer Craig, M.D. to McCook. Dr. Craig has experience as an emergency medicine and family medicine physician for 19 years in Arkansas and has a passion for emergency medicine. She moved to McCook in January and staffs Community Hospital's emergency room full-time, working evening shifts during the week and some weekends.

Her pursuit into medicine came from enjoying science and medicine through the raising of livestock, and "the rest is God's hand on how I ended up where I am today." She started working in an emergency department at a women's hospital in northwest Arkansas, and

then provided ER care in rural towns in Arkansas.

Dr. Craig completed her family medicine residency in 2007 at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Area Health Education Center Northwest in Fayetteville, Arkansas. She also completed an obstetrics and gynecology internship from the University of Oklahoma in Tulsa, Oklahoma in 2004. Her Doctor of Medicine was completed in 2003 at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock. She is board-certified in Family Medicine.

Her husband, John, is a stay-at-home-dad to their two boys, a 20-year-old college student, and a senior in high school. She is very close to her extended family who mostly live in Arkansas.

In her spare time, she enjoys working with natural fibers, mostly wool, and is still a dairy goat superintendent for the district dairy goat show in Arkansas. She has extensive experience as a 4-H leader and as a volunteer at the county and state fair levels as secretary and superintendent.

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Vascular Surgeon



ANDREA UM, M.D.

A new visiting physician specializing in vascular surgery is now seeing patients in McCook. Andrea Um, MD, vascular surgeon, is associated with Bryan Heart in Lincoln. She holds clinic on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Community Hospital Medical Specialists Center.

Dr. Um was raised in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She joined Bryan Heart in September of 2022 and brought with her an innovative focus on vascular procedures for patients. Dr. Um enjoys being able to offer her patients procedures that can enhance their quality of life. She values the long-term relationships she develops with her patients.

She completed medical school at the University of South Dakota, Sanford School of Medicine. Her residency in vascular surgery was completed at the University of Wisconsin Vascular Surgery Integrated Residency.

Dr. Um specializes in:

- Abdominal aortic aneurysm stent grafting and surgical repair
- Angiograms with angioplasty, stents and thrombectomy
- Atherectomy/endarterectomy
- Arterial bypasses
- Arteriovenous (AV) fistula placement
- Carotid artery stenting and surgery
- Compartment syndrome
- Deep vein thrombosis (DVT) treatment
- Medical management
- Noninvasive vascular testing and imaging
- Venous ablations
- Thoracic outlet syndrome
- Vascular medication management
- Vena cava filter placement

Medical Oncology



BENJAMIN GEORGE, M.D.

Dr. Benjamin George has been appointed Community Hospital's Medical Director of Oncology Services. Dr. George practices full-time at the Callahan Cancer Center at Great Plains Health in North Platte and sees patients in McCook once a week.

ENT Coverage Expanded

Three Ear, Nose, and Throat (ENT) physicians see patients at Community Hospital. Together, they provide eight days a month so you can have great ENT care close to home.

SCOTT BALLINGER, M.D.

JOHN BLECHA, M.D.

PHILIP FITZPATRICK, M.D.

No referral necessary.

HOSPITAL HEARTBEAT

CONGRATULATIONS LABORATORY

Congratulations to Community Hospital's laboratory staff. The department completed a two-day CLIA survey in late January and had a fantastic survey, according to lab director, Brad Hays. "We only had one minor correction that does not interfere with any patient test performance," he said. Staff includes Lindsey Dame, Emily Bucholz, Danae Bryant, Nathan Herrman, Michaela Holdcroft, Mariah Schneider, Ashley Stehno, Kay Eakin, Shannon Gabiana, Jule Amarga and Kelsey Gillen. They do an excellent job taking care of all patient testing and provider requests.

TREE OF LOVE DONATIONS



Community Hospital employees were once again generous beyond measure when they donated more than \$1,800 for the Tree of Love project in December. Employees gave not only money, but actual toys were also donated for the project above and beyond the \$1,800. Only \$985 was needed for the nine children chosen by the hospital. The remaining balance of \$855 was donated back to First Central Bank. With the additional money, the bank chose two more families from the Tree of Love that included six additional children. So, all together, Community Hospital donations gave 15 children a Merry Christmas!

BISON DAYS

Community Hospital staff had a rewarding time teaching McCook High School students about healthcare careers during Bison Days in February. The hospital offered sessions with Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Laboratory, Surgery and Nursing.

CARDIOPULMONARY REHAB PROGRAM RECEIVES ACCREDITATION

Congratulations to Community Hospital's Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation program which has received certification by the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR). The AACVPR Program Certification is recognition of the department's commitment to improving the quality of life of patients by enhancing standards of care.

To earn accreditation, the program participated in an application process that required extensive documentation of their practices. As the only peer-review accreditation process, AACVPR Program Certification is designed to review individual programs for adherence to the highest standards and guidelines developed and published by a group of professional societies in the field. Certification is valid for three years.

AACVPR-certified programs are leaders in cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation because they offer the most advanced practices available and have proven track records of high quality patient care.

EAT SMART – GET FIT RECOGNIZED BY THE CDC



program has earned CDC Full Plus Recognition from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This designation is reserved for programs that have effectively delivered a quality, evidence-based program that meets all of the standards for CDC recognition and additional retention thresholds. This achievement means we have earned five years of CDC-recognition as opposed to the three years that organizations in FULL recognition receive. "The sustained success of your lifestyle change program makes an invaluable contribution to the prevention of type 2 diabetes, both in your community and nationally," the award said. "We appreciate your participation in the National Diabetes Prevention Program, and we are committed to working with you to do everything we can to ensure your continued success as a critical member of our national effort."

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Community Hospital is seeking volunteers from Red Willow and surrounding counties to serve on the hospital's Patient & Family Advisory Council (PFAC). The group will meet nine times per year from 6-7:30 PM. Both virtual and in-person meeting settings will be provided. Supper will be provided for in-person participants.

Anyone interested in getting involved on this volunteer committee to help guide hospital personnel in improving practices and creating excellent patient experiences can go to <https://chmccook.org/programs/patient-and-family-advisory-council.html> for more information or call Diane Gumaer at 308-344-8292 for more information.

All applications will be reviewed by a selection committee. Top candidates will be contacted for interviews before an orientation or first meeting date is set. Staggered one-year, two-year, and three-year terms are available.

HOSPITAL RECEIVES MOST WIRED AWARD



Community Hospital received the honor of being a 2022 Digital Health Most Wired hospital, receiving a Level 7 achievement for the Acute survey selection. The hospital received Most Wired awards in 2021, 2020, 2016 and 2017 and won the Most Improved category of the survey in 2014, 2013 and 2009.

Among the more than 38,000 organizations surveyed by CHIME, Community Hospital ranked above peers in categories like analytics and data management, population health, infrastructure, and patient engagement. The survey assessed the adoption, integration and impact of technologies in health care organizations at all stages of development, from early development to industry leading.

Chaplain Service Added At Community Hospital

If you run into Tyler Thiessen while working as Community Hospital's new full-time chaplain, he will probably introduce himself and ask, "How are things going today?" Then he will hope to start a conversation with you.

Tyler Thiessen (pronounced Tee son) began working full-time in December. In his department, Spiritual Care Services, he visits inpatients on the patient wing, and outpatients in Injection/Infusion (chemotherapy), Radiation Oncology and the Emergency Department. He is also available for family members of patients as well as Community Hospital employees.

Joining Tyler are two additional chaplains, Joshua Clark and Trevor Smith, both part-time employees – who mainly serve as chaplains with hospice and palliative care services at Community Hospital. Tyler is also available for hospice patients as needed.

Chaplaincy is "the ministry of presence," he said. "Our role is to help someone walk down the path of spirituality, faith, or whatever they need at that moment."

Chaplains provide spiritual care, guidance, and support. Sometimes it is being a presence and a reminder no one has to be alone. "Chaplaincy is a relational ministry," Tyler said. "The idea behind it is how I, as a person, relate to others." He added that most chaplain roles are interfaith.

Barbie Long, Community Healthcare & Hospice Director, is very excited about adding the service of chaplaincy, which falls under her department umbrella. "We hope to fully integrate holistic care into home health and hospice, meaning we not only provide physical care, but emotional, mental and now spiritual care as well."



Pictured left to right: Community Hospital chaplains are Joshua Clark, Trevor Smith and Tyler Thiessen

Chaplaincy: *The work of a chaplain is not to influence another person to think, act, or believe what they believe. In a clinical context, their work is to come alongside the patients' religious, spiritual, or denominational systems. Therefore, the focus is always on the patient and not the chaplain.*

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FOUNDATION NEWS

Seeking Community Partners

We all have “partners” we lean on, someone we can call who has our backs and is always willing to help. Community Hospital is looking for community partners... businesses who will help support our major events. We in turn assist with health and wellness activities for your business.

The Health Foundation’s Community Partners Program promotes sponsorship support at both of our major community events, the Community Hospital Pro-Am at Heritage Hills and the Concert for Healthcare. Financial support of these events provides entertainment opportunities in our area while raising awareness and

funds to improve healthcare in southwest Nebraska and northwest Kansas.

Community partners receive event and wellness benefits for their businesses. Wellness benefits may include: health fairs, discounted lab draws, wellness presentations (nutrition, exercise, stress management, ergonomics, etc), employee group trainings for Stop the Bleed, CPR and fire extinguisher training.

Please contact the Health Foundation 308-344-7222 if your business is interested in learning more about the Community Partners Program.

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A Message from the Director

JESSICA BORTNER, COMMUNITY FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The local radio stations regularly air the Community Hospital Health Foundation advertisement that states, *"It takes community support to make a strong Community Hospital"* and Community Hospital continues to be graced with southwest Nebraska hospitality.

During the past couple months, the Health Foundation has received many wonderful community support activities worthy of mentioning from all generations and walks of life.

A Teddy Bear Toss was led by McCook Varsity Girls Basketball team and Jr. Bison Girls Basketball Association. The toss took place at a MHS Boys Varsity game in February. Teddy bears and stuffed animals were tossed on the court, gathered and donated to Community Hospital for pediatric patients.



- The McCook YMCA's rYde Class raised breast cancer awareness and \$160 throughout the month of October for Community Hospital's Anderson Center for Radiation Oncology.
- Walmart donated over \$100,000 in clothing and shoes to Community Hospital for distribution to the community. Merchandise was distributed throughout McCook and surrounding areas. Area family resource centers were engaged to take part and public open houses were held. Most of the resources were distributed before Christmas.
- The Health Foundation received some very special planned gifts and estate gifts from long-time donors. We are truly humbled to be honored and entrusted with these funds.
- Our own Community Hospital employees give not only of their time and talent but also their treasure. Nearly 60% of our employees donate to the Health Foundation's "Giving is Contagious" Employee Campaign.
- Generous end of year giving was received from several supporters and will be used as designated, be it

home health and hospice programs, cancer care programs, equipment, healthcare scholarships, or to the hospital's greatest needs.

These are just a few examples of the extraordinary community support the Health Foundation has received over the past months. Thank you to our community, your support makes a difference. Community Hospital will continue to be ready to take care of you and cultivate healthy communities through progressive and proactive care; *leading our region to a healthier future.*

When We All Leave Five, McCook Thrives!

The Health Foundation joins local non-profits in encouraging community members to consider leaving 5% of your assets to your favorite local charity. When you leave 5% to our hometown, you can secure your family's future and help McCook thrive.



Community Hospital Health Foundation has been the recipient of many wonderful planned gifts. These gifts have directly impacted healthcare at Community Hospital and healthcare provided to southwest Nebraska and northwest Kansas.



A planned gift is a person's intention to contribute a major gift to an organization, beyond their lifetime. These gifts are usually documented in wills and/or financial or estate plans.



Over the next 10 years in Red Willow County, \$608 million will transfer from one generation to the next. In 50 years, that number will exceed \$5.6 billion. Many times this wealth is passed onto their children, but if the heirs no longer live where they grew up, that wealth may leave as well.

5%

If only 5% of that abundance were given back to the place where it was made and accumulated, that means \$30 million could impact education, health, prosperity and quality of life. These funds would impact our community's ability to attract quality talent and young families. Talk with your professional financial advisor about including your community in your estate plans or contact the Health Foundation for more information.

Community Hospital Health Foundation is member of the McCook Philanthropy Council. The Council consists of McCook's large nonprofit organizations to share resources and to work together to create a culture of giving in our communities. Additional Council organizations include: Hillcrest Foundation, McCook College Foundation, Norris Institute, Graff Charitable Foundation, McCook Chamber Foundation, McCook Community Foundation Fund and YMCA McCook.

Looking forward to the year to come

The Health Foundation welcomed two new faces to our Board of Directors. Cathy Kenny and Ashley Vontz are sharing their leadership expertise with the Health Foundation. Cathy Kenny begins a 3-year term for the Health Foundation. Ashley Vontz, representing the Community Hospital Board of Directors, has been appointed to the Health Foundation board for 1-year.

Beth Siegfried's leadership will be missed as she completed her second 3-year term for the Health Foundation board in December. We will also miss Rick Haney, appointed to represent Community Hospital's Board of Directors on the Health Foundation board, as he completed his term in December.



Cathy Kenny



Ashley Vontz

Health Foundation Distributions

Community Hospital Health Foundation has approved distribution of \$111,723 in grants so far this fiscal year (2022-2023).

Below is summary of the larger grants awarded in the past 4 months:

Community Care
Funds
\$19,791

Medical Specialists
Center
\$10,000
Tympanometry for ENT
Specialists

Nursing Service/
Labor & Delivery
\$7,218
2 Phototherapy Blankets

Health Career
Scholarships
\$5,500

Radiology
Department
\$5,000
Imaging Stitching
System

Home Health and
Hospice Support
\$2,295

Labor and Delivery
\$2,110
Halo Sleep Sacks for
Newborns

Community Outreach
\$1,500
Career Discovery
Scholarships

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*Community Hospital
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Orvil Gray Estate
Charles and Irene Rees Estate
Sunderland Foundation
Norman and Sharon Timmerman
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Kathryn Wall Estate

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Ona Hartman Estate
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MNB Bank
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Catherine Rose Estate
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Myrle L. & W.K. Swanson Estate
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Genevieve Armstrong Campbell Memorial
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First Central Bank
First National Bank
LoRene Jennings Estate
Kitty Perkins Foundation
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McCook Clinic, P.C.
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Parker
Richard Racine Estate
Southwest Nebraska Physical Therapy
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Berndt Family Trust
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Trevor and Megan Taylor
Aaron Thompson and Karen Kliment Thompson
U.S. West Foundation
Valmont Industries
Loren Varvle Estate
Volz, Inc. – Sid and Cathy Stewart
Wal-Mart Super Center
Dr. Wayne and Lori Watkins
Dr. John and Cindy West
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PATHFINDER – \$1000 and up

Acme Printing Company
 Air Methods Corporation
 AKRS Equipment
 Altera Health
 Berndt Family Trust
 Sharon Bohling
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 Community Hospital Corporation
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 Edward Jones Investments
 Warren and Ladonna Everts
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 Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary #2769
 Bree and Lance Frazier
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 GoLight
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 Heartland New Holland
 Horizon Bank
 Hot Tub Brokers
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 Kinman-Oldfield Family Foundation
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 McCook Community Foundation Fund
 McCook Gazette
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 Dr. Jerry and Barb Michaelis
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 Nothnagel Holding's, LLC
 Nutanix, Inc.
 Pinnacle Bank
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 Quality Urgent Care
 Red Willow Animal Clinic
 Red Willow Chemical

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 Stagemeyer CPA Group, PC
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 The Olson Group
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 WalMart Super Center
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 St. Patrick's Catholic Church
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not expect to sit.*

— Nelson Henderson





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You have so much to look forward to, and we’re doing our part to make sure you have the resources and support to get there. If you’re ready to take the next step to improving and maintaining your health, check out our current classes and programs created just for you at chmccook.org/classes.



Calendar of Events

April 12 • 7-9 am

Community Wellness Fair
No appointment necessary
Community Hospital PV-A

June 2-4

Pro-Am at Heritage Hills

July 23

Wear Pink at Red Willow Rodeo

September 15

Scholarship Application
Deadline – 308-344-7222

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