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FUTURE

The future of healthcare in Southwest Nebraska is taking shape, and it starts with **three physicians who have chosen to make their careers, and their lives, in McCook, Nebraska.**

This fall, McCook Family Medicine and Community Hospital will welcome Alaini Wallen, D.O., Hannah Wesslund, M.D., and Lesley Towery, M.D. to their growing team of providers at McCook Clinic. Each arrives with a strong medical background and a passion for family medicine, but more importantly, **each brings a commitment to the patients and communities they will serve.**

Their arrival represents more than the addition of three physicians. **It is an investment in the future of healthcare across the region.**

For patients, **it means increased access to care, stronger continuity of care, and the reassurance that quality healthcare remains available close to home.** In rural communities, where access to providers can be limited, recruiting talented physicians is one of the most important steps an organization can take to improve the health of its population.

While their experiences differ, all three physicians share a common belief: **healthcare is most effective when it is personal.**

Family medicine is uniquely positioned to build lasting relationships with patients. Family physicians often care for multiple

generations, helping families navigate everything from preventive care and wellness visits to chronic disease management and unexpected illnesses.

Those relationships foster trust, continuity, and better health outcomes.

For McCook Clinic, the addition of these providers strengthens an already solid foundation of patient-centered care. Working alongside existing physicians, advanced practice providers, nurses, and support staff, they will help ensure patients continue to receive comprehensive care without leaving the region.

Their arrival also reflects Community Hospital's commitment to its mission of leading our region to a healthier future and its vision of cultivating healthy communities through progressive and proactive care.

The future of healthcare is not defined by buildings, technology, or equipment alone. It is defined by the people who choose to care for their neighbors, build relationships, and invest in the health of their communities.

With three new physicians joining Community Hospital, that future has never looked brighter.

"These physicians represent the future of rural healthcare. They have chosen to dedicate their careers to caring for patients in communities like ours, and that choice speaks volumes. Their arrival strengthens our ability to provide exceptional care close to home while ensuring families across our region continue to have access to the healthcare they deserve."

Troy Bruntz, President and CEO of Community Hospital.

Prepared for Rural Practice



Towery's journey is deeply rooted in rural Nebraska. Before medical school, she worked as a certified nursing assistant and medication aide in southwest Nebraska nursing homes. She later completed a rural training track residency with the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha and even spent part of her education shadowing family medicine providers in McCook.

Wallen, a Nebraska native and graduate of the University of Nebraska at Kearney and Des Moines University, brings experience in public health initiatives, patient care, and family medicine training. Her background as a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine reflects a commitment to caring for patients across all stages of life.

Wesslund completed the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Advanced Family Medicine Residency Program, a training track designed specifically for physicians who plan to practice in rural Nebraska. Throughout her education and leadership experiences, she focused on strengthening primary care and advocating for patients in underserved communities.



Seeds of Success

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

Troy Bruntz

President & CEO, Community Hospital

In this issue, I want to share how our strategic plan is moving from long-term preparation into visible action. **The work ahead is significant, but it is connected by one purpose: making sure Community Hospital has the people, services, technology, and facilities needed to care for this region well into the future.**

Our strategy is organized around four pillars we call the Seeds of Success. Each Seed has a long-term focus, but the next several years will require especially close coordination among all four. **Several major initiatives are moving forward at the same time, and their success depends on this alignment.**

PEOPLE

The People Seed focuses on our long-term staffing needs.

Over the next three to five years, the People Seed will continue developing new talent pipelines and building on programs we have already established, including our ROOTS initiative. In the next year, their focus will also include improving communication across a much larger workforce. The acquisition of McCook Clinic and the continued growth of many service lines have expanded our team significantly, making it more important than ever to find reliable ways to ensure messages reach everyone.

Over the next few years, we will implement a new electronic medical record system while also managing a major building project. These efforts represent extraordinary progress, but they will also create significant change for our staff. Managing that change well is essential to ensuring employees are supported, informed, and prepared throughout the transition. The People Seed will take the lead on this change management work.

QUALITY

The Quality Seed focuses on the care we provide and the systems that support it.

The Quality Seed will oversee the electronic medical record implementation. It will also guide our artificial intelligence strategy and the implementation of selected tools. The People Seed will continue working to recruit and retain staff, but recruitment alone will not solve the long-term workforce challenge. There are not enough working-age adults to assume we can keep doing things the way we always have. **We expect the new EMR and carefully chosen AI tools to help reduce the impact of a nationwide staffing crisis that is here to stay.**

SERVICE

The Service Seed evaluates what services our community needs, compares those needs with what we currently offer, and works to close the gaps.

The Service Seed will oversee the addition of two new general surgeons in the next few months. A key step in preparing for that growth is the implementation of robotic surgery, which we expect to have in place by November of this year. Family practice availability has been a longstanding challenge, and the Service Seed is now focused on supporting three new family practice physicians who joined Community Hospital in September. Recruitment efforts have been in progress for quite some time, and onboarding will continue throughout the coming year.

FINANCE

The Finance Seed focuses on ensuring we have the financial resources necessary to support this work over the long term.

The Finance Seed plans to finalize financing for our large building project, which includes a new McCook Clinic, a

central location for oncology services, and an updated central utility plant. It is also working to fund the acquisition of a new linear accelerator for radiation oncology and the replacement of our current EMR. The Finance Seed will work side by side with our Foundation, which will pursue several grant opportunities to help ease the financial burden created by so many major investments occurring in a short period of time.

We have a lot to accomplish in the next three years, but we have been planning for this work for many years. **When it is complete, Community Hospital will have the facilities, technology, services, and staffing needed to serve this region well into the future.**

What You'll See Over the Next Few Years

- New electronic medical record (EMR)
- Artificial intelligence tools to support staff
- Two new general surgeons
- Three new family practice physicians
- Robotic surgery by November
- New McCook Clinic
- Centralized oncology services
- New radiation oncology linear accelerator
- Continued workforce development through ROOTS and other recruitment initiatives

IMPROVEMENT

DECREASED DUAL ABDOMINAL CT SCANS

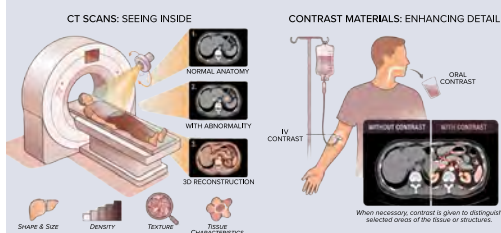
Quality Objective: *Improve Clinical Quality Outcomes*



BACKGROUND

WHAT IS A CT SCAN?

A CT scan is a type of medical imaging used to create detailed pictures of the inside of your body. Like a standard x-ray, it uses ionizing radiation; however, a CT scan typically exposes a patient to significantly more radiation, ranging from about 100 to 800 times that of a standard chest x-ray, depending on the type of scan performed.



CT scans done both with and without contrast expose patients to more radiation. Sometimes both scans are needed to help diagnose a medical condition. However, doing both scans is not always the best choice and should only be used when needed.

WHY THIS MATTERS?

Low doses of radiation in CT scans have not been shown to cause long-term harm, but repeated scans may cause a small increase in the lifetime risk of cancer.

OUR GOAL?

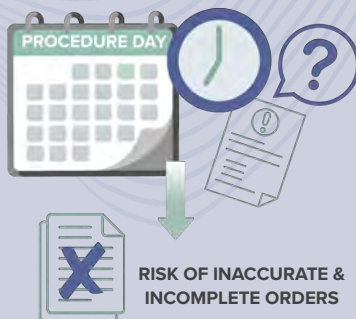
Reduce unnecessary exams to decrease the percentage of dual abdominal CT scans completed with or without contrast to improve overall patient safety and quality of care.



METHODS

OLD PROCESS:

Review is done the day of the procedure



NEW PROCESS:

1. Review is done the day before the procedure



SUFFICIENT TIME TO CONTACT PROVIDERS & ENSURE A THOROUGH ORDER REVIEW

2. New order form implemented



EXAMS MAY BE MODIFIED ACCORDING TO RADIOLOGISTS PROTOCOL

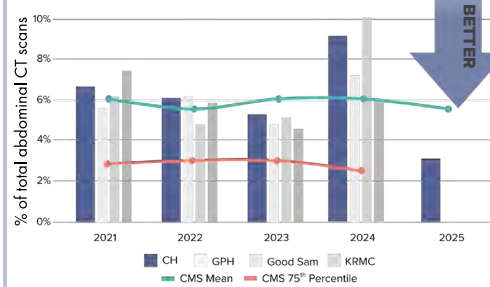
Ensures alignment with radiologist standards before the procedure takes place.



RESULTS

REDUCTION IN DUAL ABDOMINAL CT SCANS FOLLOWING FY2024 INTERVENTIONS:

9.1% to 3.1%



Interventions implemented in FY2024 contributed to measurable improvements in imaging practices.



CONCLUSION

DUAL ABDOMINAL SCANS DECLINED BY 60/O FROM FY2024 TO FY2025, PLACING THE HOSPITAL BELOW PEER RATES.



DECREASED dual abdominal CT scans performed with or without contrast



INCREASED patient safety and quality of care

WHAT'S NEXT?

Continue the current process and monitor for additional opportunities to improve.

PROCESS REPEATS

QUALITY POLICY:

Community Hospital is committed to continual improvement as defined as leading the region to a healthier future through its four Seeds of Success and the deployment of their Strategy Statements.



Our Radiology Team:

Pictured, left to right: Rylee Mooney, Sadie Riener, Kaylee Wiemers, Nicola Hansen, Christin Koerperich, Riley Pothoff, Kellanie Pinkal, Blair Gohl and Abbey McConville.

The department includes additional team members not pictured: Keshia DeGroff, Jesse Juenemann (Director), Laura Leever, Ashley Ridlen, Megan Williamsen, and Tausha Wilson.

MEDICAL SPECIALISTS DIRECTORY

Leading our region to a

HEALTHIER

future starts with dedicated medical professionals.

Community Hospital believes you and your family deserve the very best in accessible care. In addition to our local team of dedicated family healthcare providers, we offer the area's largest array of specialists to help meet your exact medical needs.

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Advanced care begins with healing professionals who know you and your family, and truly care about your well-being.

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HOSPITAL

Delivering Patient and Family Perspectives

The Community Hospital Patient & Family Advisory Council (PFAC) recently approved a restructuring plan designed to make meetings more focused, efficient, and closely aligned with the hospital's strategic-planning process.

MEETING SCHEDULE AND FOCUS

The council will now meet quarterly—on the first Wednesday evening in February, May, August, and November. Each meeting will focus on hospital projects and initiatives connected to the four “Seeds of Success”: People, Service, Quality, and Finance. These priorities work together to support Community Hospital's goal of leading the region to a healthier future.

ROLE OF THE COUNCIL

PFAC is made up of community volunteers who provide patient and family perspectives on hospital and clinic policies, procedures, and experiences. Their input helps ensure that decisions reflect the needs and voices of the people Community Hospital serves.

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

PFAC is currently accepting applications from patients and family members of patients who are interested in serving on this important council. To learn more or apply, contact Diane at 308-344-8292 or visit chmccook.org and select the “Patient Family Advisory Council” button in the center of the home page.



Misti Soderlund Named 2026 Caring Kind Award Recipient

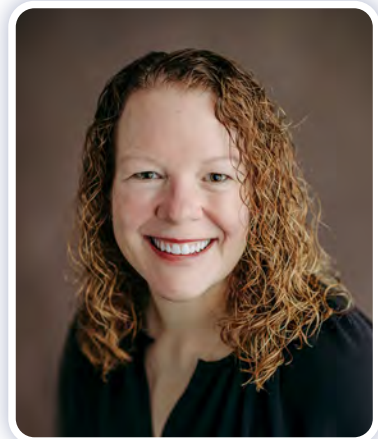
Community Hospital is celebrating Misti Soderlund, RN, this year's recipient of the Nebraska Hospital Association's Caring Kind Award — presented annually to healthcare employees who demonstrate exceptional care, service, and dedication.

Nominated by her coworkers, Misti was recognized for the compassion and dedication she's brought to nearly 30 years at Community Hospital. Since joining the team in 1996, she's cared for patients in the Emergency Department, inpatient unit, and obstetrics, and stepped into

leadership roles along the way. While she continues to support multiple areas of patient care, she especially enjoys working in the Emergency Department, where the fast pace and critical nature of the work align with her passion for helping others.

Her nomination called her "the nurse I would want for family," noting her willingness to stay late, fill staffing gaps, and even move to night shift without hesitation when her team needed her most.

"I was surprised and honored to receive this award," Misti said. "There are so many deserving people at



Community Hospital, and I'm grateful to be part of the team."

Soderlund and her husband, Tracy, have one son, Brett. When she's not caring for patients, she enjoys traveling with Brett to Nebraska volleyball games across the country.

She'll be honored at the statewide Caring Kind Awards Luncheon this fall.

HEARTBEAT

Joel Bednar Joins Community Hospital Board of Directors

Community Hospital has appointed Joel Bednar to its Board of Directors,

filling the remainder of a term previously held by Grant Norgaard. Bednar was approved at the Board's July meeting and will be eligible for up to two additional three-year terms once the current one wraps up.

Bednar serves as Chief of Education for McCook Public Schools, where he oversees curriculum and academic programming.

"We are excited to add Joel to the board," said Troy Bruntz, President and CEO of Community Hospital. "The hospital and public schools have had a strong relationship for many years

and have very similar visions of what we believe is best for the future of our community. His perspective in board discussions will be very valuable."

Originally from the Kearney area, Joel and his wife, Gabby, moved to McCook to raise their family in a smaller community. Gabby, a physical therapist at Community Hospital, and Joel quickly found that McCook felt like home.

"I've always believed it's important to be involved in the community where you live," Bednar said. "Community Hospital plays such a vital role in McCook and the surrounding region. It's an exciting time for both the hospital and the community, and I'm honored to help advocate for the organization and contribute to its future success."



Joel and Gabby have three children — Beau, Mack, and Jett — and enjoy the outdoors, pickleball, and supporting their kids' activities as a family.

The Board also extends its sincere appreciation to Grant Norgaard for his years of service. Before accepting a position outside the region, Grant provided valuable leadership and unwavering dedication to Community Hospital. We are grateful for his many contributions to the organization and the communities we serve.

Community Hospital Board of Directors

Matt Nielsen – Chair

Kurt Vosburg – Vice Chair

Michael Lord – Secretary

Matt Davidson - Treasurer

Joel Bednar

Karen Craw

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Ashley Vontz, NP-C

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Community Hospital Administration

Troy Bruntz – President & CEO

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Molly Herzberg – Vice President Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer

Karen Kliment Thompson – Vice President Clinic Operations

Leanne Miller – Vice President HR and Ancillary Services

Sean Wolfe – Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer

FOUNDATION NEWS

FILLING THE GAPS. STRENGTHENING CARE.

A Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

As I reflect on the past year, I am reminded that healthcare is about much more than buildings, equipment, and technology. It is about people. It is about ensuring patients receive the care they need, healthcare professionals have the resources to do their jobs well, and families can access services close to home when they need them most.

One of the greatest strengths of the Community Hospital Health Foundation is our ability to respond to needs that might otherwise go unmet. Throughout the year, we work closely with Community Hospital leaders, physicians, nurses, therapists, and staff to identify opportunities where donor support can make a meaningful difference. Sometimes that means helping fund major projects, such as surgical suite upgrades, behavioral health expansion, or facility improvements. Other times it means purchasing specialized equipment, supporting staff education, or helping a patient afford transportation, lodging, medications, or other essential services.

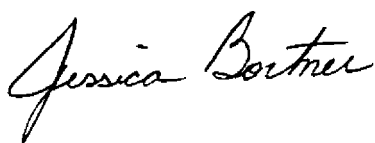
What makes the Health Foundation unique is our flexibility. We can often say "yes" when funding sources are limited, reimbursements fall short, or a need arises unexpectedly. Whether a gift is \$25 or \$25,000, every dollar entrusted to the Foundation is carefully stewarded and invested to strengthen healthcare in our region.

This past fiscal year, donor support helped provide more than \$269,000 in grants and assistance. Behind every grant is a story: a patient receiving help during a difficult time, a caregiver gaining new skills, a department enhancing services, or a family finding support when it is needed most.

I am continually inspired by the generosity of our donors, employees, community partners, and volunteers. Just as important, I am grateful for the healthcare teams who trust the Foundation as a partner in advancing Community Hospital's mission. Together, we continue to address challenges, seize opportunities, and invest in the people and programs that keep healthcare strong throughout our region.

Thank you for being part of this important work. Whether through a gift, volunteer service, event participation, or simply helping share our story, your support allows us to respond to needs both large and small and strengthens healthcare for patients, families, and communities throughout our region.

With gratitude,



Jessica Bortner
Executive Director
Community Hospital Health Foundation



Hairball Returns to Rock the Concert for Healthcare

Saturday, Oct 17, 2026

Kiplinger Arena on the Red Willow County Fairgrounds

TICKETS:

Community Hospital Health Foundation office, TicketStorm.com or scan the QR code



Hairball has built a national following by celebrating the biggest arena rock acts of the 1970s and 1980s. Through incredible musicianship, authentic costumes, and spot-on performances, the band brings audiences a high-energy tribute to legendary artists including Van Halen, KISS, Motley Crue, Queen, Journey, Aerosmith, and many more.

When Hairball last performed in McCook in 2024, the concert drew fans from across the region and quickly became one of the most talked-about Concert for Healthcare events in recent memory. The enthusiastic crowd, memorable performances, and sing-along favorites made for a truly special evening. Thanks to that overwhelming response, the Foundation is excited to welcome them back for an encore appearance.

The Concert for Healthcare is one of the Foundation's signature fundraising events. Proceeds help support the Community Hospital Health Foundation's mission of enhancing healthcare services through patient assistance,



scholarships, wellness initiatives, equipment purchases, and other programs that improve quality of life across southwest Nebraska and the surrounding area.

In addition to an outstanding night of music, attendees can enjoy food trucks on site and a beer garden hosted by the McCook Chamber of Commerce.

Strengthening Healthcare Through Facility Improvements

Throughout fiscal year 2026, donor support helped advance several facility improvement projects designed to strengthen healthcare services and support patients, families, and caregivers across the region. Through strategic investments and partnerships, the Community Hospital Health Foundation helped enhance facilities that support care close to home.

One of the year's largest investments supported upgrades in Community Hospital's surgical department. **The Health Foundation contributed \$100,000 toward new surgical lighting and equipment booms in Operating Room 3** as part of a broader operating room modernization project. These enhancements improve visibility, efficiency, and workflow for surgeons and care teams while positioning Community Hospital for future advancements in surgical care.

The Foundation also partnered in **the expansion of Community Hospital's**

Behavioral Health department by providing funding for an additional office and therapy room. As demand for mental health services continues to grow, the added space will help accommodate current patient needs and support future program growth.

In support of home-based healthcare services, **the Health Foundation funded renovations to hospital-owned space utilized by Angels Care Hospice and Angels Care Home Health.** The project transformed underutilized areas into functional office space, creating a more efficient environment for teams coordinating care for patients and families throughout southwest Nebraska.

The Foundation also **invested in future educational opportunities through support of the ROOTS Education Room project.** Currently under development, the space will provide additional opportunities for staff education, workforce development, training, and community engagement, further



strengthening healthcare services in the region.

Together, these projects illustrate how donor support helps advance Community Hospital's mission by strengthening healthcare infrastructure, expanding service capacity, and supporting the professionals who care for our communities every day.

Health Foundation Distributions

Last fiscal year (July 2025–June 2026), Community Hospital Health Foundation has distributed **\$270,000**

in support of Community Hospital programs, services, equipment, education initiatives, and patient assistance programs. These investments are made possible through the generosity of our donors, employees, and community supporters who help advance Community Hospital's mission every day.

Equipment

\$164,614

New equipment and technology advancements.

Home Healthcare Services

\$30,606

Home health, hospice and palliative care support

Community Care Funds

\$18,468

Imperative services for our patients and healthcare team

Secondary Education Scholarships and Education Assistance

\$16,500

Scholarships to train current and future healthcare providers

Patient & Staff Informational Resources

\$6,784

Reference materials and continuing education

Employee Giving Makes a Difference

Last fiscal year, over 50% of Community Hospital employees contributed more than **\$59,000** to the Health Foundation. Their generosity reflects a shared commitment to supporting patients, strengthening healthcare services, and advancing Community Hospital's mission.

Investing In Future Caregivers

Scholarships and education assistance were awarded this past year to students pursuing careers in healthcare. Community Hospital Health Foundation has supported individuals studying nursing, pharmacy, radiology, healthcare administration, and a variety of other healthcare professions.

The Education Assistance Program is available to individuals enrolled in accredited healthcare programs who plan to return to the area upon graduation. Many recipients return to the region and begin their careers at Community Hospital. Applications are reviewed by a diverse team of hospital and foundation representatives. Application deadlines are March 15 and September 15. For more information, contact the Community Hospital Human Resources Department or Health Foundation, or visit www.chmccook.org/Foundation.

The Health Foundation also awarded \$1,500 in Career Discovery

Days scholarships to deserving high school graduates interested in healthcare careers. Asia Homma (Trenton, Nebraska), Dante Horner (Benkelman, Nebraska), and Karissa Stengel (Wellfleet, Nebraska) each received a \$500 scholarship. We wish them success as they pursue their educational and professional goals in healthcare.

Community Hospital and the Health Foundation, in partnership with the McCook College Foundation and the McCook Community Foundation Fund, continue to provide tuition assistance for community members interested in completing the Nurse Aide course at McCook Community College. Nurse aides are essential in many healthcare settings, including hospitals, long-term care facilities, and home health services. Individuals interested in enrolling are encouraged to contact the Health Foundation or McCook Community College for more information.

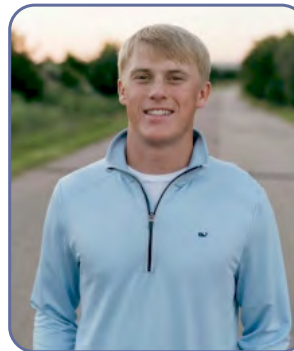
APPLICATION DEADLINES

March 15 and September 15

For more information, contact the Health Foundation directly or visit the website at chmccook.org/Foundation.



Asia Homma



Dante Horner



Karissa Stengel

We gratefully recognize the Community Partners who supported our mission in the past year

The Health Foundation's Community Partner Program promotes sponsorship support at both 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. Contact the Health Foundation for more information.

2026 COMMUNITY PARTNERS

CATALYST:

MNB Bank
MNB Insurance
Pinnacle Bank
Sampson Construction
Strategic Design

INNOVATOR:

Golight, Inc.
McCook Family Medicine, PC
Wagner Auto Group

TRAILBLAZER:

Eide Bailly
Emergent Architecture
First Central Bank

Herrmann-Jones Funeral Home
High Plains Radio
Hometown Family Radio
Kinship Pointe
McCook Gazette
Mechanical Sales
Valmont Irrigation, Inc.
Viaero Wireless
Walmart Super Center

PIONEER:

Cobblestone Inn & Suites
Frenchman Valley Co-Op
Holiday Inn Express
IdeaBank Marketing
NA Timmerman, Inc.
The Olson Group
W Design Associates, Inc.

37th Annual Community Hospital Pro-Am

Continues Tradition of Golf and Giving

The 37th Annual Community Hospital Pro-Am brought golfers, sponsors, volunteers, and spectators together on June 5 at Heritage Hills Golf Course for a day of competition, camaraderie, and support for local healthcare. The tournament featured a full field of 27 teams and 24 professional golfers who enjoyed favorable conditions and a course in excellent shape.

One of the day's most memorable performances came from McCook native Brandon Crick. Crick captured the Professional Division title, won the Ron Coleman Memorial Horse Race, recorded a hole-in-one on Hole No. 7, and set a new Heritage Hills course record with an impressive score of 11-under par.

The tournament's Flight Champions included Samway Floor Covering & Furniture in Flight 1, Pinnacle Bank in Flight 2, and Mechanical Sales in Flight 3. The annual Ron Coleman Memorial Horse Race once again provided an exciting finish to the day and drew a large crowd of spectators.

For 37 years, the Community Hospital Pro-Am has brought together individuals and businesses from across the region in support of the Community Hospital Health Foundation. Funds raised through the tournament help

advance the Foundation's mission of strengthening rural healthcare through support for patient services, technology, equipment, and initiatives that improve care close to home.

The Community Hospital Health Foundation extends its sincere appreciation to the players, sponsors, volunteers, Heritage Hills Golf Course staff, and community members whose support has contributed to the success and legacy of the Pro-Am.



Brandon Crick won the Professional Division, captured the Ron Coleman Memorial Horse Race title, recorded a hole-in-one, and set a new Heritage Hills course record during the 37th Annual Community Hospital Pro-Am.



Flight 1 Champions:
Samway Floor Covering & Furniture.



Flight 2 Champions: *Pinnacle Bank.*



Flight 3 Champions: *Mechanical Sales.*

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