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Celebrating National Nurses Week at Mission Hospital McDowell



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Rhonda Janes, a labor and delivery nurse at Mission Hospital McDowell, has been part of the McDowell team for nearly four years.



Katie Bomer, an emergency room nurse at Mission Hospital McDowell, sees the "power of nursing" not just in lifesaving interventions, but in the quiet moments that often go unnoticed.



Paula Moore, an acute-care nurse at Mission Hospital McDowell, brings 17 years of nursing experience to her role.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Mission Hospital McDowell is celebrating National Nurses Week by recognizing the compassion, skill and dedication of nurses who care for patients across the community.

As part of HCA Healthcare, nurses at Mission Hospital McDowell are supported by a broader network that provides access to clinical education, best practices and resources that help deliver high-quality, evidence-based care close to home, according to a news release from the hospital.

"Our nurses are the backbone of the care we provide," said Lee Higginbotham, CEO of Mission Hospital McDowell. "Their commitment to our patients and to one another is evident in every interaction, and we are proud to support them through the strength and resources of HCA Healthcare."

National Nurses Week is May 6-12.

This week, Mission Hospital McDowell is highlighting three nurses whose stories reflect the impact nurses across our hospital make every day in the lives of patients and families.

Rhonda Janes

Rhonda Janes, RN, a labor and delivery nurse at Mission Hospital McDowell, has been part of the McDowell team for nearly four years, bringing more than a decade of nursing experience to the Marion community she calls home. For Janes, nursing is not defined by a single moment, but by the collective impact of teamwork and compassion.

"It's hard to point to just one moment," she said. "But what stands out is when we come together as a team – whether it's helping save a life or supporting a memorable birth. Using our collective skills and working together to create the best possible outcome for our patients – that's powerful."

One patient experience has stayed with her over the years. She recalls caring for a mother whose baby faced significant medical challenges. Despite being given difficult options, the mother chose to carry her pregnancy forward, cherishing every moment she might have with her child. "Her strength and love were incredible," Janes said. "It still brings tears to my eyes. Moments like that stay with you forever."

Janes emphasizes that nursing goes far beyond clinical tasks. "We pour ourselves into our patients and their families," she said. She also credits her calling to a deeper source of purpose.

"For me, it comes from God," Janes said. "He gave me the ability and heart to care for others, and that guides me in the work I do every day."

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Quilted art on display

Historic Carson House to feature exhibit of vintage quilts, coverlets

HISTORIC CARSON HOUSE

Historic Carson House now has an exhibition of vintage quilts and coverlets.

Quilts

What exactly is a quilt? It is not a blanket nor is it an afghan. As a noun, a quilt is a bed coverlet of two layers of cloth filled with padding (such as down or batting) held in place by ties or stitched designs.

As a verb, to quilt means to fill, pad or line like a quilt, to stitch, sew, or cover with lines or patterns like those used in quilts or

to stitch (designs) through layers of cloth.

A short history of quilting: the stitching together of layers of fabric and padding may date back as far as 3400 B.C. For much of its history, quilting was primarily a practical technique to provide physical protection and insulation, according to a news release from

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