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BOTHWELL NAMES NURSE OF YEAR

SEDALIA, MO – Gwen Fields, a registered nurse in the Emergency Department, was named Bothwell Regional Health Center's 2014 Nurse of the Year during the annual Nurses Week Celebration held Monday, May 12. She was selected from among seven nurses nominated for the award by their peers.



Gwen Fields is congratulated by Kay McGraw, left, Emergency Department director, and Kami Parney, Emergency Department clinical coordinator, after being named Bothwell's 2014 Nurse of the Year.

According to her co-workers, Fields' mission is patient care. She is known for creating rapport with her patients so they are comfortable asking any questions any time. The family of a recent 7-year-old girl said Fields made them feel like they were her only patient when, in fact, the Emergency was very busy.

According to her written nomination "Fields takes her job seriously and is one of the best patient advocates I have ever met. She goes exceeds the standards."

Known as a "go to" person for her knowledge and helpfulness, Fields is a caring team player. She has established relationships with physicians and knows physician preferences when it comes to patient care.

Fields joined Bothwell's Emergency Department in 2007.

Other Nurse of the Year nominees were Julie Snow, a registered nurse in Orthopedics; Brenda Rowland, a registered nurse in Orthopedics; Rita Mergen, a licensed practical nurse in Quality Management; Kendra Baumgartner, a registered nurse in Labor & Delivery; MeLisa Balke, a licensed practical nurse in Cancer Care; and Cassie Kindle, a registered nurse on 2 North.

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