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BOTHWELL NAMES NURSE OF THE YEAR *Bothwell Foundation Awards Nursing Scholarship*

National Nurses Week commenced at Bothwell Regional Health Center on Wednesday, May 6, with Ashley Barnes, a registered nurse in the Pediatrics Unit being named the 2015 Nurse of the Year. The award was presented by Chief Nursing Officer Ginny Crow.

“Ashley is the epitome of an exceptional nurse,” Crow said. “She is extremely devoted to her patients and is accountable to her team.”

Barnes has worked at Bothwell since 2007. She was selected for the award from among 13 nurses who were nominated by their peers. The nominees included Margaret Benson RN, 2 Southwest Nursing Unit; Oksana Chobanu RN, 2 Southwest Nursing Unit; Christy Goalder RN, 2 Southwest Nursing Unit; Leah Hermanson RN, Critical Care Unit; Cassie Kindle RN, 2 North-Short Stay; Susan Lamb RN, 2 Southwest Nursing Unit; Stephanie Louiselle LPN, Cole Camp Clinic; Victoria Monath RN, Emergency Department; Mike Moulton CRNA, Anesthesia; Sonjia Sapp RN, Labor & Delivery and Emeline Schofield RN, Post Anesthesia Care Unit.

Activities for the kick-off reception to begin Nurses Week also included the presentation of a proclamation honoring nurses by Mayor Stephen Galliher. Cardiac Rehab nurse Cathy Korthas was selected as the winner of the essay contest “What Ethical Practice Means to Me.”

The Pat Gaunt Leadership in Nursing Scholarship, presented by the Bothwell Foundation, was awarded to Wendy Ellison, a registered nurse in the Nursery. Ellison, who is pursuing a master’s degree to become a family nurse practitioner, will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the Foundation.

The Leadership in Nursing Scholarship is made possible by a bequest from the estate of Patricia Gaunt, who was a registered nurse at Bothwell from 1969 until her retirement in 2001. Her bequest provides resources for other nurses to have the training they need to better serve the patients they care for each day.

“We are proud of our nurses and the work they do every day,” Crow said.
“Nurses Week celebrates the passion that nurses have for their profession and their dedication to serving the community.”

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Bothwell Regional Health Center is a 145-bed regional health center serving west-central Missouri with state-of-the-art technology and comprehensive health and wellness services including surgical, cancer, orthopedic, cardiovascular, women's health, and therapy services. For more information on Bothwell Regional Health Center and our services, visit the Web site at www.brhc.org or find us on Facebook.

Nurse of the Year cutline:

Chief Nursing Officer Ginny Crow, right, presents Ashley Barnes, with Bothwell's Nurse of the Year award during a reception held Wednesday in the Bothwell Café.

Pat Gaunt Scholarship Winner cutline:

Wendy Ellison, a registered nurse in the Nursery at Bothwell Regional Health Center, received the Pat Gaunt Leadership in Nursing Scholarship from the Bothwell Foundation.