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### Nurses honored during week of recognition



The hundreds of nurses that make Uniontown Hospital the local health care leader often work a thankless and demanding job.

But no matter how difficult a given situation might be, each and every nurse at Uniontown Hospital repeatedly puts the needs of their patients above all else. They play a pivotal role in providing the absolute best care for Fayette County.

In recognition of that commitment and in honor of National Nurses Week, May 6 through May 12, Uniontown Hospital will take time to recognize the differences being made by its nurses.

“I talk about how the hospital is blessed with a dedicated staff, and our nurses are the backbone of that commitment,” hospital CEO Steve Handy said.

“They put in long, difficult hours and often work with patients and families who are experiencing strife or fear. In those trying moments, it is their dedication to making a healthy difference and to being there for each and every person in need that stands out.”

Handy and other executive council members at the hospital are encouraging all staff members to take a moment and tell a nurse what a difference his or her commitment makes.

“Our nurses lead every day by example,” hospital Human Resources Executive Director, Christa Ebbert, said. “When there is a need, our nurses are there and they are willing to do what is necessary to provide the best care

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to our patients in what are often very trying circumstances. We are so thankful for all that they do.”

Executive Director of Nursing Services, Betty Ann Rock, agreed. She said that hospital nurses are consumed by their compassion and by their commitment to all their patients.

“We have a highly skilled and dedicated team of nurses that puts their patients at the top of their priority list every day,” Rock said. “They work extremely hard and their goodness and empathy shines through in all they do. Our community is so fortunate to have these wonderful professionals available for their care.”

Cindy Menarcheck, charge nurse at Uniontown Hospital’s Cardiac Diagnostic Department, said that in turn the hospital has helped to create an environment where nurses can thrive.

“In the long term years I have worked here, Uniontown Hospital has maintained the community-hospital atmosphere while expanding valuable services to provide care close to home,” Menarcheck said. “These many valuable services also provide the nurses here with the opportunity to choose to work in a medical setting appealing to their interest, or to acquire new skills in an area of interest to them. Working in an environment that fosters progressive services and values, encourages a genuine concern of caring for our community.”

National Nurses Week was first celebrated in 1954 and runs annually from May 6 through May 12, Florence Nightingale’s birthday.

