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Business Brief

Community Hospital Honors Longterm Employees

This spring, Carolee Soden, RN and Kathy Davis, RN are celebrating 40 years with Community Hospital. We would like to congratulate and thank them for giving their skills and intellect for four decades. Their compassion and dedication to patient care embody the culture of Community Hospital.



While attending Mesa College, Carolee Soden worked as a student nurse doing clinicals at Community Hospital. After graduation she moved to Denver, but she knew she wanted to work at Community.

On April 6, 1970, she started at Community Hospital making \$3.40/hour. "There was no orientation. You just hit the floor running," says Carolee.



Kathy Davis started her career with Community Hospital as a nurse on June 15, 1970.

Kathy along with Dr. Tom Wygant, an internal medicine doctor, opened the ICU at Community Hospital.

Kathy remembers Dr. Tom Wygant, an internal medicine doctor and a progressive thinker. He acted similarly to a hospitalist in that he spent most of his time at the hospital and would come in his pajamas in the middle of the night to help if needed. He believed nurses and doctors were a team, and constantly taught nurses how to do new procedures.

"He taught me more than I learned in school," says Kathy.

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