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Beaufort County Medical Center Celebrates Hospital Week Honors Retirees

(Washington, N.C.) – In celebration of National Hospital Week, Beaufort County Medical Center honored over 850 employees with several activities during the week of May 11-15. The festivities kicked off Tuesday at lunch with an eastern North Carolina style Pig Pickin' with all the fixin's.

On Thursday afternoon Chief Executive Officer Bill Bedsole recognized over 70 employees who have worked at for the hospital or health system for a milestone of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years. Mr. Bedsole also recognized thirteen employees who have retired in the past year – Betsy Hodges, Ella Harris, Jean Haywood, Jessica Van Essendelft, Betty Kirk, Stella Stancil, Lynette Lawrence, Deloris Gibbs, Shirley Lewis, Daphine Singleton, Barbara Phillips, Bryan Smithwick, and Carolyn Tavares.

After the employee recognition ceremony, Bedsole announced the winners of its annual dessert contest that was judged earlier in the day by Dr. Jay Manning, Dr. Melissa Cinocca and Dr. Brian Miller. They sampled over 20 desserts before determining the winners.

1st Place in presentation went to Lynette Simpson with a beautifully decorated Fairy cake and 2nd place went to Karla Wilkins for her "Summer Friends" cookies display. 1st place in the cake category went to Donna Hardy with a Hummingbird Cake, 2nd to Mary Lovenberg for a Carrot Cake and 3rd place to Eloise Wood for her Sweet Potato Cake. Amanda Kinsch placed first in the cookies/pies/miscellaneous category for Lemon Bars, 2nd place went to Bonnie Landeck with "Puttin" on the Ritz" and 3rd place to Nancy Haddock for Turtle Candy.

National Hospital Week dates back to 1921 when a magazine editor suggested a community-wide celebration in hopes that it would alleviate public fears about healthcare facilities. The idea caught on and today National Hospital Week is the nation's largest annual health care event.

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