

# Employee Spotlight

## Jean Gratz

Jean Gratz has come a long way since she began her nursing career at Memorial Hospital of LaFayette County. Today, we show our appreciation for all of her contributions here at Galena-Stauss Hospital & Healthcare Center by naming her Employee of the Month.

Every workday, Jean can be found laboring diligently in the ER assisting doctors with their procedures. Though the ER is a high stress environment, Jean enjoys the exciting and unpredictable nature of her job.

Jean makes outstanding efforts to provide personal attention to her patients, while they are under her care, and sometimes they express their gratitude in memorable ways. Jean recalls a particular patient that her and other staff members "spent a lot of time with...while he was waiting for a bed in a nursing home. We talked about hunting and fishing a lot." Before the patient left, he showed his appreciation by teaching Jean and her children how to skin a squirrel. Jean's extraordinary service to that patient earned her an extraordinary experience.



As much as she enjoys caring for her patients, though, Jean ultimately finds it much more satisfying to see her patients be able to resume their lives. When asked what makes her job rewarding, Jean said honestly, "Helping people get better and go home."

When Jean isn't caring for her patients, she is often outdoors. Some of her favorite activities include gardening, hunting, fishing, camping, and quilting.



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