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NEW NURSES OFF TO A GOOD START

Madison Rike, RN

"Everyone has been so welcoming and nice. It feels like a family here. They are genuinely caring," said Madison Rike, a registered nurse who joined Mercy Health/Love County in June.

She is serving in the emergency room and, in her off hours, pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing from Texas Tech University. She earned an associate degree in nursing in 2017 from Collin College in her hometown of McKinney, TX.

Rike is her family's third generation of professional nurses (mom Wendy Rush is one of the hospital's school nurses in Love County schools) and she is keenly aware of how knowledge and responsibilities have grown. "You always have to be learning. I would like to continue along the path of higher education to become a nurse practitioner or a teacher of patient care to nurses," she said.

Rike's hobby is playing the piano. She took voice lessons during high school and sang Italian operas.



Madison Rike, RN

Milee Walters, LPN

As a medication nurse, Walters visits the bedside of every hospital patient several times through the day, and that makes her very happy in her work.

"I like to visit with people. Especially first thing in the morning, when they are waking up and receiving their first meds, I want to set a good tone for their day and brighten their spirits.

"I ask them about their pain level or concerns and let them know they're not alone. I love my work for the chance to make somebody's life better."

Walters joined the hospital in November 2017 with 20 years of licensed practical nursing experience in Ardmore and her home state of Illinois.

Her hobby is fishing and camping with her family at Lake Texoma.



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