

HIGHLAND DISTRICT HOSPITAL

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Dr. L. R. Welder Retiring After 34 Years of Service



Hillsboro, Ohio – December 20, 2018 Highland District Hospital is proud to celebrate the career of long-time, trusted general surgeon Dr. L. R. Welder who joined Highland District Hospital and Family Medical Center, the practice of Dr. David Ayres, in 1984, after finishing her residency. In 1991, she joined with East Surgical Group, where she continued serving Highland County and the surrounding communities in Adams, Brown, and Clermont counties for 34 years. In 2018, Dr. Craig McKinney joined Dr. Welder forming Surgical Associates of Highland County. Dr. Welder and her husband, Lanny Saunders, made Hillsboro their home, raising two sons, Justin and Jared Saunders. “Although I am looking forward to retirement, I will greatly miss the hospital staff and my office staff,” stated Welder.

Dr. Welder graduated from Duke University with her undergraduate degree, and completed her Medical Degree from the University of Pittsburgh. She has served as the Chief of Staff for the Highland District Hospital Medical Staff Executive Committee, and currently serves as the Chief of Surgery. “Dr. Welder has been a steadfast and faithful anchor to the Highland District Hospital Medical Staff and its executive committees. Her dedication and contributions to this hospital, its medical staff, and the community could not be more admirable,” stated Julie Karnes, Highland District Hospital Chief of Staff. Dr. Welder’s term as Chief of Surgery will end on December 31, 2018, with Dr. Craig McKinney replacing her seat until the newly elected Chief takes office on July 1, 2019. “I am glad that we found Dr. McKinney to take over my practice. Not only is he a talented surgeon, but patients and personnel love him,” Welder commented. The Highland District Hospital Board of Governors, Medical Staff, Leadership Team, and employees thank her for her dedication to the organization and offer best wishes in her retirement.