

# Scenic Mountain Medical Center CNO earns PhD

## Special to the Herald

Scenic Mountain Medical Center has announced that Judy Roever, chief nursing officer, has completed the doctorate of nursing practice program at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing.

Dr. Roever received her degree at graduation ceremonies held the weekend of May 22 in Lubbock.

Judy began her career in health care as an EMT.

After graduating summa cum laude from the associate in nursing program at Howard College and receiving her RN license in 1994, Judy worked in the emergency department at Scenic Mountain.

She served in the ED

as a charge nurse for five years and then as director another five.

“I decided it was time to go back and renew my interest in education,” she said.

She first completed the BSN program at Tech.

“It was such a wonderful experience that I decided to go on and pursue my masters in nursing with a focus on executive leadership.”

Judy was named interim CNO in 2005 and completed her MSN and accepted the CNO position in 2006.

When TTUHSC implemented the highly selective doctorate of nursing practice program in 2007, Dr. Roever was accepted to the school’s first class and considered it “one of the greatest honors that had been bestowed upon me.”



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**Bobby Roever and SMMC CNO, Dr. Judy Roever pose before graduation exercises at Texas Tech. Judy completed the doctorate of nursing practice program this spring.**