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Sturdy opens new nursing unit

Facility
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Balfour

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ATTLEBORO — Sturdy Memorial Hospital has opened a new 20-bed nursing unit on the second floor of the Augat Foundation Patient Services Building.

Hospital spokeswoman Kathi Hague said the McCann Nurs-

ing Unit, which is comprised of all private rooms, opened ahead of schedule in late December because of a need for rooms to serve a high volume of patients.

It had been scheduled to open sometime this month.

The new medical-surgical unit is named for Mildred McCann Balfour, the second wife of famed jew-

elry manufacturer Lloyd G. Balfour. L.G. Balfour has a different wing in the hospital named in his memory.

Naming rights were awarded to the L.G. Balfour Foundation, which presented the hospital with a \$500,000 grant for modernization and aesthetic improvements at the hospital.

The new patient rooms are above the hospital cafeteria.

The second floor of the Augat building, built in 2005, originally had been left vacant to accommodate future expansion needs.

The building also houses another medical-surgical unit, along with laboratory, clinic and office space.