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"Sinful," says Ted Purdy (right), the new Sullivan County Health Care administrator, of the homemade brownies baked by Becky Trudelle (left), director of nursing at the facility. Between them, unit manager Betty Fay prepares to try one of the brownies for herself. Officially introduced last week as the new administrator, Purdy got to meet and talk with his department heads over lunch at the Sullivan County Complex in Unity Thursday.

Nursing home has new administrator

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Newly hired Sullivan County Health Care Administrator Ted Purdy thinks the care residents received at the facility is nothing short of the best.

Unity "The quality of care here is excellent," Purdy said. "Our quality indicators are excellent."

Purdy started in his new position Tuesday and brings more than 19 years of experience in the health care field with him. Most recently he was the administrator of a health care facility in Manchester for the past five years.

Purdy, who is originally from Maine, said he chose to make

the move to Sullivan County because of his love of the area and the professional opportunities afforded to him.

"It's a really good opportunity," Purdy said. "This is a nice facility with quality staff."

Purdy graduated from the College of William and Mary in Virginia and did his graduate work at Northwestern University. He lives in Manchester but plans to permanently relocate to Sullivan County.

"I really love the area," Purdy said. "I'm looking forward to getting to know the community and meet the needs of the residents of Sullivan County."

Purdy said his initial plans for the nursing facility are to

evaluate the operation and see what works and what needs attention.

"I've been meeting with the staff and residents," Purdy said. "I like to get a feel for the place."

Purdy had lunch with facility department heads Thursday afternoon where he introduced himself. He said he would also like to meet members of the public who are interested in the operations at the nursing home.

"Come and see us and have the opportunity to see what we're all about," Purdy said. "We do a thousand things right every day."

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