Physicians Join SJMH Medical Staff

Sharrell Gibson, M.D.

Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital is pleased to announce the addition of three new physicians to its medical staff.

Obstetrician/gynecologist Sharrell Gibson, M.D., began work at Mountaineer Healthcare for Women in the summer. Orthopedic surgeons Shafic Sraj, M.D., and Doyle R. Sickles, M.D., joined Weston Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Center in the fall.

SHARRELL GIBSON, M.D.

Sharrell Gibson, M.D. knows that training to become a medical doctor takes years of schooling, but the inspiration for that career can start much earlier.

“When I was three years old, I began to tell people that I was going to be a doctor,” she explained. “I had asthma and visited the family doctor two or three times a week. That was the beginning of my desire to go into medicine. As I got older, people would remind me of what I had said as a three-year-old.”

Gibson attended Saint Augustine College in the Bahamas. She received a BA in Biology from Caldwell College in New Jersey. Her medical degree was obtained at St. George’s University in Grenada, West Indies. She participated in clinical clerkships at St. Barnabas Hospital in Livingston, NJ, and Metropolitan Hospital, Harlem, NY.

“Unlike going through medical school in the United States, our system in the Bahamas requires a student to obtain a medical degree at a school and then doing clinical clerkships. The clerkships might be called clinical rotations here,” she explained.

She received a full scholarship to college. In medical school, an academic scholarship paid for half of her education and a tennis scholarship paid for the rest.

Her original goal was to go into cardiology as a specialty but her mind changed during clinical rotations.

“I was at St. Barnabas Hospital for my first clerkship, and during my work in OB, my mind changed completely about what I wanted to do. I delivered my first baby the fifth day there and felt that women’s medicine was my home,” she explained.

She performed her residency in obstetrics/gynecology at Spectrum Health Grand Rapids Medical Education and Research Center in Michigan.

While working in Michigan she met her husband, Stephen Kooistra, a toolmaker in the auto industry. The couple has a baby girl – Sydney Paige.

She and her husband are delighted to be here.

“A recruiter had sent me information about this hospital. So I followed up and talked to the associate administrator, Avah Stalnaker. I got a great feeling from our conversation. I have always been one to follow my heart, so
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after a little research, I knew that this was the place to come,” she said.

“The people are very warm and nice,” added her husband, “and the scenery is just beautiful. It will be a great place for our family – no hustle or bustle.”

The couple plans on doing a lot of hiking and camping and there is no better place than West Virginia.

“We want to start our daughter early on enjoying the great outdoors,” said Gibson. “This will be a good location for that.”

SHAFIC SRAJ, M.D.
Orthopedic surgeon Dr. Shafic Sraj joined the practice of Weston Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Clinic in Weston on Sept. 20.

He and his wife, Marwa Beydoun Sraj, live at Jane Lew and have two little boys, Karim and Rayan. His parents, Abdullah and Marian Sraj, live in Beirut, Lebanon.

Dr. Sraj’s inspiration for a medical career was set by his parents.

“My parents had five children, so they decided that I should be the physician in the family. There was no arguing on this issue. Apparently, they chose correctly and it is fortunate that I had the talents to complete my education in medicine,” he said.

Choosing his specialty was easy for him.

“I love being able to ‘fix’ people,” he explained. “Combined with my desire to use my hands and to use tools, well, orthopedic surgery was the logical choice for me.”

Dr. Sraj has worked in just about all areas of orthopedic surgery, but his favorite is arthroscopic surgery. This procedure allows the surgeon to see, diagnose, and treat problems inside a joint. An arthroscopy procedure requires only small incisions and is guided by a miniature-viewing instrument.

Dr. Sraj prefers it because it is minimally invasive, with a smaller incision. It also allows faster rehabilitation for the patient.

Dr. Sraj has an impressive background in the orthopedic field, completing three fellowships in the specialty. He completed one in hand surgery at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX; another in orthopedic sports medicine at Penn State University Hershey Medical Center, State College, PA; and the last in orthopedic hand and upper extremity at Cleveland Metrohealth Medical Center and the Cleveland Clinic/Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH.

During his sports medicine fellowship, he worked with the football players at Penn State University. He had the opportunity to be on the field with the team during games. “That was quite the experience,” he said.

During his training, he was involved with some incredible patient injuries.

“When I was working at Baylor, in Texas, there was one patient who lost his arms in a trash dumpster accident. We had a double team on it, and in a twelve-hour surgery, we were able to reattach his arms. I have also dealt with lawn mower hand injuries and snow blower injuries. I have seen quite a few horrific injuries that could be fixed by an orthopedic surgeon,” he concluded.

His residency was at American University of Beirut Medical Center, Beirut, Lebanon. His medical degree and undergraduate degree in biology are from American University, also. He has authored fifteen articles on a variety of issues in orthopedic surgery.

DOYLE R. SICKLES, M.D.
Dr. Doyle R. Sickles recently joined Weston Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Clinic.

Associate Administrator at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital Avah Stalnaker noted the hospital is pleased to be able to bring the orthopedist to the local community.

“Dr. Sickles is a well-established and respected orthopedic surgeon, who is moving his practice to this area to care for patients from the entire North Central West Virginia area. He welcomes his old patients and certainly looks forward to seeing new faces,” she commented.

Dr. Sickles noted, “I am excited to join this office and resume my orthopedic career.”

He is not the only person excited about his addition to the staff at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Weston resident and former patient Harley Brannon is also happy to see the orthopedic surgeon practicing here.

“This man is so completely dedicated to his patients. He is just a wonderful person who always wanted to make sure that he saw his patients at least twice a day. He would work late and be up early… I just don’t know when he slept, but I can say that he is a very, very dedicated doctor,” said Brannon.

Dr. Sickles is married to Beth Walker Sickles. The couple has three children – Russell Sickles, a career counselor; and Amy Kneller and Kimberly Horne, both occupational therapists. Dr. and Mrs. Sickles have four grandchildren: Violet Sickles, Phoenix Sickles, Bodhi Sickles, and Landon Kneller.

Dr. Sickles graduated from Bridgeport High School and then attended West Virginia University to attain a math degree.

“My father-in-law, Dr. William N. Walker, is an anesthesiologist, who encouraged me to try medicine. I was fortunate to have applied and been accepted at the WVU Medical School at that time,” he explained. “Then, during my rotations, I fell in love with orthopedics. I was taking care of injured patients and really loving it. It is one specialty that you can truly help improve a person’s life and ability to function in life.”

At WVU, he spent a year in anesthesiology, eight months in general surgery, and four years in orthopedic surgery. He practiced in the Clarksburg area for 22 years.

His special interest is in total hip and total knee replacement. Over the years, he has seen positive changes in the field.

“I have found that the techniques used in orthopedics have improved but the materials and devices used in orthopedics have improved significantly. For example, total joint implant longevity has doubled, and in some cases tripled, in the length of time they can survive from when I was a resident,” he said.

Dr. Sickles is the son of Gillian and the late Halden Sickles of Bridgeport.

He enjoys his family and especially caring for his grandchildren.
Diana Daugherty is Audiologist Here

Dr. Diana L. Daugherty is the new audiologist at Weston Ear, Nose, and Throat/ Weston Audiology on Center Avenue, Weston.

Daugherty became interested in the field of audiology because of a personal story. “My grandfather struggled with hearing loss as a result of 44 years of employment in the West Virginia coal mines and his service in the U.S. Army during World War II. As a result of his noise exposure, he developed a hearing loss. I wanted to learn how to help him and people like him,” she said.

While she enjoys all aspects of the field of audiology, there are a few areas of particular interest, including hearing conservation and fitting hearing aids. “I am especially interested in working with people who have had noise exposure, like my grandfather. In West Virginia, many people have occupations which expose them to hazardous noise levels on a daily basis. I want to be a resource for the community and my patients on how to preserve their hearing, and if they suffer from hearing loss, what can be done to help them to retain normal communication with family and friends,” she explained. Daugherty enjoys working with patients of all ages, from pediatric through geriatric.

Daugherty is a Clarksburg native and graduate of Liberty High School. She graduated in 2006 from West Virginia University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology. She went on to obtain her Doctorate in Audiology in 2010, also from WVU. Daugherty completed several clinical rotations in Ear, Nose, and Throat clinics and private audiology practices throughout southern Pennsylvania and northern West Virginia. She completed her residency at River Cities Ear, Nose, and Throat Specialists in Huntington, WV.

In her spare time, she enjoys reading and spending time with her family. Dr. Daugherty is very excited to be back in this area and providing a much-needed service to the community.

2009 Employee of the Year

Ronda Brown was named 2009 Employee of the Year. She is pictured above, on the left, with SJMH Associate Administrator Avah Stalnaker, who gave the award during the Awards Dinner in April 2010.

Former SJMH Employee Passes Away

SJMH employees were saddened by the passing of Susan Scott. Susan worked in Human Resources and at SJ Home Care, leaving here in the late 1990s. Her obituary follows.

Susan Ann Westfall Scott, 73, of Exchange, passed away Monday, January 10, 2011.

Susan was retired from Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital with 30 years of service. She was currently working for the Senior Community Service program.

In addition to her parents, Susan was preceded in death by her brothers, Forrest and Melvin Westfall.

Susan is survived by her son, David Alan Scott (Gail), grandson, Justin Brett Scott, granddaughter, Kristin Grey Scott, (fiancé, Daniel Hollingsworth), all of Lithia Springs, Ga.; three great-grandchildren, Scarlett Renee Fall Scott, Danna Ann Scott and son Scott Hollingsworth; brother, James Westfall of Exchange; sisters-in-law, Yvonda M. Shaver Westfall of Atwater, Ohio, and Ann (Scott) Wingo of Pensacola, Fla.; and brother-in-law, Hop (Marge) Scott of Ohio.

Funeral service were held Mon., Jan. 17, 2011, at Stockert-Sizemore Funeral Home in Flatwoods, with the Rev. Vaughn James officiating. Burial was in Westfall Cemetery at Exchange.

In lieu of flowers, send memorial gifts to the Westfall Memorial Park Cemetery Fund, 2363 Scotts Fork Road, Exchange, WV 26619.
SJMH Children’s Christmas Party

Pictured clockwise starting at top left: Tonya and Zane Stewart; Brandie, Brady and Dawson James; Tina and Catherine Conrad and Meghan Rhoades; Brenda Stewart, Sydney and Adrian Skinner; Margaret Blake, Samantha McCool, Blake Francis, Theresa Francis; Betty Brown and Ivory Bross; and Angela, Hannah and Gracie Boyles.
PAs Helping to Curb Wait Times at SJMH

The administration at SJMH has added three physician assistants (PA) to help alleviate the waiting time for Emergency Department (ED) patients. In addition to an ED physician on staff 24 hours a day, seven days a week, the physician assistants are available 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. The PA can provide services to the patient which might otherwise be performed by a physician.

Ginger Boles, MS PA-C, is the newest of the physician assistants.

“I just love working at this hospital. I feel that it is a wonderful community hospital with wonderful patients, wonderful staff, and wonderful physicians,” she commented.

Boles lives at Bridgeport with her husband, Tim, a data base architect for Lockheed Martin. The couple has two children – Zachary and Tamara. Ginger is originally from Charleston and graduated from Herbert Hoover High School. Her parents, George and Pat Cumberledge, live at Horner.

The second PA-C to join the SJMH staff is Jenna Irene Ray Ward, a recent graduate of Alderson-Broaddus’ physician assistants program. She is originally from Connecticut but her family moved to West Virginia about 2003. Her parents, David and Laura Ray, live at Wallace.

She graduated from Liberty High School.

“When I was in high school, I was a big science nerd… I loved chemistry, math and the other sciences. That is where I began thinking about going into the medical field,” she explained.

She has an associate degree in Natural Science. She received her bachelor’s in Health Science in 2009. Jenna received her master’s in Physician Assistant Studies in 2010.

Jenna is so interested in biology that she traveled to South Africa to study the science.

“We learned about the impact of the environment on humans, and vice versa. More importantly, I learned the need for rural healthcare around the world, as well as in rural West Virginia. That is why I did my rotations in the southern part of West Virginia during college,” she said.

She had memorable experiences in Africa, including bush walks and night drives.

“Once, when six of us were piled into an open-air Jeep, we came upon a pride of lions. They just looked at us. Our guide explained that they wouldn’t bother us because they thought we were one large animal… but if any one of us would have gotten out of the vehicle, the lions would have become much more interested,” she noted.

One of the electives she chose was cardiac thoracic surgery, which she studied at Morgantown, but she says that she really has a love of emergency room work.

“I just love the ER setting because it is so fast-paced. This is very hands-on and gives me a great opportunity to interact with the patients,” she concluded.

She lives at Buckhannon and recently married Samuel Ward II.

Physician assistant Mark Harris has been working as an SJMH PA-C since June 2009.

“I really enjoy the work in the Emergency Department. I love the pace and variety; plus, there are always interesting cases,” said Harris.

Harris is a graduate of Philip Barbour High School. He graduated from Marshall University in cytotechnology and worked at Lab Corps for several years before going back to school. After deciding to pursue a master’s in Physician Assistant Studies, he chose to attend Alderson-Broaddus College.

“I always had an interest in science and the health profession,” he explained. “But my brother, Stephen, is a physician assistant and he is the one who got me interested in the field.”

Harris lives at Philippi on a small farm with his wife, Sarah, a middle school math and science teacher, and the couple’s son, Slaton. His parents are George and Linda Harris of Belington.

In his spare time, he enjoys fishing and golfing.

He was recently named Employee of the Month for October 2010 at the hospital.
**Vickie Hibbs is March Choice for Honor**

Vickie Hibbs, of Materials Management, was chosen as the Employee of the Month for March 2010 at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital. She began work here in September 2007 in the Housekeeping Department.

Vickie is a Lewis County native and graduate of Lewis County High School. She is married to Steve, who works for Weston Transfer. The couple has two children, Melanie, who works at SJMH, and James, a student at Peterson-Central. Her parents are Opal Moon and Cleo Queen of Weston. She also has a sister, Sherri Moore, of Weston.

Three nursing supervisors signed her nomination.

They wrote, “Vickie is a very hard-working individual who takes great pride in her work. She is pleasant to work with and willing to take the time to listen to your departmental needs and reasoning behind it. Vickie has great initiative, follows through, and works as a team player. She takes the time and puts forth the effort to assist the departments with supply and organization issues that many times had been neglected in the past. Vickie is very proficient and respectful to all. She is a pleasure to work with and a true asset to the hospital.”

**April Employee Selection is Jerene Sprouse**

Nursing employee Jerene Sprouse was selected as Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital’s Employee of the Month for April 2010. She began employment at the Hospital in February 2006 as a CNA.

Jerene had several nominations for this honor.

The first nominator wrote: “Jerene is a hard worker. She is very pleasant with the patients and her co-workers. She lends a helping hand where needed. She goes above and beyond the call of her duties. She is always smiling and friendly. One patient commented that Jerene makes her patients feel welcome and not a bother. There is a need for more like her.”

The second nominator noted, “Jerene is always smiling and speaks to everyone. She enjoys her job here and always helps wherever she is needed. She is a very hard worker. She rarely calls off and deserves Employee of the Month.”

Jerene is a Lewis County native and graduate of Lewis County High School. She is the daughter of Ruhamah Woodson and the late Robert Woodson, of Weston.

She is married to Gary Sprouse and the couple has two children – Jennifer and Gary Allen. They also have two grandsons – Julius Church and Latrelle Jones.

In her spare time, Jerene enjoys crafts and spending time with her family.
May Choice is Maintenance’s Dennis Marple

Dennis Marple, of the Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital Maintenance Department, was chosen as the May 2010 Employee of the Month. He began his employment at SJMH in July 1977 in the Housekeeping Department. He then went to the Maintenance Department in 1980.

Dennis is married to Joyce and the couple has twin children, Dennis, a student at Marshall University, and Deanna, a student at Fairmont State University.

His parents are the late Harley and Minnie Marple of Weston.

Dennis’ nominator was very complimentary of his work ethic.

“Dennis is one of those employees who accomplishes a lot with little fanfare. He has repaired numerous valves, air handlers, piping systems and plumbing items throughout the hospital. Once he starts a major project, he will work tirelessly to finish the job as safely and quickly as possible so as to provide the least impact on patients and staff. When Dennis performs the Service Response Duties, he always finds things to repair that others may have overlooked. Dennis has worked many hours to help with snow removal. He never once said he wasn’t available to help,” the nominator wrote.

Dennis was complimentary of the Hospital and noted that he loves and enjoys his work.

“I work with the AC and other mechanical stuff and I like helping people out. It is enjoyable to be able to interact with the patients here,” he said.

Dennis enjoys the outdoors, especially hunting.

Jody Linger is Chosen as June Employee

Jody Linger, of SJMH’s Business Office, was selected as Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital’s Employee of the Month for June 2010. She began work at SJMH in 2001. Her first job was in Registration, and she then moved to the Business Office.

She and her husband, James, live at Jane Lew. He works for Davis H. Elliott as a power-line foreman. The couple has two children – Seth Crouse and Jacob Crouse. She has two stepdaughters, Autumn and Andrea Linger.

Jody is originally from Illinois, and she graduated from Red Bud High School there. She is the daughter of Sandra and Richard Cogar.

Jody’s nominator wrote, “Jody is very caring about her work and always nice to fellow employees and patients. She is always willing to help out in the office when someone needs time off or just help in getting things done. She is very dependable.”

Her supervisor, Dodie Arbogast, added, “Jody is an excellent and dependable employee. She is a problem solver and not a complainer.”

Jody is pleased with her nomination and said, “I love the people I work with.”

She and her family enjoy boating and four-wheeling.
Lab’s Carla McVay Chosen as July Honoree

Carla McVay, of the Laboratory, was selected as the Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital (SJMH) Employee of the Month for July 2010. Carla is a lifelong resident of Lewis County. She is the daughter of Martha and Carl Burkhammer of Weston. She has three children - Robert Barnette, Crystal Barnette, and Courtney McVay. She also has a granddaughter, Raelynn Heath.

Carla is a Lewis County High School graduate. She received her lab training from OIC Training Academy in Fairmont. She began work at SJMH in March 2009.

“I like this work quite well,” Carla commented. “I love the people I work with and we just have a great time.”

Carla’s nominator was very complimentary of her and wrote, “Carla is always very helpful and will work for others when emergency situations come up. Carla always brings a positive attitude and makes the workday less stressful. She is someone who is eager to help and answer any questions one may have. Carla is always very personable and friendly to patients and their families.”

In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her children, shopping and going to the movies.

Debbie Orsburn is Selected for August

Debbie Orsburn, from Mountaineer Healthcare for Women, was selected as the Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital Employee of the Month for August 2010.

Debbie’s nominator was very complimentary of Debbie’s work and wrote, “In an effort to train new staff members, Debbie took it upon herself to prepare a complete Standard Operating Procedures Manual for the OB clinics. This will be used in both OB offices, ensuring that each employee has a reference for the many procedures occurring in those clinics.”

The nominator continued, “Debbie is very dependable and demonstrates great organizational skills. She is more than willing to do what is asked of her and attends to her duties in a timely fashion. She is very familiar with policy and procedures and adheres to those guidelines. Debbie is a real team player.”

Debbie was equally complimentary and noted that she is delighted to work with the staff at Mountaineer Healthcare for Women.

“I love working with these doctors. We have a real team effort. Seeing these wonderful little babies makes the job that much more enjoyable. We also have a wonderful supervisor in Jeanie Hart. We all work together very well,” she concluded.

She is the daughter of Avandelene and the late Oliver Cornell, of Buckhannon. She was married to the late Victor Snyder, with whom she had two children – Jennifer Snyder Boggs and Bryan Snyder, both of Buckhannon. He passed away in 1990 and she married Tim Orsburn in 1996. The couple lives in Buckhannon. They have four granddaughters – Emily, Kayla, Sara and Jesse Boggs.

Debbie received a medical secretarial degree from West Virginia Junior College and has worked for Dr. Steven Cirelli and Dr. Roger Pons. She began work at Mountaineer Healthcare for Women in 2002.

In her spare time, Debbie raises flowers, decorates cakes, reads, and spends time with her granddaughters.
Tammy Hawkins Chosen in September

Tammy Hawkins, from Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital’s Registration Department, was selected as Employee of the Month for September 2010.

She is a Lewis County resident and has worked at SJMH since May 2007. She is a graduate of Buckhannon-Upshur High School. Her parents are Janet and Gene Black of Upshur County. She has two sons, David and Nicholas Hawkins. She is the proud grandmother to Emma Hawkins and Matthew Hawkins. Her significant other is William Roberts.

Tammy’s nominators were very complimentary about the Employee of the Month and one wrote, “Tammy is hard-working and has a great work ethic, always working to get as much done during her shift as possible.”

Another nominator wrote, “Tammy is always eager to help any department, not just her own. She is definitely deserving of this honor.”

Tammy was also complimentary of her co-workers and said, “I love it here. I love the people here and I have good friends in every department.”

Nat Auivil Chosen for SJMH October Honor

Nat Auivil, RN, from Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital’s Special Delivery Birthing Unit, was selected Employee of the Month for October 2010.

She is a resident of Buckhannon and has worked at SJMH since April 1980. She is a graduate of St. Albans High School. Her parents are Harold and Freda Burgess of Kanawha County. She has one son, Lindon, and one daughter, Emily. She is the proud grandmother to McKalyn, Faith, and Aydan.

Nat received her BSN from Alderson-Broaddus College in Philippi. She also has a B.A. from Salem University in elementary education and a master’s in special education from WVU. Nat also worked as an elementary special education teacher in both Lewis and Upshur counties.

Nat’s nominators were very complimentary and wrote, “Nat Auivil should be recognized for Employee of the Month because of her loving nature. Nat is a caring and compassionate person who will give you the shirt off her back without hesitation. She is not only an amazing person to work with, but she treats her patients as if they are part of her family. She provides the utmost care to ensure that their labor and delivery experience is something that the patients can look back on with fond memories.”

“Nat is a joy to work with. She is always there with a kind word and to encourage you when you need it. She will go out of her way to cover shifts if we are short-staffed or if someone needs a day off. Nat calls to check on us at home if we are sick or have a family member that is sick to make sure we are doing okay and see if there is anything she can do. She is genuine with a wonderful heart that continues to give to us and to her patients. Nat is the kind of person and the kind of nurse we should all strive to be. Nat is like a mother to all of us and we are lucky to be part of her family. We think that Employee of the Month would be a small way for us to show her our appreciation and let her know what a wonderful person and inspiration she is to all of us.”
Sally Frazee Retires After Nine Years at SJMH

Sally Frazee, a CNA in the SJMH Telemetry Unit, retired this past summer after nine years at SJMH. She was honored with a reception on Aug. 13, 2010. It was also her son Rick’s birthday.

She began work here in June 2001 after completing nursing training at the Lewis County Senior Center. For more than two decades she cut glass for several local glass manufacturers.

While here at SJMH, Sally was selected as Employee of the Month in November 2008. Sally’s nominator was very complimentary of her.

The nominator wrote, “Sally is a great person. She always has a smile and makes patients and employees feel welcome in our hospital. I never have to ask her for anything twice...that is even if I have to ask at all. Sally is a valued member of our hospital and deserves to be rewarded!”

Sally was born in Confluence, PA. She graduated from high school in Akron, OH, but became a true Mountaineer when she moved to West Virginia in 1967.

She has three children – Rick, an SJMH radiology technologist, Cindy Gibson, and Rex. She also has three grandchildren – the late Tesla Gibson, Austin Thomason, and Caleb Gibson.

Now that she is retired, Sally said that she has caught up on her cleaning. She still enjoys visiting the girls at SJMH, and watching a lot of football. The extra time also gives her the opportunity to help her neighbors.

Sally really enjoyed her work at SJMH and, more importantly, the staff and patients loved Sally.

“I met a lot of wonderful people. Former patients and family members come up to me and tell me how much they appreciated my work. That makes me feel good. I truly loved everybody at SJMH,” she said.

Her extracurricular activities include enjoying her grandchildren, NASCAR, fishing, and football.

Our sincere condolences to these members of our SJMH family on their losses:

Donna McCue on the passing of her father;
Dodie Arbogast on the passing of her sister-in-law;
Cheryl Warner on the passing of her half brother and his wife;
Julia Spelsberg on the passing of her brother-in-law;
Kim Flesher on the passing of her mother;
Tiffany Lowther on the passing of her grandfather;
Sherry Peters on the passing of her grandmother;
Jerene Sprouse on the passing of her mother;
Jean Bennett on the passing of her great-granddaughter;
Jeanie Hart on the passing of her stepson;
Leslie Sprouse on the passing of her mother;
Ashton Carder on the passing of her grandmother;
Kathy Marsh on the passing of her father-in-law;
Jack Marcum on the passing of his sister;
Tina Burnside on the passing of her grandfather;
Debbie Gum on the passing of her ex-husband;
Debbie Heater on the passing of her father-in-law;
Ellen Ketron on the passing of her brother;
Crystal Frazier on the passing of her grandmother;
Trish Lowther on the passing of her sister-in-law;
and Jimmy and Joe Lattea on the passing of their grandmother.

We offer you our sympathy.
Dot Butler Retires After Career at Home Care

Helen “Dot” Butler, of Stonewall Jackson Home Care, retired after spending thirteen years with the local home care agency. She was honored with a luncheon reception at the Hospital on Wed., May 5.

She received a number of gifts from co-workers and family members. Butler was appreciative of her time at Home Care.

“I have really enjoyed my work both here and at Home Care. The folks at Home Care have always been very kind and supportive of me, including Jane and Joe, Laura and Charlene. I couldn’t have asked for more,” she said.

She also retired in 2004 from William R. Sharpe Hospital with thirteen years of service. Butler said that she has worked in healthcare her entire career, including a time at Crestview. She obtained her CNA license in the early 1990s.

She hasn’t given up working though. “I have retired twice, but I still do private duty nursing,” she explained. “I love working with the sick and elderly...it is my calling.” She was married to Butch Butler, who passed away in 1990. She is the daughter of the late Stella and Lawrence McHenry of Lewis County. She is a graduate of Weston High School, Class of 1961.

Helen is the proud mother of five daughters: Debbie and Ronnie Radcliff, Carol and Lane Snyder, Pam and Stanley Lewis, Brenda Crites, and Linda and Doug Marsh. She also raised her nephew, David McHenry. She has several grandchildren, including Amy Radcliff Smith, Bill Snyder, Kayla Bonnell, Wes Marsh, Nathan and Branson Crites, Kelsey Snyder, and Amy Arbogast. Her great-grandchildren are: Jared Snyder, Tyler Smith, Kyle Smith, and Malaki Arbogast. In her spare time, she enjoys camping, reading, cooking and visiting the Amish Country.

Pictured above, left to right, are Kayla Bonnell, Dot Butler, Carol Snyder, and in the back, Pam Lewis.

A Note Of Thanks

The SJMH Dietary Dept. sent a piece of pie and cake to Janet and Chick Lockard on the occasion of their 20th anniversary while Chick was here in the hospital. The department sent Chick the angel food cake and Janet got the piece of pie. Four of the employees brought the surprise desserts. So Janet wanted everyone to know how sweet it was.

Wedding Bells

Jennifer Renee Wilfong and Michael Chad Toms wish to proudly announce their marriage on July 16, 2010. Jennifer is a registered pharmacy technician at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital. She is the proud mother of one son, Dakota Wilfong. Chad is an equipment/dozer operator and the proud father of two sons, Trenton and Daylin Toms. The couple now resides at Jackson’s Mill.

Erin Boner and Daniel Adams were married on Oct. 2, 2010 at the Georgetown Community Church. They were married by Jay Burkhart. Erin works in the pharmacy and Daniel is a coil tubing operator for Key Energy Services of Jane Lew. Erin is the daughter of Mike & Cheryl Boner of Jane Lew. Daniel is the son of Kevin Adams of Troy and Carlous & Hope Bailey of Burnthouse. The couple resides in Troy.

THANKS SO MUCH!

Brad Twigg, of the SJMH Respiratory Dept., would like to extend a very sincere thank you to all of his fellow co-workers/employees for the well-wishes and prayers that were extended to him and his family during his hospitalization at Cleveland Clinic.

Smile when you answer the phone. The caller can “see” the smile in your voice!
Many, Many Thanks to Staff

Thank you for being so wonderful with my dad; you all did great with Dad. Thank you so much for a great job.

Thank you for being so kind and thoughtful to Dad and his family.

I really appreciated how caring and concerned you all have been with my grandpa.

Thank you for your expert care for my brother.

Thank you for the wonderful care that you are giving my brother. It means so much to all of us.

Thank you for taking good care of our brother.

Thank you for all the care for taking care of my father. People like you are a blessing to the world.

May God bless each and every one of you for the loving care given to my brother and the patience shown to all of his family.

I don’t think the workers in rehab realize the lives that they touch…the lives they save. They are very gifted with great personalities. They touched my life and are playing a part in saving my life. Kristi and George came to my room when I had pneumonia (after bypass surgery). They inspired me to take rehab and it changed my life. All the people in rehab make you feel welcome. I will recommend them to anyone anytime.

Julia, Thanks so much for the wonderful covered dish lunch. You always orchestrate events as if they are effortless! Everything you do touches someone.

I just wanted to recommend the staff that attended my father for special recognition. Names I recall are Crystal and Trish, but also the other nurses who helped as well as the very patient and helpful respiratory therapists (Carl). They all went above and beyond in helping my father and us through a very difficult time. I am very grateful and think they deserve special thanks.

Thank You

To Stonewall Jackson Hospital, You have the most wonderful people working for you and I was happy with my stay here. You all took very good care of me. I was very happy with that, but the only thing, the morning meal was small, not a lot to eat, but lunch support was fine. I would recommend this hospital to anyone and everyone and also highly recommend that they come here for the very best care for their needs of healthcare big or small. May God touch all your hearts with joy for you are His helpers and He is proud of you all. Amen.

I would like to say thank you to each and everyone who helped with the hot dog/bake sale for my grandson, Brayden Ogden. Your kindness and generosity will make this long battle much easier for my son and his family. We raised $1,005, which they are very grateful for. So thank you again to everyone who organized, worked, donated, gave money and especially thanks for the many prayers which have kept him alive. God Bless You All!!!

Glenda Cutright

To all the staff of ICU, Thank you for the great care you gave our mom. After so many days you became part of our family. Thanks for everything you did for us. Also, we will not forget the little things. Your kindness and caring will always be remembered.

To ICU and Telemetry, I wish we had the words to thank you for all you did for us. You girls and Tim gave it your all. You treated him with respect and dignity and that means everything. When he left the hospital the last time, I knew we were at the end of our journey, but it didn’t make it any easier when the time came. I know he is at peace now and has experienced the ultimate healing. Thank you again for all the ways you helped to keep him alive and well all these years. He appreciated you all so much and so do we.

Thank you so much for the good care that my husband received there. Your care and compassion shown to all of us is so much appreciated. It helped us deal with a terrible situation. We will always be thankful for all of you.

Hospital Staff,
Just wanted to thank you all for the wonderful care, concern, and love you showed us. We appreciate you all going above and beyond.

Thanks to each and everyone of you who looked after my husband.
Other Pictures Around the Hospital

PICTURED ABOVE - The Lewis County Heart Society recently donated a Magnum bike for use by cardiac rehab and adult fitness participants at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital. Pictured above, admiring the new donation, are: left to right - adult fitness participant Sue Cauffield, nurse Barbie Dodrill, adult fitness participant and Heart Society member John Oliver, and Kristi Gannon, director of the SJMH Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehab Departments.

PICTURED ABOVE - A Prescription Drug Abuse Forum was held at SJMH. Attending the forum were, left to right, Matt Genin of Best Care Pharmacy, Amanda Smith, event organizer, and Dr. Rob Snuffer.

AT RIGHT - Mary Dillon, of SJMH’s OB Dept., decorated the prettiest tree this past Christmas season.

AT LEFT - Businessman John Raese ran for the U.S. Senate this past election cycle. He is pictured with SJMH administrator David Shaffer during a campaign stop.

AT LEFT - The Housekeeping staff held fund-raisers to benefit the grandson of their co-worker, Glenda Cright. She is pictured at left with staff receiving the contribution.
Linda Bush Retires As Console Operator

Linda Bush began work when she was 16 years old, and after 46 years, she decided it was time to retire. That is, to retire from her latest job. Because Linda already retired once from the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Services in 2006. (She worked there for 30 years as a family support specialist.) Her latest (and hopefully last) retirement is from Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital and took effect on her last day of work, Dec. 16, 2010.

When asked why she wanted to retire, her reply was short and sweet...“I am just tired of working,” she said.

Linda’s first job at 16 was as a waitress at the Old Coffee Mill restaurant owned by the late Lib and Les Fury on West Second Street.

“I really enjoyed being a waitress. I made good tips because I knew people and could talk to everyone,” she explained.

While still in high school, Linda waited at Giovan-ni’s on North Main when it was owned by a gentleman from Buckhannon. She also worked for Ron Wilson at the Western Steer when it was located at Garton Plaza.

Linda’s parents, the late George and Grace Bush, had six children. The couple were the proprietors of the local taxi cab service in Weston. So that meant another career opportunity for Linda. Besides dispatching, she also had the chance to drive the cab.

“When some of the drivers called off sick, I acted as driver. My mother was worried about me picking up people who were inebriated, so she would send my sister, Sue, with me to help out. It was great fun,” she explained.

Besides her sister Sue, there are four other siblings – Betty Godfrey, Patty Bradley, Sonny Bush, and Charlotte Radcliff.

Linda was in the last graduating class from Weston High School – 1966. She worked for Weston State Hospital in both the personnel and outpatient departments. Around this time, she learned how to transcribe.

“My transcription capability came in pretty handy because I did it for the state and also the court system and protective services,” she said.

“That is how I came to work at Stonewall. I was working as a part-time secretary for Brenda Tonkin in Radiology. However, I was also doing transcription for Webster Memorial Hospital and Minnie Hamilton Healthcare System in Calhoun County. Eventually, I went to SJMH’s Medical Records and then to the Front Console for my last job.”

Linda misses working, but her two grandchildren make up for that. Linda’s daughter, Gina, is married to Joe Starrett and the couple has two children – Emma, 7, and Hunter, 4.

One of the greatest joys of retirement is the time she can spend with the grandchildren. It also means that when the children want to stay all night with her, the door is open.

“I really enjoyed working at the Front Console at the Hospital. I think since I grew up in Weston, and knew a lot of people here, it made the job so enjoyable,” she commented. “I will miss that.”
SJMH Holds Trauma Development Course for Hospital Employees

In September, SJMH held a Rural Trauma Team Development Course (RTTDC) for SJMH physicians, nursing, EMS, and ancillary departments. West Virginia University’s Jon Michael Moore Trauma Center physicians and staff presented the course. This course has been developed by the Rural Trauma Committee of the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma to help rural hospitals with development of their trauma teams. The goal of the course is to improve the quality of care of the critically injured trauma patient in the rural environment.

“WVU Hospital is one of only two Level I Trauma Centers in WV because of their available resources,” said Beth Twigg, SJMH Trauma Program Manager. “We (SJMH) are a Level IV, as are most small facilities. The Level I Centers are where most critically injured trauma patients get transferred to after they are stabilized in the Emergency Dept. Since time is very valuable in the treatment of trauma patients, the course is all about managing life-threatening injuries quickly and effectively, along with timely transfers to a higher level of care. By that, I simply mean that a Level I trauma center may have a neurosurgeon, a cardiothoracic, or vascular surgeon, etc., whereas most Level IV centers do not.”

Twigg went on to say, “WVU put on a great class. The feedback from those who attended has been very positive. As a matter of fact, due to the limited number of people we can have in a class, they (WVU) have agreed to come back in a few months to do a second class for us. Hopefully, we will be able to get some of our surgeons in that class. All in all, the class was a huge success and I am very pleased with how it went.”

Lamb is Awarded CPC-H Credential

SJMH’s Andi Lamb, CPC, CPC-H, CPC-I, has been awarded a Certified Professional Coder – Hospital (CPC-H) credential after successfully passing the national certification examination. This certification is sponsored by the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC), a nationally renowned organization, offering professional accreditation, education, recognition, and networking opportunities to medical coders.

She also has a CCS-P credential from AHIMA.

Andi is a graduate of Lewis County High School and has worked at SJMH since 2004. She started her employment in Dr. Snead’s office and is now in the Physician Billing Department. She is married to Dave Lamb. Her two children are Tara Ware, an ED nurse at SJMH, and Jared Lamb, a student at LCHS.

Honored by GA Hall of Fame

ED nurse Charles McCrary was inducted into the Georgia Athletic High School Hall of Fame for baseball. The ceremony took place in Columbus, GA. He played baseball for Jordan High School. In 1971, when he was a junior, his team was Georgia State Champs and number one in the country. Charles played left field and had a batting average of .326 with six home runs. He was also the pitcher and acted as the “closer” for the team.

During the ceremony, each team member received a Hall of Fame ring and a signed replica of the jersey the team member wore.
Mrs. Santa Claus (she does look familiar, doesn’t she?) holds Susie Johnston’s great-nephew, Colby, for his first glimpse of Santa Claus during the annual SJMH Children’s Christmas Party held in December at the Lewis County Senior Center.

The Theresa Snaith Hospital Auxiliary at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital recently donated a handicapped-accessible door to the Hospital in the Rehabilitation Department. Instrumental in getting the door were Minter and Karen Ralston, pictured above. Karen is an Auxiliary member, who suggested the donation.