New ENT Begins Practice in May

Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital in Weston is pleased to announce the opening of Weston Ear, Nose and Throat, in Weston. Dr. John W. Wyllie will be opening the new office in April at the location of the late Dr. Charles Lively’s office on Center Avenue.

Dr. Wyllie has enjoyed a distinguished career in his field. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame and his medical degree from St. Louis University. His residency was performed at St. John’s Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis. He performed a fellowship in the field at the Mayo Clinic and was Chief Resident there in the Department of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery. He has many years in clinical medicine and medical management, including stints with the US military; the Saud Aramco Medical Services Organization; Saud Medical Center and Saad Specialist Hospital; as assistant professor of otolaryngology at the University of Kentucky Medical Center; and in private practice with the Defiance Clinic in Defiance, OH.

He recently purchased a home in Weston. He has two children and six grandchildren. He is interested in travel, art, and reading history and biographies. His outdoor interests include golf, tennis, softball, skiing and scuba diving.

S.H.O.T., Home Care Offices Moving to Market Place

By the end of April, Stonewall Home Oxygen Therapy and Stonewall Jackson Home Care will have a new home. The companies will be relocated to the former Weston IV Movie Theatre at Market Place, on Route 33 East of Weston.

Jane Eisenbeis, RN, manages both companies and is excited about the move. “During our ten years in business, we have outgrown our space. We wanted to offer an expanded line of products and a place for one-stop shopping and we needed more room to do it,” explained Jane. “I think we found the perfect place at Market Place.”

The present location at Garton Plaza is approximately 3,000 square feet. Jane explained that the new location will almost double the space at 5,500 square feet. The move also means more room for the employees. The Home Care field staff now share the conference area. At the Market Place location, these clinicians will have her own office and there will be a separate conference room.

There will also be an expanded showroom, a private patient set-up room, and, most importantly, an ample storage area. Jane expects that Stonewall Home Oxygen will be able to trans-fill the company’s portable oxygen tanks.

Eisenbeis explained that with more storage, SHOT will be able to expand the company’s variety of medical equipment and supplies.

“We will be able to stock various equipment such as bed overlays and bariatric products for patients who need a little larger equip-
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ment. We will also have more styles of the same equipment in stock, something which we can’t do right now with our limited space,” she said. “This will give people more options and allow them to see what they are getting.”

Another goal of Jane’s is to make life a little easier for the elderly or those in need. Items that make activities of daily living easier for dressing or grooming will be available.

“We want to get the message out that our companies are here to make life easier for people. We want to find out the needs of the local consumer so that we can fulfill them,” concluded Jane.

SJMH Co-Sponsors 4-H Family Health Fair

The Lewis County 4-H Family Health Fair was held Sat., Nov. 3 at Peterson Central School. This was the second year for the event and about one hundred people participated. Coordinators were Liz Post and Kristi Gannon.

The Fair was sponsored by Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital, Best Care Pharmacy, Lewis County Leaders Association, and Lewis County 4-H Teen Leaders.

Kristi Gannon was pleased with the turnout and commented, “We care about the health of our community and the importance of preventative screenings. It was wonderful to see the good participation.”

The health fair consisted of 32 booths, which focused on health and lifestyle changes. Nursing students from GSC were on site taking height, weight, and BMI screening. Blood pressures were provided by WV Junior College students. SJMH pulmonary department provided smoking cessation information. The American Cancer Society provided facial screenings. Youth activities were provided by Bobbie Simmons of the Lewis County Extension Service-Family Nutrition Program.

Members of SJMH’s Adult Fitness Program stay fit during their sessions held in the Rehab Dept. Pictured above, left to right are Hugh Murphy, Jackie Smith, and Judy Murphy.

SJMH Annual Golf Tourney

Planned for Tues., Sept. 23, at Stonewall Resort

Carla Snyder was happy to provide health fair participants with screenings at the annual Respiratory Fair held on the ground floor of SJMH. Department Head Diane Ocheltree coordinated a very nice and informative event.

Adult Fitness Class

Members of SJMH’s Adult Fitness Program stay fit during their sessions held in the Rehab Dept. Pictured above, left to right are Hugh Murphy, Jackie Smith, and Judy Murphy.
Another Proud Mother

Kim Rush is a very, very proud mother. Her son, Dusty Lambert, graduated in December 2007 from Fairmont State College. But her son didn’t earn just one degree...rather he graduated with three degrees!

He now has the following degrees:

--Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice;
--Associate of Applied Science in Fire Fighting;
--Bachelor of Science in Occupational Safety and Health.

He now has the following degrees:

Dusty is continuing his education and is currently in graduate school at WVU to obtain a master’s in Safety Management. Dusty’s father is Scott Lambert, of Weston.

Congrats, Kim, you did a wonderful job!

Lab and Blood Gas Lab Pass Joint Commission

Joint Commission (JC) conducted a survey at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital (SJMH) on Feb. 4-5, 2008. The Hospital’s Laboratory, directed by Pam Thompson, and the Hospital’s Blood Gas Lab, directed by Respiratory Care’s Diane Ocheltree, were surveyed.

After the two-day survey, both departments were awarded continued accreditation.

Ocheltree, Respiratory Dept. head, said that her department was involved in this survey because the department has the Blood Gas Lab.

In procedures conducted there, the patient’s oxygen and carbon dioxide levels are checked.

“It is significant that we were approved by JC. This reconfirms that we provide excellent care for our patients,” said Ocheltree.

“The accreditation process helps promote continuous, systematic and organization-wide improvement in healthcare organizations,” says Margaret Peck, executive director, Laboratory Accreditation Program, Joint Commission.

According to Peck, “Achieving accreditation demonstrates Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital’s commitment to providing high quality and safe services.”

The mission of the Joint Commission is “to continuously improve the safety and quality of care provided to the public through the provision of healthcare accreditation and related services that support performance improvement in healthcare organizations.”

By demonstrating compliance with The Joint Commission’s national standards for healthcare quality and safety, Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital’s Laboratory and Blood Gas Lab has earned The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval™.

Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission is dedicated to continuously improving the safety and quality of the nation’s healthcare through voluntary accreditation.

Ocheltree says efforts to improve don’t stop when The Joint Commission survey is over. “Meeting the standards and achieving excellence is a continuous process,” she says. “No matter how well we did today, we continue to strive to do better tomorrow.”

Blood Screening Planned

The old adage “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure” is relevant to many parts of our lives. Those individuals concerned with their health can obtain that ounce of prevention at a low price when participating in the Multiphasic Blood Screening coordinated by the Weston Rotary Club and Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital. Dates for this year’s screenings are Saturday, May 10, and Saturday, May 17, from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., at SJMH.

Run and Wellness Walk April 12

Get those athletic shoes on and get ready to go because the Weston 5K Run and Wellness Walk is almost here

Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital, The City of Weston, and Saint Patrick School are cooperating for the event, which will take place on the streets of Weston on Sat., April 12, beginning at 10 a.m. Contact the SJMH Marketing Department for more information.

The Annual SJMH Hospital Picnic will be Fri., July 11, at the Lewis County Park
2007 Employees of the Month

Heather Yeager
Med/Surg
January 2007

Rob Moran
IT
February 2007

Edie Withers
Telemetry
March 2007

Aimee Vankirk
Radiology
April 2007

Cheryl Davis, RN
Nurse Supervisor
May 2007

Joe Lattea
Maintenance Dept.
June 2007

Larry Gatian
Respiratory Care
July 2007

Trish Lowther
Food Services
August 2007

Tom Law
Pharmacy
September 2007

Tammie Mick
ED
October 2007

Sandy Coffman
Med/Surg
November 2007

Debbie Pratt
Housekeeping
December 2007

Awards Dinner - Saturday, April 5
at Mount Vernon Dining Hall, WVU Jackson’s Mill
Dear Auxiliary Members
It has been a long, cold winter, but Spring is almost here. With Spring comes the Getting To Know You Dinner for the Theresa Snaith Hospital Auxiliary of Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital. We would love to see your smiling face at our get-together on Monday, April 14, at the Weston Masonic Temple. If you have not received your invitation call Julia at 269-8167.

Auxiliary Members Provide Great Help for SJMH
The Auxiliary members provide giant stockings for babies born in December at SJMH. Sissie Riley, pictured at left, is one of the stocking creators.

One of the large fund-raisers for the Auxiliary is the Gold Sale. Sue Brannon and Eunice Lat-timer have handled the paperwork for years.

Sharpe Hospital Pharmacist On Rotation Here at SJMH
The folks in the SJMH Pharmacy have been playing host to a very nice employee from William Sharpe Hospital. Pharmacist Stacy Starkey Gould is working on her doctoral degree from the University of Colorado. It is necessary to complete two hundred hours in acute care and general medication for the doctorate. So she has been helping and learning from the SJMH staff.

Stacy started her rotation here on January 28, and plans on finishing in March. Her pharmacy degree is from West Virginia University.

She is married to Steve Gould and has two children, Sarah, 10, and Nick, 8. Both children attend Jane Lew School.

Scholarship Deadline April 1
Applicants for the M. William Adler Healthcare Scholarship have until April 1, 2008 to submit their application for consideration. The scholarship is now open to Lewis, Gilmer, and Webster County High School seniors who are pursuing careers in healthcare. This will be the fifth year that the scholarships will be awarded. For more information, call 269-8167.
Tom Law is September Employee of the Month

Pharmacist Tom Law was selected September Employee of the Month at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital. Tom has been employed by SJMH for 21 years.

Tom’s nominator wrote, “I nominate Tom Law for employee of the month. He is very helpful. He is always willing to look up information on anything we ask him and always tries to find an answer to my questions as soon as possible. He has a friendly personality and always speaks no matter where you see him - whether it is in the pharmacy or on the floor. He is an all-around great person and employee.”

His department head, Dan Walker, also had nice things to say about Tom.

“Tom is one of the nicest guys I know. He has never been anything but helpful to me. He always does a great job for the pharmacy and the Hospital,” said Walker.

Tom is a Lewis County native and a graduate of Lewis County High School. He received a degree in chemistry from West Virginia Wesleyan. He then received his degree in pharmacy from West Virginia University.

Because of his long-term employment at SJMH, he has seen changes in the pharmacy department.

“We have gone through a lot of changes here,” he explained. “We have better control and a more up-to-date system. I feel that all of the changes have been for the positive. The SJMH pharmacy is now a teaching pharmacy for pharmacy students and technicians.”

Tom has one son, Thomas, who is a student at Lewis County High School. Tom is a member of Saint Patrick Catholic Church. His parents, John T. and Bernadette Law, live at Camden.

Tom’s best time is spent with his son, Thomas, but he said that he also enjoys playing golf and basketball. On the practical side, he loves to mow and weed-eat. Tinkering with machines is a stress reliever, also.

Tammie Mick is October Pick

Tammie Mick, of Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital’s Emergency Department, was selected as Employee of the Month for October 2007. Tammie has been employed by the Hospital since 2000.

She is a Lewis County native and graduated from Fred Eberle Technical Center as a Certified Nursing Assistant. She began work in the housekeeping department and then transferred to the Emergency Department after attaining her certification.

Her parents, Joe and Linda Heater, live at Ben’s Run. Tammie has a 12-year-old daughter Stephanie.

Tammie’s nominator was very complimentary.

“Tammie came from another job on her break to help in ER during a trauma alert. She is very proficient at her job and goes above and beyond her duties. She always completes her tasks without leaving anything for the next shift. She is very pleasant to work with. She has a great personality and is compassionate,” wrote the nominator.

Her nurse manager, Donna Ramsey, wrote, “Tammie is a very good employee. She will work over extra; come in for call-offs; all with a positive attitude. She deserves ‘extra credit.’”

Tammie was equally complimentary and commented, “This is a nice place to work and I enjoy all of the people here.”

In her spare time, Tammie likes to hunt, fish, 4-wheel, and spend time with her daughter.
Sandy Coffman is November Choice

Sandy Coffman, RN, was selected as the Stonewall Jackson Employee of the Month for November 2007.

She has been employed at SJMH since 1998. Sandy is a lifelong resident of Upshur County. She is the mother of two sons – Jeff, a dentist, and Mike, a sheriff’s deputy. She is also the proud grandmother of three – Cori, 9, Claire, 4, and Evan, 3.

Sandy is a Buckhannon-Upshur High School graduate. She graduated from the Fred Eberle Technical School as an LPN in 1997. She then received her nursing degree from Davis and Elkins College in 2002.

Sandy’s nominators were very complimentary of her.

They wrote, “Sandy is always positive, calm and confident. It is a pleasure to work with her positive attitude on a day-to-day basis. Working with Sandy is a blessing. She is always accommodating to the patients and staff. I see her always stepping in at some of the busiest times to assist the physicians, staff, and patients with a smile. She frequently fills in when needed.”

Director of Nursing, Mary Ellen Bragg noted, “Sandy is a good nurse and mentor for others. She is respectful of all staff and physicians, too.”

Sandy said that she enjoys working with all of the staff. She said, “We get along well together, and helping each other is common.”

For her activities outside of the Hospital, she said that she really enjoys vacationing, reading, and spending time with her three grandbabies.

December Selection is Debbie Pratt

Debbie Pratt, of SJMH’s Housekeeping Department, was selected as the Employee of the Month for December 2007.

She began her employment here in 2001 in that department. She is a Lewis County native and a graduate of Lewis County High School.

Her parents are Carl and Rena Bee, who live at Deanville. She has two daughters – Ashley Pratt Murphy, 22, and Britney Pratt, 19, who works as a nursing aide at SJMH. She also has a grandson, Levi.

Debbie’s nominator wrote, “Debbie is always friendly and she is quite the hard worker. She never complains and is nice to everybody.”

Debbie was equally complimentary of her department.

She said, “The members of housekeeping are like a family more than co-workers. We try to help each other as much as possible and we just get along so well.”

Debbie doesn’t have much spare time, but when she isn’t working, she loves to spend time with her grandson.

As employee of the month, she will receive a $100 check, a reception, and an extra day of paid vacation. Her picture will be displayed on the ground floor bulletin board and an article will be published in area newspapers.
Two Retirement Parties Held in February

Larry Gatian
Larry Gatian, a respiratory therapist at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital, retired Fri., Feb. 15. Larry was the director of the respiratory department at SJMH from 1975 to 1990. He worked in another facility before returning to SJMH in 2005.

Larry is a Morgantown native but moved to this area in the 1970s. He has been married to Jane Marie for 43 years. The couple has three children: Traci and Suzanne, who both work for the FBI, and Russell, a minister. The couple attends Word of Life Assembly of God Church at Sun Valley (in Harrison County) where Russell is the minister.

Gatian said that when he graduated from high school, he immediately went to work at WVU Hospital as an emergency room technician. He explained that his twin brother was a respiratory therapist, and when his brother left for a job at another healthcare facility, Larry stepped into a respiratory therapist job.

“At that time, respiratory therapy was more of an
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Judy Roberts
A retirement reception was held for Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital’s Judy Roberts on Wed., Feb. 27, at the Hospital. Judy had been employed for nine years at the local healthcare facility.

During her years at SJMH, Judy worked in the Dietary Department, where she is loved and well-respected.

Dietary manager Barb Bolton was very complimentary of her and said, “Judy has always been a pleasure to work with. She is a positive person and never says anything negative about anyone. If she heard a negative comment she always pointed out that there was good in everyone. She will be sorely missed by everyone here and throughout the hospital.”

Associate Administrator Avah Stalnaker also noted that everything about Judy was positive and good.

“Judy has been a wonderful employee. She has rarely used her sick days. She is loyal, dedicated, and so very hard-working. We are so sorry to see her leave,” said Stalnaker.

Judy was born in McWhorter and attended Lost Creek High School. She also lived in Newton Falls, Ohio, for several years before moving back to West Virginia.

She has three children – Linda, who lives at Lost Creek with her husband, Mark Wilfong, and children, Jimmy and Brittany Sellers; Brian Jenkins and wife, Lori, who live at West Milford with their children, Chace and Renee; and Derrick McWhorter and fiancée, Lindsay. Judy also has a sister, Jeannie Lamb.

Judy plans on traveling during retirement. High on her list of destinations are Myrtle Beach and Newton Falls. Her daughter also plans on taking Judy to the mountains so that they can do some fishing.

Judy is a very kind and sweet lady. One of her little-known, hidden secrets is that she has a passion for wrestling. Her family said that Monday Night Raw, and Friday Night Smack Down are some of her favorite shows, yet she also enjoys flower gardening.

The employees of the Dietary Department gave Judy a lovely suitecase arrangement for her travels and some spending money. SJMH gifted her with a gold crucifix.
Larry Gatian continued from last page

...on-the-job training. I spent three years at the WVU Med Center and then in 1973 I took the boards and passed,” he explained.

He said that he has always been interested in medicine and was president of the Lewis County Emergency Squad three times. His wife is a homemaker and a paramedic, too.

Gatian plans on filling a few shifts at the Hospital every so often, but he really looks forward to bowling and playing golf.

“I also plan on tending to the grandchildren,” said Larry. “That is always a pleasure.”

The couple plans on traveling, too, with trips to Hawaii and Alaska on the horizon.

Gatian was nominated as an employee of the month in 2007.

His nominations were very nice. The first nominator wrote: “I wish to nominate this person because he deserves it! He is always willing to help anytime, anywhere and for any reason. He goes above and beyond at work and in the community. He is a generous man with a good heart. I am truly grateful to have him as a co-worker. He is very appreciated.”

Another nominator wrote, “Larry is always helpful and thoughtful of others whether at work or outside of the hospital. He never complains about anything job required of him and is always thinking of what is best for our patients. He is so very special and we are blessed to have him as part of our team.”

### 2008 National Patient Safety Goals

Note: Changes to the Goals and Requirements are indicated in bold. Gaps in the numbering indicate that the Goal is inapplicable to the program or has been “retired,” usually because the requirements were integrated into the standards.

This year’s new requirements (3E and 16A) have a one-year phase-in period that includes defined expectations for planning, development and testing (“milestones”) at 3, 6 and 9 months in 2008, with the expectation of full implementation by January 2009. See the Implementation Expectations for milestones.

**Goal 1** Improve the accuracy of patient identification.

1A Use at least two patient identifiers when providing care, treatment or services.

**Goal 2** Improve the effectiveness of communication among caregivers.

2A For verbal or telephone orders or for telephonic reporting of critical test results, verify the complete order or test result by having the person receiving the information record and “read-back” the complete order or test result.

2B Standardize a list of abbreviations, acronyms, symbols, and dose designations that are not to be used throughout the organization.

2C Measure and assess, and if appropriate, take action to improve the timeliness of reporting, and the timeliness of receipt by the responsible licensed caregiver, of critical test results and values.

2E Implement a standardized approach to “hand off” communications, including an opportunity to ask and respond to questions.

**Goal 3** Improve the safety of using medications.

3C Identify and, at a minimum, annually review a list of look-alike/sound-alike drugs used by the organization, and take action to prevent errors involving the interchange of these drugs.

3D Label all medications, medication containers (for example, syringes, medicine cups, basins), or other solutions on and off the sterile field.

3E Reduce the likelihood of patient harm associated with the use of anticoagulation therapy.

**Goal 7** Reduce the risk of health care-associated infections.

7A Comply with current World Health Organization (WHO) Hand Hygiene Guidelines or Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) hand hygiene guidelines.

7B Manage as sentinel events all identified cases of unanticipated death or major permanent loss of function associated with a health care-associated infection.

**Goal 8** Accurately and completely reconcile medications across the continuum of care.

8A There is a process for comparing the patient’s current medications with those ordered for the patient while under the care of the organization.

8B A complete list of the patient’s medications is communicated to the next provider of service when a patient is referred or transferred to another setting, service, practitioner or level of care within or outside the organization. The complete list of medications is also provided to the patient on discharge from the facility.

**Goal 9** Reduce the risk of patient harm resulting from falls.

9B Implement a fall reduction program including an evaluation of the effectiveness of the program.

**Goal 13** Define and communicate the means for patients and their families to report concerns about safety and encourage them to do so.

15A The organization identifies safety risks inherent in its patient population.

16A The organization selects a suitable method that enables health care staff members to directly request additional assistance from a specially trained individual(s) when the patient’s condition appears to be worsening.
Former SJMH Staff Members Pass Away

SJMH staff were saddened by the death of two former Hospital employees who passed away.

Former OB technician Martha Blanche Queen passed away at her home on November 22, 2007, after a lengthy illness. She was born August 23, 1941, the daughter of the late Silas Lee and India Gay Hefner Burkhammer. She was married to Clayton Julius (Puffy) Queen, who preceded her in death May 6, 2005.

Surviving are two sons, Kevin Linn Queen of Jane Lew and fiancée, Ann Tipton, of Jane Lew and Brian Keith Queen and wife, Terri, of Jane Lew; one daughter, Kedrin Renee Jedamski and husband, Pastor Norbert Jedamski of New Market, Virginia; seven grandchildren; two sisters, Josephine Kyer of Hundred and Betty Lipps of Jane Lew. She was preceded in death by two sisters; Mildred and Madeline, and one brother, Silas Lee Burkhammer, Jr.

Mrs. Queen had worked for Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital for more than 30 years. Friends were received at the Morris Funeral Home. Burial followed at Gaston-Henry Cemetery.

Evelyn A. “Simmie” Simmons was 93 years old when she passed away on November 24, 2007, at SJMH. She worked for the Weston City Hospital and Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital for many years as an Emergency Room nurse.

She married Harold Simmons on August 13, 1934, who preceded her in death on December 15, 1963.

She is survived by three daughters, Barbara White and husband, Jack, of Weston, Carol “Cay” Dyson and husband, Gilbert, of Seattle, WA, and Martha Tierney of Weston; and several grand-, great- and great-great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by a sister and two brothers.

Mrs. Simmons loved the outdoors, wildflowers, wildlife and her dogs before falling ill. Friends were received at Floyd Funeral home in Weston. Interment followed in the Weston Masonic Cemetery.

Dear Dr. Tice, Kara and staff, Thank you all so much for the wonderful “loving” care that you have given Mom. It really means a lot.

Hi Renae, Thank you for your professionalism, attentiveness, empathy, and comfort. Your approachable manner and kindness was a breath of fresh air. You made a stressful time, less stressful. You’re priceless. God Bless You.

At this time, I wish to thank you for the excellent care and preparation for surgery on March 3, 2008. The staff made my experience very comfortable. I witnessed very competent and professional attitudes from everyone.

To all, Thanksgiving week was an incredibly busy stretch for us in OB. In fact, we had nine babies in 36 hours!!! We want to thank everyone who helped us to get our moms and babies through it safely. Thanks to Carole James, Marion Bennett, LaDonna Sprouse, Lorrie Suttle, Tara Ware, Renae Wilson, Brandy Burkhammer, Gay Spaur, and Mike, the storeroom angel, plus all the girls from housekeeping and dietary. We kept you all running as we ran out of everything except patients. Thanks, too, to Mary Ellen Bragg who looked ahead and covered our extra staffing needs. Finally thanks to our own great staff who gave up time with their families to help.

Pirates Game

If you are interested in attending a Pittsburgh Pirates Game on Sun., June 22, contact Julia at 269-8167.
From Human Resources

The WV Healthcare Human Resources Association is offering five $500 scholarships to college students enrolled in healthcare careers. Application forms are available in Human Resources at SJMH. Completed applications must be returned to Human Resources, mailed and postmarked no later than March 18, 2008, so they will be received by March 21, 2008. Call Aimee Green with questions at extension 8060.

Birthing Center Receives Nomination

The Special Delivery Birthing Center at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital was honored with a nomination for the Johnson’s Childbirth Nursing Awards. The unit received a Certificate of Recognition for the nomination. The Awards program, in partnership with the Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN), invited patients everywhere to say thank you to their childbirth nursing team. The Certificate means that a Stonewall Hospital patient nominated the Delivery Center. The maternity center is now entered into a drawing for a chance to win one of four $1,000 educational grants and two complimentary registrations to the AWHONN annual convention.

West Virginia Governor Joe Manchin visited Lewis County recently. The governor’s helicopter landed at SJMH on the cold afternoon. Manchin was an hour late, but SJMH maintenance had the helipad ready and Steve Butcher received a nice handshake from the Governor.

Former SJMH employee Lucille Hicks, pictured at far left, made some sweet fleece blankets for new babies here. Jennifer Barnes was happy to accept the thoughtful gifts.

Pictured above is Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital Special Delivery personnel Jennifer Barnes and Beckie Taylor. The pair is showing the Certificate of Nomination from Johnson’s Childbirth Nursing Awards recently received by the Unit.

Weston 5K Run Wellness Walk

Sat. April 12, starting at 10 a.m. by St. Patrick School
Births

Leatha and Rodney Irvin are happy to announce the birth of their first grandchild, a little boy, on October 20, 2007, at 10:51 p.m. The parents are Bobbie Jo and Leslie Alkire.

Primary Healthcare Associates Selected For 2008 WV Immunization Network Award

The WV Immunization Network (WIN) hosted their third annual awards luncheon on Wednesday, January 23, 2008, at the University of Charleston, with Primary Healthcare Associates receiving one of the awards.

WIN is a public/private partnership that works to promote immunizations across the lifespan throughout the state. During the annual event, top immunization providers from across the state are recognized for their outstanding service in promoting or encouraging immunizations.

Among the six awards presented during the ceremony was the first-ever Screen Shot Award, which recognizes a healthcare facility’s achievement in fully utilizing the WV Statewide Immunization Information System (WVSIIS). WVSIIS is the state’s immunization registry. West Virginia law requires all healthcare providers to report immunizations administered to children under age 18 to the registry within two weeks.

Winning the 2008 Screen Shot Award was Tracy Samples of Primary Healthcare Associates, who oversees the registry for their facility. “Tracy willingly notifies the WVSIIS helpdesk when errors occur; shares ideas of how the registry could be better; and even encourages other providers to utilize the registry,” said Shanen Wright, Vice President of the Center for Rural Health Development, who served as master of ceremonies for the event.

Samples was given the award for not only reporting immunizations administered as required, but also for going beyond the call of duty to input historical immunization records, utilizing patient listings, and for encouraging others in her community to use the registry. Primary Healthcare Associates used the registry to initiate reminder recall efforts to alert patients of needed or missed vaccinations. “If anyone deserved the first Screen Shot Award, it was Tracy Samples and Primary Health Associates,” said Wright.

SHAMROCK DONATION. Judy Hull, of the Shamrock CEOS makes lovely little sunhats for the newborns at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital in Weston. She made 22 of the hats this year. The club’s Helen Jarvis also made three quilts for needy babies at the Hospital.

SJMH Board of Directors

Officers of the Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital Board of Directors were elected for January 2008 through January 2009. They are: president – J.A. Snead, M.D.; vice-president – John L. Spiker; secretary – R. Gerald Wood; treasurer – John E. Law. Other members of the Board include Richard Cronin, R. G. Lockard, Jean Bennett, Denver Turner, and Douglas Stalnaker.
Scenes from Halloween...
Pictured at left Missy Lattea, Barb Bolton, and Betty Brown; at right - Pharmacy’s Dan Walker; lower left to right - Eve Samples of Dietary, Amy Keller of Lab, Kristi Gannon and Diane Ocheltree; and Amanda Hall from Medical Records.

Scenes from Christmas
At right - Auxiliary members served punch at the Christmas Buffet. They are, left to right - Kathleen Weaver, Sissie Riley, and Sue Brannon.
Below: Weston Shop N Saves Dave Weese and Chief Nursing Officer Mary Ellen Bragg prepare to distribute poinsettias to SJMH patients at Christmas.
First Place in Big Ten Tournament

Theresa Alton, of Dr. Mahmoud’s office, is very proud of her daughter, Brooke. The sophomore has been wrestling since she was ten years old. She was a member of the RLBMS team and now the LCHS wrestlers. She took first place in the Big Ten Tournament held in February at the local high school. She pinned two gentlemen in her 112 weight class. This is the first time a girl has won first place in that weight class. Earlier, she came in third in the 103 weight class.

Theresa said that she really enjoys wrestling and she is very competitive. She started the season with an ankle injury and could only wrestle for half of the season but that didn’t stop her from victory.

Winners at Benefits Fair

The following employees won prizes at our drawing during the Benefit Fair on 10/18/07:

- DVD Player with Case: Becky Taylor
- DVD Player: Roberta Gaines
- Fall Decorative Arrangement: Christy McClain
- Gift Basket: Judy Roberts
- Beverage Mugs: Bunny Corathers, Bryanna Hemeon, Candy Donaldson, Diane Ocheltree, Sue Loudin, and Karen LaVoie
- Lunch Cooler and Piggy Bank: Sheila Spears
- Document Portfolios: Jack Marcum, Tabitha Ratliff, Linda Weaver, Julie Eagle, Terri Shackleford, Carla Hamner, Vonda Straley, Samantha Bowen, Tammy Taylor, Lynn Landis, Kay Butcher, Susie Lohr, Michelle Gum, Linda Rhoades, Mark Casto, Megan Morgan, Sandy Smith, Betty Brown, Debbie Alkire, Brenda Gum and Jessica Ramsey.

- $25 Walmart gift cards: Angie Hinter, Lenni Bleigh, Kate Anderson, Tedra Linger and Gabby Hoover.

Additionally, National Benefits Partner (Life Insurance Reps) held a drawing of their own. They donated “United We Stand” clocks to the following winners: Tina Conrad, Sheri Murray, Susan Leavitt, Kathy Daley, Tim Ruble, Tina Burnside, Dennis Marple, Jr., Sally Frazee and Trish Lowther.

KUDOS & THANKS

Pam Thompson, and the Lab, would like to extend a big “Thank You” to the housekeeping, maintenance, and dietary staffs for their wonderful help in preparation for the recent Joint Commission survey.

Congrats to several members of the SJMH nursing staff who passed boards with flying colors. They were: Katrina Butcher, Melissa Alfred, and Daisy Hunt, who all passed LPN boards. Donna McCue passed her RN boards.
Childbirth Classes Offered

Kathy Long, RN, CLNC, CLS, is providing free childbirth classes at SJMH. The four weekly classes began in February, and will be an ongoing effort.

Long noted, “Childbirth is such a special time in your life. The program is set up to give you information to prepare the new mom for labor, delivery, and care of the newborn.”

The four-week class provides an important overview for the new mom.

“In the first week, we will review pre-term labor, true labor versus false labor, common discomfort and treatments during that time, and information about the third trimester of pregnancy,” explained Long. “The second week will focus on several areas, including: factors affecting labor, stages of labor, and timing contractions.

The last two classes will have a general review of labor, the newborn, and postpartum care. Other information about pain management, C-sections, breastfeeding and bottle feeding will also be covered.

Participants will view videos, and receive pertinent handouts. Each new mom will also receive a “Gift of Motherhood” book.

Long is a Buckhannon resident and the owner of Medical-Legal Nurse Consulting of WV, LLC. She is certified in Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics (ALSO) and as a Certified Lactation Specialist. She has practiced nursing for 27 years.

For several years she was a designated care coordinator for Right from the Start. She has also been a staff nurse at Buckhannon’s St. Joseph’s Hospital in both the OB and Home Health/Hospice departments.

Long has one son, Jeremy, who lives in Ohio. In her spare time, she writes poetry and children’s books.

For more information and to sign up call 304-269-8119.

New Year’s Baby at SJMH

Kelly and Travis Linger, of Buckhannon, are the proud parents of the 2008 New Year’s Baby at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital in Weston. The baby’s name is Owen Robert Linger. He weighed eight pounds, eight ounces, and was 21.5 inches long. He was born on January 2 at 5:54 p.m. Midwife Vicki Smith delivered the little boy. The new parents live at Marjorie Ann Drive in Buckhannon.

Maternal grandparents are Randy Howard of French Creek and Tammy Stout of Buckhannon. Maternal great-grandfather is Jimmy Norman of Volga. Paternal grandparents are Bob Linger and Cathy Bennett of Adrian. Paternal great-grandparents are Violet and Flick Gaunt of Buckhannon and Betty Summerfield of Nestorville.

The SJMH Marketing Department solicited gifts for the newborn. The little boy received: a basket of baby products from Best Care Pharmacy; a stuffed toy from Bennett’s Firestone; a $50 gift card from the Theresa Snaith Auxiliary; a gift card from Shop and Save; savings bonds from United Bank, Citizens Bank, and Huntington Bank; sippy cup from Caplan’s Jewelry Store; movie rentals from Weston Dairy Mart; a bird house from Butcher-Layfield Lumber Co.; birth announcements from Lewis County Printing; a free sitting and photo from Creative Expressions; and formula, diapers, and Pedialyte from Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital.
The staff from Dietary was honored with a luncheon buffet in November. The buffet was a “thank-you” for all the hard work they do. Pictured above, first row, left to right - Eve Samples, Trish Lowther, Tina Conrad, Barb Bolton, Brenda Gum, Stella Ocheltree, Missy Lattea, Debbie Fultineer; second row, left to right - Betty Brown, Sue Loudin, Randy Nicholson, Earnie Greenlief, Marsha Snyder, Sue Peters, Judy Roberts, Diane Keegan, Michelle Gum, Lynn Landers, and Mary Taylor.