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“People aren’t just a number to us, we really do care,” said Queen. “Everybody that works here, we try to just treat our patients the way we would want to be treated. I feel like that makes a difference.”

Added Rowland, “We all work well together, too, to make sure everything gets done for our patients.”

As for their time at the hospital, the Roses said they couldn’t have been happier.

“The nurses and staff are fantastic,” said Alicia, with Scott adding, “It was a good experience.”

Labor & Delivery at Union General Hospital features four OB-GYN providers with the Women’s Health Center, five state-of-the-art labor and delivery rooms, a recovery room, an operating room suite and a triage room, all secluded within an area gated by electronic security doors and monitored by remote cameras.



Abigail Grace Rose was born on Jan. 1, 2019, to Scott and Alicia Rose.



Labor & Delivery at Union General Hospital is equipped with everything families need to feel comfortable having children in the mountains. Photo by Mark Smith

# Possum Drop ...from Page 1A



Many Union County residents take advantage of the numerous services available at the Union County Senior Center. This event brought out more than two dozen seniors to celebrate. Photo by Jarrett Whitener

gathered at the center of the room, they started a small countdown to signal the lowering of the possum.

Each person had a party hat and used a celebratory noisemaker when the possum dropped, and they followed the dropping with songs to welcome in the New Year a little early.

After the excitement concluded, the guests returned to the tables to the center of the room and finished the special occasion with cupcakes and ice cream.

The possum for the event was made by volunteer Judy Brown, who donates her crafts to the Senior Center as a way for the center to raise money for activities and meals.

“She makes these things and we sell them as part of our fundraiser,” said Philip McGlamery, Administrative Assistant for the Senior Center. “We have sold hundreds in the past years, and they are huge hits that people really enjoy buying from us.”

The possums are sold at the Senior Center during their open hours, with prices ranging depending on the size of the crocheted possum.

“Judy has made these for us every year, and they keep getting larger,” said Hill. “We are really grateful for her taking the time to make these for us.”

Hill and the other workers at the Senior Center put on the possum drop event to give seniors the opportunity to ring in the New Year with others.

“We put this on because, for a lot of them, this will be the only thing they get to do to celebrate New Year’s,” said Hill. “Some of them can’t drive, and they rely on us to get them here, so they would not be able to go out to the other celebrations later tonight.”

“Another thing is that not all of them have families around here, and they would be alone if they did not come join us here. We just want them to be able to celebrate and enjoy a New Year celebration.”

The guests of the event enjoyed the celebration and were thankful for the time the Senior Center put into making it happen.



The handing out of party favors to celebrate New Year’s with a little festive flash. Photo by Jarrett Whitener



A big part of the Senior Center is the regular mealtime available for participants. Here, members eat dessert on New Year’s Eve 2018. Photo by Jarrett Whitener

“I moved up here a year ago, and I decided to come here to try and make friends,” said Vianne Couch, one of the guests at the event. “It is really nice of them to do all this work and put something like this on for us.”

The Union County Senior Center hosts multiple events for

the seniors throughout the year, and they serve a daily breakfast at 11:30 a.m.

For more information on the activities put on by the Senior Center, or to ask questions about the lunch program, visit the Senior Center or call 706-439-6105.

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