

Baby Gulizia...from Page 1A

So not only is it a new beginning for them as a family with a new baby, it's also the start of a new year in a new home.

When all is said and done, Franklin said that having a happy, healthy baby is proof

that miracles do happen, and she is hopeful that faith in God will bring blessings to other families wanting to have children after being told they can't.

Baby Bryson was one of only two babies in the running

for first baby of 2020, Union General Labor and Delivery Nurse Jessica Queen said. It was a slow start to the New Year for the most part, and Queen said she was happy to be a part of the team that helped deliver Bryson.

"The best part about working in Labor and Delivery is seeing the joy and happiness

when the parents get to hold their baby for the first time," Queen said.

Since starting in 2013, Queen said each year the number of babies born at Union General increases.

Speaking for the nursing staff, Queen said the Union General Labor and Delivery team prides itself on providing the best care for families and helping to make the birthing process as easy as possible.

To welcome the first baby of 2020, the Pink Angel Gift Shop, operated by the ladies of the Union General Hospital Auxiliary, donated a basketful of products for the baby and Franklin.



Franklin and Gulizia shared this baby announcement in June last year, made with the help of their three furry friends. Photo/Facebook

Possum Drop...from Page 1A



George and Elizabeth Gould made sure to take full advantage of all the fun during their first Senior Center Possum Drop last week. Photo by Mark Smith

following pressure from activists claiming the practice was cruel to opossums.

Senior couple George and Elizabeth Gould said it was their first time coming to the Senior Center Possum Drop, and they both had a New Year's blast.

"We enjoy the senior citizens and we enjoyed the party," Elizabeth said.

For his part, George said he had fun, and that he lets himself "loose once in a while."

"We just joined (the Senior Center) about five or six months ago," George said. "This has been a real enjoyment. I like the people."

Possum Drop regular Carol Sherman agreed that everyone enjoyed their time together, and Joel Daniel said he also got a kick out of the event.

"That was my second one," Daniel said. "I like it. I have a good time. They give us hats and noisemakers. I've been up here 12 years. I moved

up here from Marietta."

Hill and McGlamery both said there have been 30 or more seniors in attendance in years past, but because New Year's Eve fell on a slow day at the center, and as several would-be attendees were sick this year, only about 22 seniors participated.

Still, it was inspiring to see the delight in their smiles and the wisdom in their years, which was apparent in spades that Tuesday.



More than two dozen seniors brought in the New Year early at the Dec. 31 traditional Possum Drop. Photo by Mark Smith