

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF UPSHUR, CITY OF BUCKHANNON, TO WIT:

A regular meeting of the Stockert Youth & Community Center Board of Directors was held at the Stockert Youth Center, 79 East Main Street on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 4:30 pm with the following in attendance:

Mayor	David McCauley	Present
City Recorder	Colin Reger	Absent
Director of Finance & Admin	Amberle Jenkins	Present
Board Member	Pam Cuppari	Present
Board Member	Robert Rupp	Present
Board Member	Pam Martin	Present
Board Member	Tammy Samples	Present
Board Member	Troy Brady	Present
Board Member	Nancy Shobe	Present
Board Member	Don Nestor	Absent
Board Member	Melissa Franke	Present
Board Member	Sam Nolte	Present
SYCC Director	Debora Brockleman	Present

Also in attendance Larry Carter.

Meeting Agenda Posted 01/03/19

*City of Buckhannon Stockert Youth & Community Center
Board of Directors Meeting – 4:30 pm in SYCC Conference Room
Meeting Agenda for January 7, 2019*

- A. **Call to Order**
 - A.1 **Moment of Silence**
 - A.2 **Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America**
 - A.3 **Welcome Upshur County Commission Appointment Sam Nolte to the SYCC Board**
 - A.4 **Welcome New At-Large Appointment Buddy Brady to the SYCC Board**
- B. **Recognized Guests**
- C. **Financial Report**
- D. **Department Report- Debora Brockleman**
 - D.1 **Staff Report: Upcoming Events and Current Programs**
 - D.2 **Community Spelling Bee (SYCC Participation)**
- E. **Correspondence & Information**
 - E.1 **Weyerhaeuser Giving –SYCC Capital Campaign Gift**
 - E.2 **David Thomas Family Donation-SYCC Capital Campaign Gift**
 - E.3 **CityPR: Congratulations Buddy Brady & Proclamation**
 - E.4 **Mayor’s State of the City Address**
- F. **Consent Agenda**
 - F.1 **Approval of Minutes: 12/03/18**
- G. **Strategic Issues for discussion and vote**
 - G.1 **Discussion Update- Multi-Purpose Building/Gym**
 - G.2 **Discussion Silver Anniversary of SYCC - How do we celebrate?**
- H. **Board Members Comments and Announcements**
- I. **Mayor’s Comments and Announcements**
- J. **Adjournment**

Posted 01/03/19

Call to Order: The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm with a moment of silence, followed by the pledge to the US flag.

Mayor McCauley welcomed new board member-Sam Nolte who was appointed by the Upshur County Commission.

Mayor McCauley welcomed new board member appointment, Buddy Brady.

Financial Report:

Director of Finance and Administration-Amberle Jenkins submitted the following financial information.

10/14/2018	Carolyn Hornbeck		\$	50.00	donation in honor Tom Abaugh		
10/25/2018	Tim Reese		\$	50.00	donation in honor Tom Abaugh		
10/29/2018	SYC Haunted Gym		\$	1,670.00	fund raiser		
10/30/2018	Robert Post		\$	100.00	donation in honor Tom Abaugh	\$ 38,921.48	put in savings by 1031180791 transfer
11/02/2018	David McCauley	603737	\$	100.00			
11/02/2018	Villers, Larry & Sherry	603892	\$	15.00	in honor of Jim Knox		
11/02/2018	Buchanan, Keith&Christ	603895	\$	50.00	in honor of Jim Knox		
11/02/2018	McClellan, Betty	603897	\$	50.00	in honor of Jim Knox		
11/05/2018	Skinner, Robert II	604596	\$	25.00	in honor of Jim Knox		
11/09/2018	Buckhannon Lions Club	605637	\$	100.00	donation		
11/09/2018	Decal Sales	605621	\$	6.00	decal sales		
11/09/2018	McMahon, Barbara	605630	\$	100.00	in honor of Jim Knox		
11/09/2018	United Way	605633	\$	625.00	donation		
11/09/2018	United Summit Center	605634	\$	417.00	donation		
11/09/2018	Go Fund Me	605634	\$	970.70	donation		
11/14/2018	Gum, Anthony	606483	\$	100.00	in honor of Jim Knox		
11/14/2018	Smith, Brandon	606464	\$	300.00	elimination auction (jersey?)		
11/27/2018	Linger, Sandra	608936	\$	22.50	cardie fundraiser		
11/27/2018	Robinson, Sharon	608937	\$	118.00	cardie fundraiser		
11/27/2018	Cutright, Paula	608933	\$	165.00	cardie fundraiser		
11/27/2018	Lane, Keri	608934	\$	24.00	cardie fundraiser		
11/27/2018	Dixon, Virginia	608935	\$	25.00	cardie fundraiser		
11/09/2018	Sams, Callie	605669	\$	2.00	decal sales		
12/06/2018	Terry Cutright	610875	\$	500.00	donation		
12/13/2018	Pamela Martin	612504	\$	250.00	in honor of Jim Knox		
12/28/2018	Marjorie Luther	615509	\$	100.00	in behalf of Callie Crosin-Sams		
12/28/2018	David McCauley	615521	\$	100.00	donation		
				\$ 82,793.26			
capital campaign	\$	151,721.00					
Contributions from Utility Bills		1224.29					
Total all	\$	235,738.55					

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CITY OF BUCKHANNON
REVENUE & EXPENSE REPORT (UNAUDITED)
AS OF: DECEMBER 31ST, 2018

011-GENERAL FUND

Y OF YEAR COMPLETED: 00.00

STOCKERT YOUTH CENTER

REVENUE & BENEFITS							
011-907-101-00 RECEIPT YOUTH CENTER DAL	124,200	8,895.91	84,707.76	0.00	88,732.24	52.02	
011-907-103-00 CASH BUCKHANNON DELAWARE	22,000	1,212.75	12,208.18	0.00	5,881.81	26.38	
011-907-103-01 EVC BUS DRIVERS	8,000	0.00	348.75	0.00	7,651.25	6.36	
011-907-104-00 PICA TAX	12,100	772.07	5,926.77	0.00	6,174.23	49.86	
011-907-105-00 OTHER INSURANCE	23,500	1,963.78	21,782.23	0.00	11,217.40	51.23	
011-907-106-00 GROUP RETIREMENT	7,500	558.08	1,597.22	0.00	3,912.78	49.83	
011-907-109-00 COMMODITIES AGENCY	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL REVENUE & BENEFITS	187,300	13,462.51	98,642.69	0.00	98,288.11	90.13	
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES							
011-907-213-00 TELEPHONE	2,100	225.36	1,274.19	0.00	825.85	60.69	
011-907-213-00 UTILITIES	13,500	1,990.95	7,338.49	0.00	8,187.33	89.18	
011-907-214-00 TRAVEL EXPENSE	500	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	
011-907-216-00 MAINTENANCE	5,500	285.58	1,853.38	0.00	3,646.62	36.47	
011-907-218-00 POSTAGE	200	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	
011-907-221-00 TRAINING	950	0.00	275.00	0.00	25.00	110.00	
011-907-226-00 INFORMATION & BOUND	13,500	1,247.76	5,215.23	0.00	8,284.77	68.63	
011-907-238-00 EVC CONTRACTUAL BUS DR	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
011-907-239-01 WORK STUDY/ASSISTANT	2,000	0.00	8,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	480.00	Need budget Rev. tion
TOTAL CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	47,000	3,469.69	16,994.87	0.00	12,605.57	69.13	
COMMITTEES							
011-907-342-00 MATERIALS & SUPPLIES RSPB	1,000	1,099.54	5,110.40	43.02	184.02	183.08	*
011-907-342-01 OPERATING EXPENSES	1,000	170.75	378.12	0.00	321.68	51.89	
011-907-343-00 EVC AUTO SERVICES	2,000	0.00	2,291.79	0.00	291.79	114.59	*
011-907-344-00 BIRTH TERM	5,000	624.88	1,747.39	0.00	3,292.63	14.93	
011-907-305-00 DANCE TERM	3,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	
011-907-356-00 YOUTH BASKETBALL	18,000	1,140.34	1,921.43	0.00	28,078.29	20.67	
011-907-357-00 TUTORING	250	0.00	0.00	0.00	880.00	0.00	
011-907-358-00 MEET. BIRTH/FAITHFUL	500	0.00	12.18	0.00	477.82	6.84	
011-907-359-00 ART/DRAMA PROGRAM	250	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	
011-907-360-00 CAMP PROGRAMS SUPPLIES	3,000	0.00	1,400.43	0.00	1,591.57	46.95	
011-907-361-00 AFTER SCHOOL SUPPLIES	4,000	212.37	2,989.04	0.00	1,338.96	51.73	
011-907-362-00 BIRTH/DRIVE MACHING	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
011-907-363-00 BIRTH/CLASS INSTRUCTION	1,500	144.30	1,380.00	0.00	132.80	91.20	
011-907-364-00 BIRTH/PAK	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
011-907-365-00 BIRTH/BIEN WEEK EXPENSE	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
011-907-366-00 PORN BIRTH	1,000	235.38	3,119.86	0.00	2,329.80	112.89	*
011-907-367-00 BIRTH/GO GOLFING	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
011-907-368-00 BIRTH/GO	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
011-907-369-01 BIRTH	1,000	0.00	24.00	0.00	976.00	2.40	
011-907-369-02 BIRTH/PTCHES CLASS	1,000	190.09	494.00	0.00	544.00	48.40	
011-907-369-03 BIRTH/LEADING	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
011-907-369-04 BIRTH/ACTIVITIES-ONE TIME	500	0.00	296.87	0.00	209.81	84.51	
011-907-369-05 BIRTH/ACTIVITIES-DRY EVC	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL COMMITTEES	45,000	1,740.18	20,844.89	43.02	24,011.49	69.41	

001-GENERAL FUND

% OF YEAR COMPLETED: 50.00

REVENUES	CURRENT BUDGET	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL	TOTAL RECOMMENDED	BUDGET BALANCE	% YTD BUDGET
CHARGES FOR SERVICES						
001-362-000-00 SYCC CENTER, OCC AND HOE	45,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	45,000.00	0.00
001-362-000-01 SYCC UTILITY REVENUE	2,500	208.50	1,257.50	0.00	1,242.50	50.30
001-362-000-02 SYCC CAMP DISCOUNTS FEES	10,000	0.00	18,000.00	0.00	60,000	100.38
001-362-000-03 SYCC DRILL TEAM FEES	5,000	232.00	1,275.00	0.00	3,625.00	27.50
001-362-000-04 SYCC BASKETBALL FEES	18,000	852.00	11,708.00	0.00	6,212.00	65.49
001-362-000-05 SYCC ROOM RENTAL FEES	3,500	280.00	2,495.00	0.00	1,005.00	71.29
001-362-000-06 SYCC ART/GRAPHICS FEES	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-362-000-07 SYCC AFTER SCHOOL FEES	18,000	3,533.44	27,747.43	0.00	8,747.43	154.15
001-362-000-08 SYCC ONLINE/ONLINE MACHINE	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-362-000-09 SYCC DONATIONS	2,000	990.00	45,311.20	0.00	47,211.20	2,460.56
001-362-000-10 SYCC KARATE FEES	1,500	80.00	1,700.00	0.00	200.00	111.33
001-362-000-11 SYCC RIBBON FEES	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-362-000-12 SYCC GIRLS GO GOLFING	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-362-000-13 SYCC CARE/SYCC	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-362-000-14 SYCC BINGO FUND RAISER	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-362-000-15 SYCC CHILDREN FESTIVAL DO	500	0.00	800.00	0.00	300.00	160.00
001-362-000-16 SYCC TEAM DANCES	750	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00	0.00
001-362-000-17 SYCC BINGO REVENUE	1,000	0.00	35.00	0.00	965.00	1.50
001-362-000-18 SYCC YOGA FITNESS CLASS REVENUE	1,000	70.00	950.00	0.00	450.00	55.00
001-362-000-19 SYCC GOLFAR LESSONS REVENUE	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-362-000-20 SYCC MISC ACTV REVENUE IYJ	500	20.00	30.00	0.00	410.00	18.00
001-362-000-99 SYCC REQUEST	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES	117,000	6,129.44	115,121.13	0.00	1,876.87	98.40

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Note: This is going to savings

Department Report: Debora Brockleman submitted and explained the following information.

D.1 Staff Report- Ms. Brockleman reported that about 400 youth will participate in basketball this year.

Sycc Staff Report
January 7, 2019

SYCC Program Update

Basketball program

Youth Basketball started this past weekend. We had a great attendance and all went very well. I was informed this weekend that our basketball gym schedule had to be changed. More games have been added to the HS schedule and will be played on a few of the Saturdays. Also the HS Coach wants to have his practice 8-10 and various Saturday mornings as well which will change our gym times. This was the first I had heard about any of the needed changes as our schedule has been set and have had approvals in place for months.

Weyerhaeuser Giving

We received the grant approval before Christmas and had the award presentation last Thursday. Attached is the terms and conditions of the award.

Elks Hoop Shoot

The annual Elks Hoop Shoot will be held on Jan 12 with registration beginning at 10am at SYCC.

Kiwanis

We now have a used youth equipment donation box in our front foyer. This box is sponsored by the Kiwanis. The box is for all youth sport equipment donations. Each group will be responsible for cleaning and re-distribution of the refurbished gear. Members of the Kiwanis plan to have gear available to each sport at scheduled sign up days.

Community Spelling Bee

We have been asked by members of the Upshur Arts Alliance to participate in the annual Spelling Bee. We would need a team of 4 spellers and the entry fee of \$100. Who, from our board of directors, is interested?

D.2 Community Spelling Bee- Ms. Brockleman asked for volunteers to participate in the upcoming Upshur Arts Alliance 4th Annual Community Spelling Bee. Larry Carter and Pam Martin agreed to participate.

Correspondence and Information:

E.1 Weyerhaeuser Giving –SYCC Capital Campaign Gift

CityPR: Stockert Youth & Community Center receives \$10,000 grant from Weyerhaeuser for planned facility expansion

BUCKHANNON, WV: Stockert Youth & Community Center Director, Debora Brockleman, received some good news recently: the Weyerhaeuser foundation awarded the center \$10,000, which will go toward building the new multipurpose space. With this latest addition, the capital campaign now stands at \$268,000 dollars. Thank you, Weyerhaeuser!

Stockert Youth & Community Center provides tutoring, after-school activities, recreation and sports classes & leagues, and summer camps for youth and adults in Buckhannon and Upshur County. Camp Buccaneer and SYCC afterschool provide a safe space for students to have fun, play sports, and participate in a wide variety of activities and special programming.

The additional space will allow the athletic programs—including the very popular recreational basketball program—to continue to thrive. The space will also allow for larger community events and classes that would not otherwise be possible in the current building.

Stockert Youth & Community Center sits on Main Street along the Elizabeth J. “Binky” Poundstone Riverwalk trail system and accessible sidewalk network; the new space would serve as a central trailhead and allow for indoor walking and cycling. The space may also be used for Strawberry Festival events and as an indoor space for Festival Fridays during inclement weather.

You can learn more about current activities at SYCC here: [facebook.com/stockertyouth](https://www.facebook.com/stockertyouth)

To donate to the SYCC capital campaign, call City Hall at (304) 472-1651 or go to: www.buckhannonwv.org/about-the-city/donate-syc/

 Gmail Stockert Youth <stockertyouth@gmail.com>

Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund Grant Award notification
1 message

Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund <no-reply@gdg.do> Mon, Dec 10, 2015 at 11:15 AM
To: stockertyouth@gmail.com



Weyerhaeuser

Dear Debora,

CONGRATULATIONS!

We are very pleased to announce that Stockert Youth and Community Center has been awarded a grant from the Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund in the amount of \$10,000.00.

This grant award is in support of your Project, as outlined in your grant application - Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund Grant : Stockert Youth and Community Center : Debora Brockleman : 130346907.

We would also like to acknowledge the efforts of your local giving fund advisory committee, whose recommendation was instrumental in securing this grant.

This is your official grant award notice. please share this news with all appropriate staff members including your accounts receivable. You should expect to see payment to the Stockert Youth and Community Center in approximately 10-15 business days.

We appreciate your review of our Grant Use Terms and Conditions (below).

As the Grant Use Terms and Conditions indicates, the Giving Fund requests a progress report year to date from this award. You will receive an automated request and directions on how to submit that report.

In the meantime, you have our best wishes for continued success, and we look forward to hearing about your accomplishments during the year.

We applaud the work you are doing for your community, and it is indeed a pleasure to be among your current supporters.

Sincerely,
Anne Leyva
Manager
Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund

GRANT USE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

We are delighted to give your organization this one-time charitable gift from the Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund.

Generating publicity about your grant is a perfect way to let the public know more about your organization and the good things you are doing to make your community a better place to live and work. Identifying Weyerhaeuser as one of your supporters can enhance your efforts.

We consider the deposit of our grant as your acceptance of our support and its terms and conditions, which are as follows:

1. Use Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund contributions specifically for the purpose(s) stated in our grant letter to you. Any changes you wish to make in the use of these funds must be approved by us in advance.
2. Unless your grant is earmarked as "unrestricted support," the funds cannot be used for general administrative costs, the provision of facilities or other types of expenses normally classified as "overhead" or "indirect costs."
3. Our funds should not be used to influence legislation. If the project we are supporting includes a budget for lobbying purposes, please contact us before depositing our check.
4. This contribution is strictly charitable, and as such no goods or services are to be provided to Weyerhaeuser or its employees as a result of this grant (i.e. tickets, tables, preferential seating at events).
5. Organizations receiving grants from the Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund must practice equal employment opportunity.
6. Although not required, we would appreciate receiving copies of any press releases or news clips regarding this grant. Please do so via email direct anne.leyva@weyerhaeuser.com
7. Please let us know what was accomplished with our funds. You will receive an automated email request a year to date of your grant award with directions on how to submit your progress report. Please submit your report at that time.

Thank you for observing these terms and conditions. We wish you success and look forward to receiving news about how your work is progressing.

January 3, 2019

Weyerhaeuser Trus Joist
100 TJM Drive
Buckhannon, WV 26201

RE: Stockert Youth & Community Center

Dear Ladies & Gentlemen:

On behalf of everyone associated with our Stockert Youth & Community Center & the City of Buckhannon, but especially the youth of our community, thank you for your very generous gift supporting the capital campaign to realize our new auditorium/gymnasium at SYCC. If more folks and businesses would step up to the plate as you have done, we could break ground very soon on this much needed and exciting project. Weyerhaeuser shall forever be a charter member of our Thousand Dollar Club, and one of our most substantial donors as a consequence of your gracious \$10,000 gift. You will be forever recognized upon our Giving Tree that adorns the foyer of SYCC. I assure you- one way or another in the near future, our facility will come to fruition.

As we edge closer to a ground-breaking, I will be in touch with you as we most assuredly would like the presence of representatives from Weyerhaeuser at this celebratory event. If I can ever be of service to you, please don't hesitate to call City Hall at (304) 472-1651. Again, on behalf of everyone associated with our City and our Stockert facility, thanks so very much!

Very truly yours,

David W. McCauley, Mayor & Chair of the Board

cc: Members of City Council
Members of Stockert Youth & Community Board
Debora Brockleman, SYCC Director
Amby Jenkins, City Finance & Administration Director
Jerry Arnold, City Public Works Director

E.2 David Thomas Family Donation-SYCC Capital Campaign Gift

November 30, 2018

Mayor David McCauley
70 E Main Street
Buckhannon WV 26201

Dear Dave,

My children were here this past Thanksgiving. The Thomas family is going to commit \$12,000.00 to the Stockert Youth & Community Center Capital Campaign.

The Thomas family is doing this in the loving memory of Michael Alexander Zebuhr.

I am working with Hymes & Coonts PLLC for supporting documentation and when completed to provided copies for my personnel file and the SYCC Capital Campaign.

Sincerely,

J. David Thomas

cc: Hymes & Coonts PLLC
SYCC Capital Campaign
Amberle Jenkins-Personnel File

E.3 CityPR: Congratulations Buddy Brady & Proclamation

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our City's Stockert Youth & Community Center's Board of Directors resolved during 2008, to annually honor the service of extraordinary persons who have given selflessly while dedicating their lives to the service of the youth of our Buckhannon-Upshur community by bestowing the Service to Youth Champion award; and,

WHEREAS, during 2008, the first SYCC "Service to Youth Champion" honoree was **Patty Muncy**, followed by **Cathy McCauley** in 2009, **Dr. Rob Rupp** in 2010, **Don Nestor** in 2011, **Joyce Harris-Thacker** in 2012, **Linda Riegel** in 2013, **Sam Nolte** in 2014, **Dr. Sara Stankus** in 2015, **Jason Westfall** in 2016; **Craig Presar** in 2017; **Roy Wager** & special honoree, **Roy Law** both in 2018; and,

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the annual award having historically been given in May of each year during Strawberry Festival week, the City of Buckhannon now for only the second time awards special Service to Youth

Champion recognition to **TROY “BUDDY” BRADY** for his compassionate service & contributions to the youth of our community; and,

WHEREAS, the City has specially selected **Buddy Brady** as our SYCC’s 13th Service to Youth Champion, & our City is now proud & privileged to honor & celebrate the many contributions benefiting our community’s children, thanks to **Buddy Brady**, who has long served as the County Commission’s appointee to our Stockert Board of Directors & since our renewed capital campaign to realize the new SYCC multi-use facility was launched in December of 2017, our SYCC Board has raised another \$100,000, with no Board member being more responsible for the tremendous financial success of the renewed campaign than Commissioner **Brady**; and,

WHEREAS, during a ceremony to be conducted at the Upshur County Courthouse in Buckhannon, on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 12:00 noon, our City will specially celebrate & recognize service to our youth by all members of our community while specially honoring **Mr. Troy “Buddy” Brady** as our newest Service to Youth Champion award recipient.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID W. McCAULEY, MAYOR OF BUCKHANNON, pursuant to the power & authority duly vested in me, hereby proclaim Thursday, December 6, 2018 to be a special **“SERVICE TO YOUTH DAY”** throughout Buckhannon, & I further proclaim Buckhannon’s special recipient of our **Service to Youth Champion** award to be **Troy “Buddy” Brady**. I further urge all residents to join our City’s honoree, **Troy “Buddy” Brady**, his family, & me, along with the members of our City & SYCC family, Upshur County governmental dignitaries, & friends near & far during the presentational ceremony to be conducted at 12:00 noon on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at the Upshur County Courthouse. May every resident aspire to being passionate about service to our youth just like our very special recipient & award winner who we now honor & pay tribute to **Troy “Buddy” Brady**, who shall in perpetuity be recognized on the Service to Youth Champions’ bench located in front of our Stockert Youth & Community Center.

Given under my hand & official seal of The City of Buckhannon, this 6th day of December, 2018

David W. McCauley, Mayor

Congratulations, Troy “Buddy” Brady!

BUCKHANNON, WV: One thing is sure: Troy “Buddy” Brady, our 13th Service to Youth Champion Honoree, has always been a good buddy to the youth of Buckhannon. Brady celebrated his retirement from the Upshur County Commission, and fellow commissioners Sam Nolte and Terry Cutright donated \$500 each to Stockert Youth & Community Center in his honor. County representatives welcomed members of the community to the Commission Meeting Room for a farewell luncheon where Brady was honored with two proclamations. The City of Buckhannon, represented by Mayor David McCauley, awarded Brady with the Stockert Youth & Community Center’s Service to Youth Champion Award during the event.

The County designated December 31, 2018, Brady’s last day in office, as the “Day of Giving” throughout Upshur County and asked that community members—past, present, and future—consider making a charitable donation to an organization of their choice on that day. The proclamation further suggested keeping Stockert Youth & Community Center in mind as one possible entity that could use financial support for the facility expansion capital campaign.

While Commissioner, Brady served on the Stockert Youth & Community Center as a board member representing the county: an important representative, as we estimate 75% of the youth who benefit from SYCC services live outside of the city limits. Brady’s dedication to the role, particularly the facility expansion capital campaign, resulted in some hefty donations from businesses and individuals from Buckhannon and Upshur County, including the recent \$20,000 donation from Buckhannon Toyota and the Minsker family.

Graciously, Brady has agreed to continue to serve on the SYCC Board of Directors following his retirement on December 31, 2018. We look forward to continued collaboration with Brady and Upshur County to benefit youth and adults who utilize SYCC and its many recreational, educational, and cultural programs.

Stockert Youth & Community Center provides tutoring, after-school activities, recreation and sports classes & leagues, and summer camps for youth and adults in Buckhannon and Upshur County. Camp Buccaneer and SYCC afterschool provide a safe space for students to have fun, play sports, and participate in a wide variety of activities and special programming. SYCC has laptops for participating youth to use to learn about coding and other tech skills. The community center sits on Main Street and is part of the Elizabeth J. “Binky” Poundstone Trail System, which connects downtown to Riverwalk Park as well as North Buckhannon and Jawbone parks and numerous businesses and neighborhoods.

You can learn more about current activities at SYCC here: [facebook.com/stockertyouth](https://www.facebook.com/stockertyouth)

To donate to the SYCC capital campaign, call City Hall at (304) 472-1651 or go to: www.buckhannonwv.org/about-the-city/donate-syc/

You may also get involved by volunteering! For SYCC volunteer needs, call the Center at (304) 473-0145 or go to the Buckhannon Volunteer Center website at:

www.buckhannonwv.org/volunteer

E.4 Mayor’s State of the City Address

The beginning of our new year poses a timely opportunity for us to look ahead, to consider our future. I continue to believe that our community is excellently postured to further raise the bar on our quality of life here for all of our residents. Please indulge me for the next few minutes as I share our plans & vision, municipal department by department for 2019.

Our utility & public safety operations shall always be the core of our essential services. Our Waste Collection Board launched its new toter system last spring & about 60% of our customers throughout Upshur County have now received their new toters. We've already realized greater efficiency, improved employee safety, & all residents & businesses alike are more fully accountable for the services provided to them which helps to save us all money. As I reported last year, in combination with our streets & parks department, we very soon need to realize construction of a new welding garage & tool building at our Mud Lick Run facility. Jerry Arnold will share details in the months ahead, but we know that there will be a cost association of several hundred thousand dollars with that project that will be shared by Waste Collection & our General Fund. We need to continue to invest in & be good stewards of the physical plants of all of our facilities. I note that there has not been a rate increase in waste collections here since 2011, & in this age to see the rates of any service remain the same for eight years is almost unheard of. Jeff Wamsley's guys continue to perform in exemplary fashion.

Our Water Board experienced a very busy 2018. The new Victoria Hill water tank was brought online & our water storage system now has more potable water than ever before. Completion of the decommissioning of the St. Joseph's tank will follow soon. The increase in our reserve water supply is all part of the anticipated, future growth in our community associated with the ever nearing completion of Corridor H. Our cooperative arrangement with Dominion Resources & the construction of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline project resulted in the undertaking of more than two million dollars worth of improvements to our water distribution system with the cost being borne entirely by ACP. These improvements would've been undertaken in the future in-house with the cost borne by our residents & businesses, so- completion of this project pushes us years ahead as our waterworks distribution system has been greatly enhanced without having to increase fees. Currently & as of January 1, Buckhannon ranks 39th out of the 369 PSC regulated water utilities in the state of West Virginia. That means we provide our water services among the most affordable communities in all of West Virginia & are at the 10.5% lowest rates in our entire state. The water plant work completed in 2018 was beneficial but at the same time problematic. When I was coming aboard as mayor nearly three years ago, the rhetoric about the two million dollars worth of improvements to our plant suggested we would add decades of service to our Harley A. Brown Water Plant & thus we were deferring tens of millions of dollars in plant replacement costs for many, many years. Now, our current consulting engineers are suggesting our water plant has another decade or so of life expectancy. We're flummoxed about this evaluation, & our Water Board & City administration will work hard to better evaluate the status of our current plant during 2019. We will be entirely proactive on this matter, & will not kick the can down the road. We will be working closely with the Adrian Public Service District to realize additional improvements to the southern portion of our water distribution system. We will continue to insist that all of the outlying public service districts improve their maintenance programs with their own systems to minimize the potable water that ends up being dumped into the ground. The leakage rates of some of the PSDs is untenable & we must all work to being better stewards of our precious water. City engineer Jay Hollen is working to identify ways to increase our raw water storage that might double for some form of water recreation. Stay tuned! Water Superintendent, Kelly Arnold's staff is performing outstandingly. We welcomed a couple of new plant operators during 2018, & they're doing a super job. On the whole, our waterworks have never been better positioned than they are right now. By the way, Buckhannon's water was judged to be the best or tied for the best tasting water in all of West Virginia for the past two years.

Our Sanitary Board continues to function in an exemplary manner. Opened in 1987 with a then 30-40 year life expectancy, engineer Sam Ludlow & new Sanitary Superintendent Buck Samples now estimate that in 2019, our Samuel S. Ludlow Sewer Plant should endure for another 40 years given the excellent & persistent upgrades & maintenance of our existing physical plant operations all again undertaken in-house. Sam & Buck together have a City tenure exceeding 70 years. Currently as of January 1, & following rate increases during the past two years, Buckhannon ranks 173rd out of 321 PSC regulated sewer utilities in the state of West Virginia. That means our sewer services rank in the middle of the pack in affordability in West Virginia & are at the 53.9% lowest rates in our state. Remember, during 2017, & after decades of discussion, all storm sewer operations were formally designated as being undertaken by our Sanitary Board. Our sewer staff has been engaged in extensive planning within & outside the corporate limits to improve our storm water system, & with passage of the sales tax

ordinance that will be implemented in the months ahead, we anticipate great strides in further improving our storm water system as funding becomes available.

I would be remiss if I failed to note that all of our utility operations are now in compliance with State mandates to maintain a 12.5% reserve based upon a State operational revenues' formula. We are now universally prepared for emergencies as they arise.

In Streets & Parks, there are a number of projects identified for 2019. Many more paving & sidewalk projects are planned including near the City seal mural, Kanawha, Spring, & Florida streets. The Gateway West project will start in the spring & soon there will be an amazing mile of new sidewalk, period lighting, holiday banners, & complete streets from the first Buckhannon exit all the way to our College campus. We anticipate the State project improving 88 sidewalk intersect points downtown & all along Route 20/Kanawha Street to be completed during the upcoming construction season. This will greatly enhance ADA compliance throughout our community, & particularly in the highest pedestrian traffic areas. Our North Buckhannon area will soon realize important improvements including sidewalk projects along North Florida Street, First Street, & Morton Avenue.

The North Buckhannon Park was rededicated last spring with handicap accessible parking, enhanced ADA compliance, & new playground equipment. Jawbone Park realized new improvements last year, & soon a new sound system will be installed. The long discussed Trader's Alley/Milkman Lane project is nearing completion & we hope to dedicate it this summer connecting our beautiful downtown to our primary community gathering spot in Jawbone Park. We'll soon dedicate the new Green park, Bobcat, & BEST benches. Our River Trail will be further enhanced with construction of a new pavilion located near the boat ramp & the dog park & this past summer we dedicated the Poundstone-Ellis Legacies Plaza. The dog park itself will continue to be developed by our excellent City crews with support funding coming from the volunteers comprising our Dog Park Committee. We look forward to at long last realizing our handicapped fishing pier. We will work with our cycling friends & extend our river trail to our high school & beyond to Sago & Pringle Tree Park. We are working out details right now with WV Split Rail to connect the dots between our downtown & the WVWC campus portion of our river trail. We resumed cemetery mowing in-house in 2017 saving our residents thousands of dollars annually while employing new seasonal workers.

Grants have permitted us to make tremendous strides in the rehabilitation of the Colonial Theatre. We have now secured about half of our funding for this four-phase project. We have a new floor that can sustain 200 tons of weight, a new roof has been installed, the restored marquee is back up, the windows have been rehabbed, & our guys are working on the balcony & lobby areas of our theatre. We anticipate Buckhannon Community Theatre performing Dracula in a renovated auditorium in October. This facility will be a crown jewel of our community when completed servicing our arts' entities, but especially our youth.

Speaking of our youth, we will celebrate the Silver anniversary of our Stockert Youth & Community Center in 2019. We plan on breaking ground on our new auditorium/gymnasium complex in 2019 & many more fundraisings are planned as we try to edge closer to undertaking that vital project for the benefit of our kids. We raised about \$110,000 with our renewed SYCC capital campaign during the past year alone. Rob Barbor & his crew continue to work their magic with our floral & landscaping program. The entrances to town are receiving some much needed sprucing up replete with new plantings & lighting. We realized community fruit orchards & vegetable gardens during the 2018 growing season. We're going to further expand our wild flower program in 2019. Brad Hawkins' guys simply amaze us. We simply could not employ a better Public Works Director than Jerry Arnold.

Our Police Department welcomed two new members in 2018 with the hire of Angel McCauley & Sam Kraemer who completed their academy training just last month. We're starting 2019 with new testing to replenish our list of eligibles & we'll soon replace an officer who resigned in December. Our officers are unanimously committed to CALEA accreditation & the CALEA committee has been very busy. We continue to develop holistic policies in addressing our drug epidemic. Kudos to Matt Gregory's excellent officers & staff, & special thanks to our VIPS as well for protecting our lives & property.

Our Fire Department similarly worked hard on its own IFAA accreditation efforts during 2018, & all of our members are performing excellently including new chief, J.B. Kimble. The collaboration among our paid & volunteer fighters continues to establish Buckhannon as one of the best prepared fire departments in the state. Our guys need a new rescue/pumper truck soon, & the Council needs to prepare for helping them purchase that new vehicle in 2019. This vehicle will permit us to retire two or

three 1990s vehicles from our fire fleet. We anticipate partnering with the county commission & our volunteers to realize the necessary funds, but, this new, fully equipped vehicle is expected to cost about \$500,000. Thanks to all of our paid & volunteer firefighters for their selfless time & commitment to protecting our lives & property.

We still plan on completing the exterior improvements to the public safety complex with new lighting, reconfigured parking spaces, landscaping, & dedication of the new Police Department blue wall in 2019 to compliment the Fire Department's red wall dedicated during Friendly Way Day 2017. Our community scrapbook wall will come to be dedicated in the frequently used Community & Training room, which by the way needs a few more tables & chairs, but we did acquire several new chairs for this much used room along with an additional TV monitor.

Callie Cronin Sams has made us vastly better at information sharing, while she has aided us reaping many more grant awards than ever before. Amby Jenkins, our Finance & Administration Director continues to perform yeoman's work for us, & our City Hall staff has never been stronger than it is right now. We thank City Attorney Tom O'Neill, assistant City Attorney Matt Hymes, & our municipal court judge, Helen Echard for their excellent service.

2018 saw Harbor Freight locate its second West Virginia store right here within our corporate limits. Stone Tower Brews opened last April. The Innovation Center broke ground during 2018 & anticipates opening by summer. The Opera House opened this past summer & hosted the WV Municipal League receiving rave reviews from mayors & councilors from all over WV. Community Care opened its new doors downtown, Orion Strategies located its corporate headquarters downtown, Citizens Bank is open for business in its new building, JesterLine is prepared to bring new virtual reality to our downtown in the coming days, Almost Heaven CrossFit Gym opened adding vibrancy to our Trader's Alley Arts District, Mountain Lakes Insurance is now downtown, & developers from throughout the region continue to invest substantially in our downtown. In fact, we've realized more than \$15 million in new construction in our downtown during the past two years. We have virtually 100% store front occupancy on our Main Street. Very soon we'll welcome Buteras to downtown along with Mama Mia's Pie & Pasta. Travis Foster has become an excellent partner in our downtown developments. We'll continue to partner with businesses big & small seeking to expand or establish their enterprises in beautiful downtown Buckhannon.

We'll continue to work closely with our wonderful friends & former protectors, the members of our American Legion & VFW on various projects including plans to develop the Veterans' Way loop on Kanawha Street & expand the Flags for the Fallen project. We'll partner with the WV Strawberry Festival to again help stage the most successful festival in all of West Virginia. It's the single most important event each year in our community, & it's an opportunity to show off what we do for the entire region. We'll continue to work closely with Create Buckhannon, ART26201, Buckhannon Community Theatre, Buckhannon Choral Society, & all arts related groups to expand public arts in all forms- visual & performing. Our primary partners will benefit from our collaboration- West Virginia Wesleyan College, St. Joseph's Hospital, the Upshur County Commission, the Upshur County school system, the CVB, the Chamber of Commerce, & the Development Authority. We'll continue to support small business through our Facade Grants' Program. We'll continue to help clean up properties through our Good Neighbor grant program helping those who need it most. Our new parking policy has been fully effected & has helped spur activity in our downtown. We will continue to honor & support the Blessing Box & Little Free Library programs & the excellent volunteers that make those programs so successful & which distinguish Buckhannon from all other places. Speaking of volunteers, how about that new Volunteer Center & the super work of Casey Gilbert! Our inaugural Community Unity & Kindness Day was a huge success in October, & we look forward to many more BEST awards, that is, Buckhannon's Exemplary Service Testimonials. We've already recognized Amanda Hayes, Zach Mutchler, Robin Keough, & next meeting Shirley Tinney.

We will continue to partner with Matt Kerner & Opportunity House to remove the stigma of addiction while creating a welcoming environment for those in recovery. We'll partner in the third, annual Haha, Hope And Help Assembly in September, followed by our Children's Festival, TruckFest, Fall Fest, & all of our Halloween & Christmas fun. Festival Fridays are already scheduled for a full summer 2019 season. We'll continue to collaborate with the River Festival group as they celebrate our community's water supply late next summer.

Our reconstituted Planning Commission has been performing yeoman's work to develop our 2025 comprehensive plan. The newly formed Diversity Appreciation Coalition will continue to perform

important work to expand our all-inclusiveness & we'll be announcing very soon how we will celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Day later this month. We'll continue to recognize our history, & to tell our story & to recognize those who've brought positive attention & accolades to our B-U community- soon recognizing J.D. Hinkle, Jr., Charley Harper, Steve Coonts, Jayne Anne Phillips, Breece D'J Pancake, our State's longest recognized poet laureate Irene McKinney, Earle "Greasy Neale," Cliff Battles, the Carter sisters, & others.

We will do all these things while being cleaner, greener, & more sustainable than ever before. We will do all these things while being more inclusive than ever before. We shall not tolerate the actions of those who seek to divide us. Anyone- regardless as to their race, ethnicity, gender, religion, age, handicap, or orientation who seeks to be part of our many successes is invited to participate with us & to offer their help in making our community even better. Our mission is not to be the best community around, our mission is simply to be the best community that WE can be.

I have no doubt that with our excellent staff of 85 fulltime employees that we shall take our community to another, higher level during 2019. Our outstanding employees make all of these things possible. As we begin the budgeting process for the 2019-20 fiscal year next month, & recalling my commitment to our employees that this Council honored back in October of 2016 by then approving a .50 per hour pay raise for all fulltime employees, I ask us to work together, i.e., this City Council & our Utility Boards- to find the means to implement an additional, modest cost of living increase effective during 2019 of an additional .50 an hour for all of our fulltime employees. Our success as a City is attributed to our folks in the trenches who are repairing broken utility lines at 3:00 a.m. when it's below zero, our first responders who answer the police & fire calls at all hours & under the most unpleasant of circumstances, our workers who are hanging off of the back of our garbage trucks whether it's zero or 95 degrees. We need to recognize the value of those labors & we need to retain & express our collective appreciation for our very valuable work force.

I want to most sincerely thank my colleagues on this City Council who have steadfastly sponsored & supported initiatives to make our organization & community stronger. WE... truly are- all in this together. May 2019 smile kindly & fondly upon our Buckhannon-

Consent Agenda:

F.1 Approval of Minutes 12/03/18 Motion Shobe/Rupp to approve the minutes of the meeting held December 3, 2018 . Motion carried.

Strategic Issues for discussion and vote:

G.1 Discussion Update of the Multi-Purpose Building:

Mayor McCauley reported that Engineer-Jay Hollen and Director of Public Works-Jerry Arnold continue to work on information regarding building costs. They hope to start the bidding process for the building kit in March or April.

Board Members strongly suggested that ground breaking should begin very soon. They expect that once some visible progress begins, more interest and donations toward the project will spike. Even something as simple as marking the area where the building will be constructed would be a benefit.

Mayor McCauley suggested approaching City Council to help fund the project from the Rainy Day funds. The funds could be replaced once sales tax collections begin. Board members would like a breakdown of costs for the project.

G.2 Discussion Silver Anniversary of SYCC – how to celebrate?

Mayor McCauley informed the Board Members that this year is the silver anniversary of the Stockert Youth Center.

STOCKERT YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTER - CELEBRATION OF SILVER ANNIVERSARY (25TH)

1) Joyce Stockert died on March 16, 1994 & on September 15, 1994, the Upshur County Commission formally accepted the \$500,000 bequest to begin the then Stockert Youth Center, now being the Stockert Youth & Community Center

2) The City as a result of a "friendly" lawsuit filed in 2004, or 15 years ago, assumed ownership & operation of SYCC. A board of directors was created featuring representation of all of the principal partners in the organization, i.e., the City, the County, the Board of Education, & WV Wesleyan College. Today, there is an 11-member Board.

3) As we edge closer to building the new SYCC multi-use space, call it a gym, call it an auditorium, call it a multi-use space, call it an arena- the 25th anniversary seems to be the perfect time for advancing this project.

4) In addition to “breaking ground” in 2019, I think we should plan activities on a monthly basis to commemorate all that’s occurred at SYCC during the past 25 years. There are some easy dates to recognize & celebrate. First, Joyce’s birthday is September 11, 2014, so we should make a huge event out of her 105th birthday. While we don’t celebrate her death, we should commemorate March 16 as the day that allowed SYCC to begin. In May, we’ll honor our next Service to Youth Champion, so right of the bat we have three months of celebrations covered. If we “break ground” in June or July- that would be another celebration. If we can cut a ribbon by say December, that would be another celebration. In the perfect world, this new facility will be open with the 2020 basketball season. Perhaps we can feature some high school or WVWC college exhibitions in December to kick off the new building. Perhaps we have some alumni games from BUHS or WVWC in the new building. We could host some of the older BUHS basketball alums, people like Bill Thomas, Randy Tenney, etc. We also could bring back some of the recent BUHS girls’ members for some sort of exhibition.

5) Let’s focus on the other months to celebrate SYCC’s 25th birthday. Let’s have a banner made that touts 25 amazing years that we hang outside for all to see, while also plugging our capital campaign to eclipse the approximately \$260,000 we know have toward the building.

6) This celebration is a genuine one to commemorate the past 25 years, but it’s also an opportunity to raise the additional needed funds to build the new building. Let’s really think outside the box as we think about ways to celebrate SYCC’s big 25th birthday!

Buckhannon’s Joyce S. Stockert died on March 16, 1994. By her last will & testament drafted by attorney, Roy Law, Mrs. Stockert provided that upon the Upshur County Commission’s acceptance within six (6) months following the probate of her will, that \$500,000 was to be bequeathed for the purchase, construction, & operation of a youth center facility to be designated & named “The Stockert Youth Center.” Mrs. Stockert specifically provided that “the operation of the youth center shall ... provide for entertainment, instruction, recreational athletics, sport & other wholesome activities for the youth of Upshur County.”

On September 15, 1994, the Commission formally & unanimously accepted the bequest in accordance with Mrs. Stockert’s will. The County entered into a rent-free, year-to-year lease with the Upshur County Board of Education to use the old East Main Street School which had closed at the end of the 1994 school year to house the youth center. The very first SYC program was the drill team featuring sometimes more than 100 little pompom, baton, flag, & rifle toting girls. Later, a director was hired & after-school programs were established.

Until 2004, the County Commission honored the spirit & express purpose of the Stockert bequest. During Binky Poundstone’s tenure as mayor from 1996-2000, the City of Buckhannon began to contribute financially & through in-kind services to improve SYC. Wesleyan College also was substantially involved in SYC program administration & development since SYC’s inception, with SYC having benefited from the hundreds of Wesleyan students’ dynamic service, mentoring, & leadership involvement.

SYC was sustained during its first decade during the ownership & operation by the County Commission while relying heavily upon financial & other assistance from the City, the Upshur County Board of Ed, the College, & other individuals & entities, & SYC remained viable due to the informal partnership which existed among the several entities & other contributors.

In 2004, the partnering County, City, & Board of Education, recognized & agreed that notwithstanding the previous sustaining of SYC facilities & programs under County ownership & operation, that a different method whereby the City would assume SYC ownership & operation with future financial & other assistance forthcoming from the County Commission & the Upshur County Board of Education, & other assistance from the College, would best assure SYC’s continued, long-term operation together with improvement of SYC facilities, programs, & staffing. A declaratory judgment action was filed before Judge Tom Keadle, who approved the new arrangement, & for the past 14 years, SYC has flourished under City ownership & the direction of a board comprised of all of the primary partnering entities.

In 2005, a small cities’ block grant combined with in-kind services by the City permitted substantial remodeling of the facility gifted by the Board of Education. A retired bus was acquired from the Board of Ed. to permit transportation of SYC kids to parades, Camp Buccaneer at the county pool, & trips to Kennywood for kids, many of whom would never otherwise have been able to enjoy such fun, summer fieldtrips. Basketball, martial arts, Stock-Art, wrestling, & other programs have been added to provide fun, safe, after-school & summer experiences for the children of our B-U community. No child has ever been turned away from SYC. In its 24th year, thousands of kids from our community have benefited from our SYC programs. This year, we will celebrate the silver anniversary of our beloved Stockert Youth Center, & we hope to break ground soon on a new multi-purpose auditorium/gymnasium to even better meet the needs of our most precious assets- our children. Additionally, plans are being made to expand the programs at SYC to permit senior citizens & other adult groups to use the facility. Thank you to our B-U community for your excellent support!

Mayor McCauley asked for ideas for events that could be held each month this year in recognition of the silver anniversary.

Some suggestions were:

- Valentine Dance
- Dancing with the Stars Upshur County
- Corn Hole Tournament

- Who Done It Mystery Scavenger Hunt
- Autograph Signing with WVU Sports Figures
- Another Elimination Dinner on April 26th
- Calendar sale with SYCC events on it.
- A group picture of all (400) participants in the basketball program

Board Member Comments and Announcements:

- **Sam Nolte** commented on the Brushy Fork property that is currently being utilized by soccer groups. He hopes futures plans include Stockert Youth activities.
- **Larry Carter** offered assistance with an elimination dinner.
- **Tammy Samples** commented on the recent passing of two school personnel (Tappan Squires and Kermit Pugh) who will be missed. She also reminded everyone of the upcoming school levy election.
- **Robert Rupp** welcomed Board Member Sam Nolte and welcomed Buddy Brady back to the Board.

There being no further business to be transacted, meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Mayor David McCauley _____

Assistant Recorder Amberle Jenkins _____