TOYS FOR HAPPINESS CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF — The 2015 Toys For Happiness program was launched with a recent kickoff dinner, during which local participants were honored and thanked for their work with the program. Toys for Happiness is headquartered in Cumberland, but it operates in Garrett County as well. A plaque of appreciation was presented to Alex Mellott, who is the president of the Oakland Volunteer Fire Department, at the kickoff event. The gift was given in gratitude to the OVFD for members’ assistance in the program last year, when they staged “Fill a Truck Load with Toys,” collecting toys and donations in front of First Peoples Bank. Pictured from left are Tammy Mellott, wife of Alex Mellott who is in the center, and Mary Ellen Nasif, the Garrett County coordinator of the program. Applications are being accepted for Toys for Happiness, and can be found online at www.toys4happiness.org. Paper applications can be obtained at all Garrett County public libraries, Garrett County Community Action, Department of Social Services, Head Start and the Judy Center, and Burlington Family Services, or by contacting Mary Ellen Nasif at 301-501-2858. The deadline is Nov. 19. The gift barrels will soon be distributed throughout the county for gift donations. See story.

Applications Now Accepted For Toys For Happiness

The 2015 Toys For Happiness program, headquartered in Cumberland but operating in Garrett County as well, was launched with a recent kickoff dinner. Applications are now being accepted for the holiday gift program. At the kickoff event, a plaque of appreciation was presented to Alex Mellott, who was representing the Oakland Volunteer Fire Department. The certificate was given in gratitude to the OVFD for members’ assistance in Toys for Happiness.

Last year the OVFD assisted in “Fill a Truck Load with Toys,” collecting toys and donations in front of First Peoples Bank. This event will take place once again on a date to be announced.

Garrett County has been participating in the Toys for Happiness program for more than ten years.

Applications to receive the benefits of Toys for Happiness are now being accepted. Persons may apply online by going to www.toys4happiness.org. Paper applications can be obtained at all Garrett County public libraries, Garrett County Community Action, Department of Social Services, Head Start and the Judy Center, and Burlington Family Services, or by contacting Mary Ellen Nasif at 301-501-2858.

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Christmas barrels for the project will soon be located across the county, and persons are invited to donate toys to the program by leaving them in the containers. Nasif has been coordinat-