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Perry CWF Salad Supper Planned

The Perry Christian Church CWF invite all ladies in the community to a salad supper Thursday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m., at the church. The Spiritual Sounds will entertain.

MS Support Group To Meet

The next meeting of the Mark Twain Multiple Sclerosis "Talk MS" Support Group, will be held on Tuesday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. at the Ralls County Health Department Office at the junction of Hwy. 61 and Route A in New London. The program will be "Relationship Matters," plus information will be shared and discussed from prior meeting programs. For more information about the support group and services offered by the MS Society, go online at gatewaymssociety.org, or call 800-344-4867, or contact group leader, Debby Rhodes, at 573-267-3365.

MS Awareness Week is March 8 to 14. Volunteers are distributing informational books about MS to 250 public libraries across the 90-counties in the Gateway Area Chapter in a community outreach effort. Check local libraries.

Project Prom Meeting Set

Project Prom will be meeting Wednesday, March 10, at 6:00 p.m. in the MTHS cafeteria. Call Lori Alexander at 573-221-6560 for more information.

Trivia Night Scheduled

The Golden Girls Relay for Life Team will be hosting a Trivia Night March 26 at 7:00 p.m. at St. William Catholic Church basement in Perry. Sandwiches and desserts will be served starting at 5:30 p.m.

Receipts Deadline

March 31 is the deadline for turning in Ruba's General Store receipts to benefit the New London Elementary School.

Center Food Pantry

The Center Community Food Pantry will be open Thursday, March 11, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Olivet Christian Church basement.

The pantry is open the second Thursday of each month.

NOTICE

The Ralls County Herald-Enterprise office will be closed Thursday, March 18.

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Area Deaths

• Blanche 'Betty' Mershon, 81
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Abigail Grimmitt

Submitted Photo

Grimmett, Thomure Win Honors In Miss Audrain Teen Pageant

It might have been snowing outside Sunday but inside Presser Performing Arts Center, it was anything but a gloomy winter day when 13 young women and teens lit up the stage for the Miss Audrain and Miss Audrain Outstanding Teen Scholarship Pageant.

After two hours of talent, lifestyle and physical fitness, evening wear, and on-stage question competition, Abby Grimmitt, of Perry, was crowned Miss Audrain 2010; and Courtney Thomure, 17, of New London, was crowned Miss Audrain Outstanding Teen. Both will compete in their respective state competitions this June in Mexico.

Grimmett, a senior journalism student at the University of Missouri is the daughter of John and Patti Grimmitt. For her talent she performed a piano solo titled "Cumina." Grimmitt, who has been playing the piano since she was four, was happy with her talent performance and said it was the most fun part of the pageant.

In reference to choosing her selection Grimmitt simply said, "I have been playing it for a couple of years now, so why change?"

She also gives credit to her piano teacher and her mom, who are one and the same.

The new Miss Audrain is looking forward to returning to the Miss Missouri stage in June.

"I have always dreamed of someday being Miss Missouri," Grimmitt stated.

This will be her fourth year at the state pageant and she joked about being a seasoned contestant. She is also looking forward to seeing some of the friends at the pageant she has met during her years of

competition.

Grimmett's platform is Agricultural Awareness.

As Miss Audrain 2010, Grimmitt will receive a \$1,000 scholarship; wardrobe allowance, and many other gifts.

First runner-up was Tippe Emmott, 19, of Springfield. Emmott performed a lyrical ballet en Pointe titled "Let Me Fall" for her talent. She was also chosen as the People's Choice winner. Emmott's platform is Child Abuse Awareness.

The new Miss Outstanding Teen is the daughter of Darrell and Kathy Thomure of New London. For her talent she performed a jazz routine to "Car Wash." Her platform is Mentoring to the Young at Heart. As Miss Audrain Outstanding Miss, Courtney will receive a \$100 savings bond; a wardrobe allowance and many other gifts.

Also competing in the Miss Audrain Pageant were Kelsey Firsick, 19, of Fenton, who performed a violin solo; Miranda Wall, 21, of Mexico, who performed a vocal solo "Through The Eyes Of Love"; Gilda Ray Reed, 19, of Houston, who performed a vocal solo "Ain't No Mountain High Enough"; Mary Bauer, 18, of Cape Girardeau, who sang

Ralls County Food Distribution Set

The members of the First Baptist Church of New London will be distributing supplemental food to eligible Ralls County residents on Thursday, March 4.

In order to receive this food a family or person must qualify through the poverty guidelines. The food is supplied by the Central Missouri Food bank.

Distribution will be con-

ducted from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the church. Entrance doors will be marked at the rear church entrance. Applicants are asked to bring some proof of financial eligibility the day of distribution. Food stamp recipients are automatically eligible to receive commodities.

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Emcees for Sunday's program were Bruce Oliver and Miss Audrain 2009 Amelia Gandara. Also appearing on stage were Miss Missouri 2009 Tara Osseck and Miss Audrain Outstanding Teen 2009 McKensie Garber. Entertainment was provided by Gandara and Garber, who performed their talent routine from the Miss Missouri Pageant, and students from Janet's Dance Studio.

"Angel"; Lauren Alumbaugh, 21, of El Dorado Springs, who sang "Cry Me A River"; Emily Haines, 18, of Hannibal, who performed a clogging routine to "Hillbilly Nation"; and Me'Lisa Enyard, 21, of Moberly, who sang "Inseparable."

Also competing for the Miss Audrain Outstanding Teen were Lindsey Hendren 13, of Madison, who performed a pop dance titled "Smooth Criminal;" Morgan Carnes, 15, of Kirksville, who performed a tap dance titled "Shackled;" and Megan McWilliams, 15, who performed a lyrical ballet to "Every Mountain." Megan was also the winner of the People's Choice award.

No New Filings For August 3 Primary

As of press time this week, there have been no new filings for the August 3 Primary Election.

The following Democratic candidates filed last week for Ralls County offices: Ernest E. Duckworth, county clerk; Gene Evans, presiding commissioner; Jena Epperson, treasurer; Connie Berry, collector; Gina Jameson, circuit clerk and recorder; and David Mobley, associate circuit judge.

All are incumbents, except for Evans. The current presiding commissioner, George E.

Lane, is not seeking re-election.

The following Democratic committee men and women have also filed:

Woody St. Clair, Clay Township; Sheila Foster, Clay Township; Bobbe Winders, Spencer Township; George E. Lane, Jasper Township; and John Stone, Saverton Township.

The filing period for candidates for offices to be voted on in the August 3, 2010, primary election will continue until Tuesday, March 30, at 5:00 p.m.

Monroe City Nutrition Center Offering Help With Medicare

The Monroe City Senior Nutrition Center will be assisting Medicare Beneficiaries in applying for three programs that will save many Missourians money on the cost of their medications and the premiums they pay for their Medicare coverage. These programs are the Medicare Savings Program, Limited Income Subsidy Program and the MORx Program.

MORx works with the beneficiary's Medicare Prescription Drug Plan to help Medicare Beneficiaries save money on prescription drugs. This is a free program which covers up to a 31 day supply for each prescription filled at

a Missouri pharmacy that is covered on the beneficiaries' Part D formulary. To qualify you must be a Missouri resident, be enrolled in a Medicare Part D Plan and your monthly income must be less than \$1,805 if single and \$2,428.33 if married. Savings and assets are not counted to qualify for this program.

If you or someone you know might qualify for any of the above programs, all it takes is a phone call to the Monroe City Senior Nutrition Center at 573-735-2131, and you will receive assistance with any questions and filing the necessary applications.



Photo Courtesy of Jim Meyer

Newly-elected Extension Council officers from left to right are Beverly Klise, treasurer; Jan Golian, president; Laurie Means, secretary; and Jerry Allen, vice-president.

Ralls Extension Council Holds Annual Meeting

The annual dinner meeting of the Ralls County Extension Council was held February 25 with 53 people attending. The meeting was held in the basement of the courthouse in New London.

Newlyelected Extension Council members for 2010 were introduced by Jim Meyer, County Program Director. They included Daryl Caswell, Saverton Township; Gary Ely, Saline Township; Jerry Allen, Clay Township; Terry Hoyt, Jasper Township and Cindy Woodhurst, Salt River Township. Re-elected to the council was Dee Shepherd, Town of Center. Re-appointed to the council was Laurie Means, Town of New London. Breanne Hayes was appointed as youth member.

Retiring council members were recognized and presented certificates of appreciation. They included Rhonda Robison, Saverton Township; Monte Basinger, Jasper Township; John Roy Chipman, Salt River Township; Mike Miller, Clay Town-

ship; Jordan Epperson, Young Adult, and Barb Kendrick, Saline Township. Al Kennett, Livestock Specialist, thanked each of these retiring members for the time and service given to the council.

Extension Council officers for the year 2010 were elected. They include Jan Golian, chairman; Jerry Allen, vice-chairman; Laurie Means, secretary; and Beverly Klise, treasurer.

Jessie Heimer was the guest speaker. He shared highlights from his Agriculture Leaders of Tomorrow trip to the Czech Republic and France. Heimer noted some of the differences and similarities in agriculture in these two countries and the United States.

The Extension Council is in charge of University Of Missouri Extension programming in Ralls County and oversees the finances, staff, and activities of the Ralls County Extension Center. The council meets the fourth Thursday night of each month at the courthouse in New London.