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?“More Than A Pretty Face”...

The Auditorium at Silver Creek High School was packed to near capacity last Thursday evening.

Those gathered were not there to see a great rendition of a classic by the Silver Creek High School Theatre group, they were moms and dads, aunts and uncles, grandmas and grandpas and friends and boyfriends, to the 11 lovely young ladies vying for the title of Miss Clark County 2008. The crowd gathered to cheer their favorite contestant on.

The contestants were judged during the pageant on Professional Wear and the Evening Gown categories. Individual interviews were conducted on Thursday afternoon and early evening. During the Professional Wear category the ladies were judged on their posture, poise and overall impression. The category was worth 20 points while the Evening Gown category, where the ladies were judged on stage presence and overall impression, was judged for 30 points. The interview was worth 50 points.

The three judges having the tough decision to crown a new Miss Clark County were: Kelly Knight-Lynch, Stephanie Ferriell and Brian Jeffries.

Knight-Lynch and Jeffries reside in Elizabethtown, Kentucky while Ferriell resides in Salem.

After the judges had made their hard decision, Charlie Jenkins, Master of Ceremony, of Clear Channel Radio, made the announcement of the 2008 Miss Clark County and her court.

Miss Clark County 2008 is Whitney Noel Popp. The 17-year old is a senior at Our Lady of Providence High School. Her parents are Ralph and Patty Popp of Memphis.

Popp has been a member of 4-H for four years and enjoys dancing, singing, reading, swimming, running, drawing, playing sports, attending theatrical productions, acting, deer hunting, helping on the farm, helping her grandpa in the garden, learning new things, studying

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science and history, going to tractor pulls and spending time with her friends and family.

First Runner-Up is Summer Wahl. Wahl is the 18-year old daughter of Ed and Joetta Wahl of Charlestown.

Wahl is a freshman at Purdue University College of Education. She is a 10-year 4-H member and enjoys scrapbooking, reading, making tie blankets to donate to the Linus Project, tumbling, shopping, playing tennis with her brother Bram and spending time with her family and friends.

Second Runner-Up is Brittany Davis. She is a 19-year old sophomore at the University of Evansville and the daughter of Wayne and Kelly Davis of Nabb.

Davis enjoys the piano, scrapbooking, spending time with family, friends and her boyfriend, eating ice cream and watching movies.

Thursday afternoon the contestants voted for the one girl who was the most helpful and outgoing for Miss Congeniality. The 2008 title of Miss Congeniality went to Kayla O'Brien.

O'Brien is the 18-year old daughter of Shawn and Dava O'Brien of Henryville. She is a freshman at Indiana University Southeast and enjoys tennis, 4-H, shopping and fishing.

Other contestants vying for Miss Clark County were: Whitney Zollman, Jessica Cook, Emilee Carver, Samantha Callis, Sabrina Goedeker, Ashley Luther and Stephanie Brison.

The 2008 4-H Royalty received many nice gifts donated from local businesses and individuals.

Popp, as queen, received: a silver tray, sash and crown from the Clark County 4-H Corporation; \$50 cash gift from The New Washington State Bank; \$100 cash gift from Speciality Manufacturing; \$50 cash prize from Farm Bureau, Inc.; \$50 cash prize from Consolidated Grain & Barge Co.; \$100 savings bond and plaque from Clark County Sheriff Danny Rodden; \$100 Dillard's gift card from Dillard's; \$50 cash gift from Your Community Bank; \$25 cash gift from First Savings Bank- Clarksville; \$25 cash gift from Line X of Sellersburg- Brian Jones; bouquet of roses from Henderson Flower Shop; \$50 gift certificate from Linda Toupin, National Sales Director for Mary Kay Cosmetics; Photo Album and special gift from Miss Clark County 2007 Kelsey Abbott; Queen picture frame and silver picture frame from Kelsey Abbott and family; Special gift from Clark County REMC; Free dining- once a month for a year

from Babby's Steakhouse and Lounge; Free Sitting and 8 x 10 from Moment's Photography, Inc.; Customized crown case and thank you notes from Raneigh Prall, Miss Clark County 2005; Queen crown pin from Julee Carver, Miss Clark County 2003; Special gift from Emily Oliver-Jones, Miss Clark County 2000; Miss Clark County car magnet- Line- X of Sellersburg; Attache' from Clark Memorial Hospital Foundation; \$20 gift certificate from Earth & Fire, Inc.; \$50 cash gift from Gibson Family & Cosmetic Dentistry; Haircut from Shades of Autumn- Henryville and \$10 gift card from Coffee Express-O- Charlestown.

Wahl, First Runner-Up received: Silver tray and sash from Clark County 4-H Corporation; \$100 savings bond from Linda Toupin, National Sales Director for Mary Kay Cosmetics; \$50 cash gift from Farm Bureau, Inc.; \$50 cash gift from The New Washington State Bank; \$50 cash gift from Speciality Manufacturing; \$50 cash gift from Jim O'Neal Ford; Special gift from Julee Carver, Miss Clark County 2003; Special gift from Emily Oliver-Jones, Miss Clark County 2000; \$25 cash gift from First Savings Bank- Clarksville; Attache' from Clark Memorial Hospital Foundation; \$25 cash gift from Gibson Family & Cosmetic Dentistry; \$15 gift certificate from Earth & Fire, Inc. and \$10 gift card from Coffee Express-O- Charlestown.

Davis, Second Runner-Up received: Silver Tray from Clark County 4-H Corporation; \$50 cash gift from Speciality Manufacturing; \$25 cash gift from Farm Bureau, Inc.; Special gift from

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O'Brien, Miss Congeniality received: Silver Tray from Clark County 4-H Corporation; \$25 cash gift from Farm Bureau, Inc.; \$50 cash gift from Speciality Manufacturing; \$25 cash gift from Gibson Family & Cosmetic Dentistry; Special gift from Julee Carver, Miss Clark County 2003; Special gift from Emily Oliver-Jones, Miss Clark County 2000; Special gift from Clark County REMC and \$10 gift card from Coffee Express-O- Charlestown.

All contestants received: pageant t-shirt from The Estopinal Group; Pageant Tote Bag from Earth First of Kentuckiana; Pageant Rose from Aebersold Florist- Sellersburg/New Albany and gift bag items from local businesses.

Gift bag contributors included- MainSource Bank, New Albany; Estopinal Group, Inc., Jeffersonville; Click Portrait Studios, New Albany; Patricia Vogt, Mary Kay Sales Rep.- Charlestown; Furnish Bay Wash-Henryville/Jeffersonville; Jay C Food Store- Charlestown; McDonalds- Sellersburg; Clark Memorial Hospital Foundation- Jeffersonville; Judy Popp- Avon Consultant-Charlestown; Diva Nails & Spa- Sellersburg; Dillard's- Green Tree Mall; Value City Department Store- Clarksville; Great Harvest Bread Co.- New Albany; Gap Fabrication- Henryville; St. Catherine Regional Hospital- Charlestown; Speciality Manufacturing-Charlestown; The Evening News- Jeffersonville; The Leader- Charlestown; Braaten Family Eye Care- New Albany; The REMC- Sellersburg; Chase- Charlestown; "Just For You" Wedding/Event Planning- Memphis and Tropical Illusions Tanning- New Albany.

The 2008 Queen Contest Committee members included Leila Abbott, Reba Colley, Jenah Overbey, Emily Oliver-Jones; Kelsey Abbott, Amanda Jimenez, Trena Prall; Kimber Sawyer; Diane Graf, Keri Liechty, Raneigh Prall and Jill Sink.