Abby's Crazy Snacks
Now Open in Union City

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The Randolph County Hospital Auxiliary began 44 years ago with well over 20 members serving patrons at the Gift Shop. President Ramona Ketner and Shop Department Chairperson Kathy Monroe explained the current need for volunteers for the Auxiliary to continue. “We now have less than 10 members and at one point we had 67,” Ketner said. “We used to run two shifts from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and it took two volunteers daily to keep it open, now we can only staff one with so few volunteers.”

The women shared how the Gift Shop took a big hit after the pandemic. For obvious reasons being a medical facility, the shop had to close periodically during surges of the illness. When members were called to return, few of them could, therefore reducing hours and days available.

The major concern for the women is their scholarships. “We can’t offer those scholarships if they cannot afford to do one per school any longer, so they go strictly by applications through the counselors.”

Scholarships are a main goal for the Auxiliary to continue. “We hope to get four scholarships this year,” said Ketner. “We were able to do four last two years, we were able to do four last two years.”

Monroe made note they are always willing to accept donations, but they need the volunteers to keep the shop running and the auxiliary in tact.

If there’s no gift shop, she don’t have an auxiliary and that’s sad,” Monroe said. “The auxiliary is the entry way by the volunteers, not the hospital!”

To supplement monies, Monroe said the organization started driving gift or craft show around the area in order to raise funds.

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