

Cheerleaders

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Simpson sang the Star-Spangled Banner.

The life of a cheerleader is full. In addition to the competition squad, both of the girls are on the football squad and are members of a stunt group that took fifth in the nation last year at a competition in Florida. The competition squad also took second and third place in other divisions at the competition.

"You have to be really dedicated," said Coletti. "If you have a competition on Saturday, you have cheerleading all week. And you might have practice their

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Courtney Coletti
Lake-Lehman cheerleader

two to four for your stunt group too. Then early Sunday morning you might have team practice."

Coletti and Wentzel carry planners to help organize their

time between practice, school, homework, family and jobs. They funded a large part of their trip to Hawaii with their earnings from Burger King. However, the competition squad does a lot of fund raising.

"We're responsible for paying for everything," said coach Sandy Dobrowolski. After practice, Dobrowolski calls for money to be handed in for candy sales and asks if anyone else has pizza orders.

On Sunday, they will meet early for another practice, then set up for an annual fundraising dance for the elementary school kids. By the time cleanup is done, it will probably be 6 p.m. The latest fundraising will be used towards a trip to Washington, D.C. in mid-March for a competition called the Battle at the Capital.

"Shelly and I are both competing for our team to go to Hawaii down at Washington, D.C.," Coletti said. "We're doing our routine with the whole squad and separately we're doing our own individual thing. Then we have a stunt group."

Coletti and Wentzel feel a great responsibility towards their younger teammates. "As captains, Shelly and I have to really work on making sure everyone gets along and bring the freshmen in," Coletti explains. "Weaving them in with other people."

"We're all like family," she adds. "We know each other more than anybody because we're around each other 24/7."



Courtney Coletti, co-captain of the competition squad, won a \$2000 scholarship in Hawaii.



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There's always next year. As a result of the September 11 tragedy, only two of these seven cheerleaders who qualified to attend the Pro Bowl and National Scholarship Invitational in Honolulu, Hawaii made the trip. From left, front row: Lauren Zack, Danni Evans, Julianna Malcolm. Back row: Kim Hartman, Shelly wentzel, Courtney Coletti, Amy Hartman.

Legion sponsors essay contest, slates breakfast

The Daddow-Isaacs Post 672 American Legion is accepting entries for the 2002 American Legion Essay Contest. This year's theme is "My Flag, My Country, My Future."

Local first place winners are eligible to compete at the district

and state levels for scholarships of up to \$3,500. Last year's first place winners were Rebekah Rae Hubbel, Lake-Lehman and Joan Kupstats, Dallas. The cooperating teachers are Gail Meeker at Lake-Lehman and Cathy Kupstas at Dallas.

Three awards will be given at a breakfast Saturday, March 2. Savings bond awards of \$200 (first place), \$150 (second place), and \$100 (third place) will be given.

All members of the Legion are invited to attend.

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