



Hoopin' it up to help

Seventh and eighth grade students at the Lake-Lehman Junior High School greatly surpassed their goal by raising \$787 for the Thanksgiving food drive. The money was used to provide Thanksgiving meals and food baskets to needy families in the area. Class officers worked together with Debbie Maskalis, Head Start Coordinator, to identify the local families.

Students and faculty celebrated the successful Thanksgiving drive at the annual student-faculty basketball game. Afterwards, class officers were given the opportunity to "pie" staff members, including the class advisors, John Sobocinski and Jill Finarelli, and co-principal Michael Gokay.

In photos, clockwise from below: Referee Michael Sharok even took a shot for the teachers during the game; Cody Kustrin, left, plays a little one-on-one with class advisor John Sobocinski; Co-principal Michael Gokay prepares to be "pied" by student Jim Dalkiewicz.

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Teen

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the Pittsburgh International Airport. The competition has three main parts: swimsuit, an interview process and an evening gown pageant.

"The interviews are the most important part," Chelsea said.

Contestants are given a list of possible questions ahead of time and then spend two minutes being questioned individually by each of the seven judges.

"I didn't have prepared answers but I did have an opinion on each of the questions," said Chelsea. "I was apprehensive beforehand, but it was really fun talking to the judges."

Chelsea, who wore a purple two-piece bathing suit and a light gold strapless evening gown in the pageant, is no stranger to the stage. She has been singing since age 3 and has taken voice lessons locally from Gina Major Ackerman. She is currently studying voice with Dr. Neil Tracy, a professor at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia.

She danced for several years with Major Performing Arts Studio and now dances with the Joan Harris School of Dance.

"I enjoy getting up in front of an audience," said Chelsea. That is a good thing because she will be responsible for many public engagements as Miss Pennsylvania Teen. Chelsea will attend functions for organizations like the American Red Cross, MADD, Habitat for Humanity, the USO and others. She will also make appearances at county fairs and other public festivals.

As part of her winnings, she will also be attending a leadership camp in Texas. In addition, she received many gift packages from pageant sponsors, a set of luggage, a fax machine and a trip to Fort Lauderdale.

Chelsea is the daughter of Wendy and Mark MacDougall of Huntville. She is a junior at Lake-Lehman High School and hopes to attend New York University's musical theater school. She is looking forward to the, as yet unscheduled, Miss Teen USA Pageant.

"I would really encourage other girls to do it. It is not a stereotypical pageant," she said. "It doesn't matter what you look like or who you are and everyone was really nice."

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