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30 girls seeking Snowflake Princess title

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The gaily decorated cans featuring smiling little girls have sat on the counters of area businesses for weeks now, collecting coins and bills that will determine who reigns as 2008 Snowflake Princess.

Each donated penny counts for one vote, and the girl with the most votes wins the crown during a ceremony at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Strand Theatre, 115 S. Harrison St.

The 2008 Snowflake Princess will be crowned by the 2007 princess Destinee Clabough. The public is invited, and there is no cost to attend. Jack Boyce is the master of ceremonies for the event.

The Snowflake Princess contest is a fundraiser sponsored by Kappa Delta Phi sorority, and a record 30 girls from throughout Shelby County in grades 3, 4 and 5 are participating this year. In addition to the top princess spot, a first and second runner-up also will be selected based on the amount of money in their cans, and all of the participants will take part in the holiday parade in downtown Shelbyville on Nov. 21.

The Snowflake Princess wins a savings bond, and all of the girls will receive a plaque and a snowflake ornament.

A total of 70 princess applications were received, but only the first 30 were accepted. The sorority checked the postmarks on the mailed applications to judge which ones were sent in first.

Most of the participants received their applications at school and took them home for the required parental permission signatures before mailing them.

After the money from each can is counted and recorded, 10 percent of the money, plus a matching amount from the sorority, will be donated to a charity selected in advance by each girl. The balance of the money will support other charitable donations and scholarships determined by the sorority. In 2007, the princess candidates raised a total of more than \$4,600.

Marlene Leitenberger, co-chairman of the event, said that money raised during last year's Snowflake fundraiser paid for two \$500 scholarships as well as donations to the Pregnancy Care Center, the Salvation Army kitchen renovation, Sanctuary of Shelbyville and Christmas presents for several needy families in Shelby County.

Since the Strand is not charging the sorority to use the theater this year, Leitenberger said that the Strand also will receive a donation. In 2007, the sorority discovered that it no longer had a place to hold the contest after a last-minute booking cancellation, so the contest was held in the mayor's council chamber.

"We wanted to have plenty of room this year for all the parents, grandparents and aunts and uncles who want to attend," Leitenberger said, "so the Strand seemed like the perfect place to go."

The Snowflake Princess contest is Kappa Delta Phi's primary fundraiser, but members also earn money for their charitable works by selling noodles and cookies at the yearly Delta Theta Tau Christmas Gift and Hobby Show at the Shelbyville Middle School and an annual rummage sale.

The 2008 Snowflake Princess contestants include the following girls: Jessika Beyer, 9, Loper, daughter of Steve and Elizabeth Beyer; Gabrielle Boyd, 10, Coulston, daughter of Deborah Baatz; Yvette Clemons, 7, Triton Central Elementary, daughter of Letitia Clemons; Haleigh Davenport, 8, Triton Central Elementary, daughter of Brian and Jenny Davenport; Taylor Deaton, 10, Hendricks, daughter of Linda Deaton; Abigail Evans, 9, Hendricks, daughter of Monte and Sarah Evans; Briann Forman, 9, Loper, daughter of Tony and Samantha Forman; Victoria Grubbs, 9, Triton Central, daughter of Travis

and Tami Grubbs; Haley Hansome, 10, Triton Central Middle, daughter of Terry and Jodi Hansome; Rebecca Hilliker, 11, Coulston, daughter of James and Tina Dean; Jaclyn Hoffman, 10, Coulston, daughter of Paul Hoffman and Holly Young; Jordan Hudson, 9, Hendricks, daughter of James and Kristina Ragan; Mariah Leclercq, 8, Coulston, daughter of Ronald and Lesa Leclercq; Kylie Leitenberger, 9, home school, daughter of Fred and Jenni Leitenberger; Abby Martin, 11, Coulston, daughter of Brian and Misty Martin; Kayla Maynard, 10, Hendricks, daughter of Jay and Wendi Maynard; McKinsey Morphew, 9, Coulston, daughter of Daniel and Karen Morphew; Madison "Macy" Nolley, 9, Coulston, daughter of Joe and Theresa Nolley; Miesha Owens, 9, Hendricks, daughter of Jermaine Owens and Tara Abston; Morgan Parker, 10, Loper, daughter of Ed and April Parker; Emily Piersall, 9, Triton Central Elementary, daughter of Mike and Julie Piersall; Cassie Popplewell, 10, Hendricks, daughter of Charles and Charity Popplewell; Madison Rice, 8, Coulston, daughter of Bryan and Kim Rice; Fatima Shamaa, 9, Coulston, daughter of Sherif and Theresa Shamaa; Ginny Shelton, 8, Coulston, daughter of David and Prudence Shelton; Haley Spears, 8, Southwestern Elementary, daughter of Tonya Spears; Kiara Taylor, 9 Triton Central Elementary, daughter of LeAnn Taylor Reed; Stacia Warren 10, Hendricks, daughter of Chris and Michele Warren; Chloe Westra, 8, Loper, daughter of David and Mindy Wainscott; Alyssa Zell, 8, Triton Central Elementary, daughter of Randy Zell and Krista Hughes.

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