

# Peach Festival ends on high note

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fundraising paint night with Wegmans; and, alongside the Phi Alpha Delta Fraternity, participated in a food drive and card-making for nursing home residents. Davis also plays tennis and six musical instruments.

Interestingly enough, the crowning moment of the Niagara County Peach Festival belonged to someone who is allergic to peaches.

The Peach Queen serves as an ambassador for the Lewiston Kiwanis Club. She also raises money and awareness for a platform/charitable cause of choice.

Additionally:

- 17-year-old Makenna Barrientos of Lewiston, a senior at Lewiston-Porter High School, finished second. Crystal Stedje, a 19-year-old student at Niagara County Community College, won the Bright Star Award

- 18-year-old Isabella Guerrucci of Lewiston, a dance student at UB, was named Miss Congeniality, as voted by her peers. This honor is presented by Don and Janice Laurie, in memory of their daughter, Tara, a Niagara University acting student who unexpectedly passed away in 2004 at the age of 20.

- Earlier on, Kira Martinez was named the Peach Blossom and Carmine Morreale the Peach Fuzz.

WGRZ-TV Channel 2 new anchor Maryalice Demler served as mistress of ceremonies for the scholarship pageant. Niagara Riv-



Above: Shanya Davis, left, is joined by Maryalice Demler and Victoria Skrlin-Kozak. • Below: The Peach Blossom and Peach Fuzz. (Photos by Robin Clark)



er Region Chamber of Commerce President Jennifer Pauly, herself a former Peach Queen, organizes the annual event.

Contest finals were set to take place on the recently relocated

and revamped Alphonso DiMino Memorial Bandshell at Academy Park, but rain forced the event indoors.

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## Kiwanis Club donates to Lewiston Fire Co., Oishei Children's Hospital; awards Keith Radford

On the closing night of the 63rd annual Niagara County Peach Festival, the Lewiston Kiwanis Club presented a check in the amount of \$4,000 to the John R. Oishei Children's Hospital. The organization, on Sunday, also presented a check for \$883.80 to Lewiston No. 1 Fire Co. This money will be used to purchase an additional automated external defibrillator for response vehicles.

Prior to naming a Peach Queen, the Kiwanis Club recognized recently retired WKBW-TV Channel 7 news anchor Keith Radford with its media award.

Funds raised at the Peach Festival are donated back to the community.

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