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58th Indiana State Fair Queen Ushers in 2016 Indiana State Fair Celebrating Indiana's Bicentennial

INDIANAPOLIS – Over the weekend, Miss Vanderburgh County, Tate Fritchley was crowned the 58th Indiana State Fair Queen. Miss Indiana State Fair 2016 was selected over 86 other contestants after three days of judging. The Indiana State Fair Queen plays a key role in promoting the Indiana State Fair by traveling nearly 6,500 miles during June and July to approximately 45 counties in preparation for the Indiana State Fair Celebrating Indiana's Bicentennial, August 5-21, 2016.

The 10 finalist include:

1st Runner Up
 2nd Runner Up
 3rd Runner Up
 4th Runner Up
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 Miss Boone County, Shelby Lamb
 Miss Putnam County, Kristen Stevens
 Miss Madison County, Courtney Hinton
 Miss Fountain County, Tilly Marlatt

Miss Steuben County, Daisy Dallas
Miss Adams County, Jessica Ripley
Miss Johnson County, Samantha Morris

Miss Allen County, Erica Hoot

Miss Congeniality Miss Wells County, Emily Bertsch

Miss Indiana State Fair, Tate Fritchley, is currently a senior at Evansville North High School and a proud 10 year 4-H member of the Horse and Pony Club. Fritchley plans to study Physical Therapy at the University of Evansville this fall. Fritchley is the second representative of Vanderburgh County to be selected Indiana State Fair Queen, preceded by Karen Koester in 1974.

This year's judges included Adam Kallick, of Centaur Gaming, Kimberly Swabsin, Indiana State Fair Queen 1988, and Beth Vaughn, RTV6 Good Morning Indiana.

This weekend the 2016 State Fair theme, Celebrating Indiana's Bicentennial was announced at the Indiana Association of Fairs (INAF) Convention. As the State of Indiana prepares to celebrate 200 years of Hoosier heritage the 2016 Indiana State Fair will also join in the festivities. Fairgoers can look forward to several exhibits and special features that highlight our state's history, art and tradition.

To learn more about the 58th Indiana State Fair Queen visit the website, indianastatefair.com.

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About the Indiana State Fairgrounds

The Indiana State Fairgrounds is a modern public event facility that annually hosts more than 300 meetings, shows, sports and agricultural events, including the Indiana State Fair. The year-round management of the Fairgrounds is overseen by the Indiana State Fair Commission which is a quasi-governmental agency that was established in 1992, with the mission to preserve and enhance the Indiana State Fairgrounds and the annual Indiana State Fair for the benefit of all citizens of Indiana. Additional information is available at www.indianastatefair.com.