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2024 INDIANA STATE FAIR QUEEN CROWNED

INDIANAPOLIS, IN – Alexxys Standish, Miss Newton County 2023, was crowned the 65th Indiana State Fair Queen on Sunday January 7, 2024 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center. She is the first representative from Newton County to receive the honor.

Miss Indiana State Fair 2024 was selected from a pool of over 80 contestants. The Indiana State Fair Queen plays a crucial role in representing the Indiana State Fair, embarking on a statewide journey of approximately 6,500 miles during June and July, visiting around 45 counties. This role serves as a vital State Fair ambassador, raising awareness and bringing the vision of the Indiana State Fair to life: to be recognized as the best State Fair in the country, showcasing agriculture and youth in an educational and entertaining environment.

This year's pageant featured a talented group of finalists, with the Top 10 including participants from various counties:

- 1st Runner-Up: Maya Narayan, Elkhart County
- 2nd Runner-Up: Sadie Herring, Vigo County
- 3rd Runner-Up: Alex Kerkhove, White County
- 4th Runner-Up: Hannah Martinez, Steuben County

Participants from Jay County, Whitley County, Delaware County, Marion County, and Washington County also made it to the final round of ten.

The title of Miss Congeniality was awarded to Avery Shrider from Wabash County.

Miss Indiana State Fair 2024, Alexxys Standish is a driven and accomplished individual with a clear career goal in the field of occupational therapy. She plans to pursue a Doctorate of Occupational Therapy at Indiana University Indianapolis, specializing in pediatrics to help children with routine activities. In terms of community involvement, Alexxys is an active member of various organizations, including the Kentland Jefferson Volunteer Fire Department, Indiana Volunteer Fire Association, and the Miss Flame Organization. She is also engaged in volunteer work for cancer research, the Newton County 4-H organization, and Junior Achievement. Additionally, she is recognized for her academic achievements, such as being a scholar and member of honor societies at Indiana University, as well as her involvement in high school activities like sports, clubs, and community service. Alexxys' hobbies include reading, fitness, crocheting, and embracing scientific curiosity.

For the complete results, including the 16 Semi-Finalists, please visit the [Indiana State Fair website](#). Additional photos will be available upon request.

About the Indiana State Fair:

The Indiana State Fair is the state's largest multi-day event, dedicated to celebrating the Hoosier spirit and agricultural

heritage. Over the course of 15 days, the fair brings together communities from across Indiana to commemorate everything that makes the state unique, while also attracting visitors from beyond its borders. With a reputation for providing exceptional entertainment, highlighting the achievements of youth in the 4-H program, offering interactive agricultural education programs, state-of-the-art facilities, and a wide array of delicious and distinctive foods, the Indiana State Fair has remained a cherished tradition for generations of Hoosiers since its inception in 1852.

The upcoming Indiana State Fair is scheduled to take place from August 2nd to August 18th. Please note that the fair is closed on Mondays. To learn more about the event, including ticketing information, attractions, and schedules, please visit our official website at www.indianastatefair.com.