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2019 MISS INDIANA STATE FAIR QUEEN CROWNED

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 1/6/19 - Halle Shoults, Miss Benton County, was crowned the 61st Indiana State Fair Queen today at the Indiana Farmers Coliseum at the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center. Halle is the second representative from Benton County to be crowned Miss Indiana State Fair, 50 years following Terilyn Krill in 1969.

Miss Indiana State Fair 2019 was selected over 84 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 8,000 miles during June and July to approximately 45 counties in preparation for the great Indiana State Fair, August 2-18, 2019.

The Top 10 Finalists include:

1st Runner-Up: Maci French, Miss Boone County 2nd Runner-Up: Emily Yoder, Miss Elkhart County

3rd Runner-Up: Adrienne Rudolph, Miss Warrick County

4th Runner-Up: Jesse Mays, Miss Scott County

Raegan Bowling, Miss Putnam County Janelle Mitzner, Miss LaPorte County Lauren Ziliak, Miss Vanderburgh County Sylvia Harris, Miss Tipton County Emily Kilmer, Miss Jasper County

Miss Congeniality: Emily Scott, Miss Gibson County

Miss Indiana State Fair 2019 Halle Shoults of Oxford, Indiana, is a sophomore at Purdue University majoring in Speech Language & Hearing Sciences, with a minor in Critical Disabilities. She is an active member of Ann Tweedale Cooperative at Purdue University, Gear Up! Benton County (event founder & coordinator), 4-H, and Purdue Lilly Scholars Network. Halle enjoys a variety of activities such as attending Purdue sporting events, coaching young showman in showmanship and horsemanship at the state and local 4-H Horse & Pony Club levels, and totally embraces being Flawesome! She looks forward to a career in a hospital or rehabilitation facility specializing in pediatric trauma patients and children with disabilities.

For the complete results including the 16 semi-finalists visit the Queen Pageant website.

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About the Indiana State Fair: The Indiana State Fair is the state's largest multi-day event celebrating Hoosiers' spirit and agricultural heritage. These 17 days celebrate Indiana agriculture and promote it to hundreds of thousands of people across Indiana, and beyond. Nationally recognized for offering great entertainment, showcasing youth, interactive agriculture education programs, premiere facilities and a variety of unique, fun foods, the Indiana State Fair has been an annual attraction for generations of Hoosiers since 1852. The 2019 Indiana State Fair, August 2-18 and its theme, HEROES IN THE HEARTLAND presented by Indiana Donor Network, pays homage to those who keep us safe and make us proud. For information, visit www.indianastatefair.com.

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