? ?? A statuesque 18-year-old from Austin, Brooklyn Elizabeth Young, is the 2008 Miss Scott County Fair Queen.

Queen Brooklyn was crowned at the conclusion of the annual pageant, which this year had attracted 14 competitors for the 2008 tiara. Judges had a difficult time deciding who was going to claim the crown, even leaving their table for a final consultation among themselves backstage before declaring Brooklyn the new Queen.

They also finally came to a conclusion on the 2008 Fair Princess title. They selected Kylie Ann Amick for that honor. But first, Kylie was declared 2008 Miss Congeniality, an honor decided among the contestants themselves.

“Wow! I am so surprised and pleased. I’ve very happy to be Fair Princess and Miss Congeniality. These girls are great!” declared Princess Kylie after the contest.

Queen Brooklyn and Princess Kylie were congratulated by their fellow contestants and then posed patiently for dozens of photos taken of them and 2007 Miss Scott County Aarika Hutton as well as with parents and well-wishers.

Each girl who participated answered three questions on stage that evening so that judges obtained by the sponsoring Pilot Club of Scott County could get an idea of their personalities and how quickly they could respond.

The third question was fun for the girls. Each was asked how they’d spend $20. Several said they’d buy treats for their fellow contestants. The final question-and-answer broke some of the tension of the evening, but nothing could really help, the girls clasping hands while the winners were announced.

Queen Brooklyn was sponsored by the Beta Sigma Chapter, Psi Iota Xi Sorority, of Austin. She is a spring graduate of Austin High School, where she had reigned as Sunshine Queen this spring. She was President of the Class of 2008 and was a four-year member of the AHS Sunshine Society and Student Council, in which she also served as President. She was also in the Austin Youth Volunteer Corps, United Way of Scott County, National Honor Society and Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD).

The new Queen also played volleyball and basketball as a Lady Eagle, though she confessed that baseball “...is my absolute favorite sport to just sit down, watch and enjoy.”

She said her greatest influences have been her parents, Tammy and Keith Young, her sister Brittany and her friends.

She plans to attend Hanover College this fall and study psychology and sociology so she can become either a children’s psychologist or a social worker. Currently, she works at the Scottsburg Subway Shop, earning money toward her college education.

Queen Brooklyn received her tiara and a crown pin from Victorian Hope Chest and her trophy from Phillips Network.

She will also receive a discount toward her gown to wear at the 2008 Miss Indiana State Fair Queen Pageant this August; a $100 savings bond from The Scott County State Bank; a set of acrylic nails from Missy Weaver of Missy and Company; a haircut from Amy Noble of Missy and Company; pizza from Papa John’s of Scottsburg; a 16x20 color portrait from Forever Fotos; a $75 gift certificate from Cathcart and Company; a gift certificate and business card holder from King’s Korner Gifts; a gift from Starlight Dance Studio; a $20 gift certificate from Featherwing Video; and a necklace from Fashions in Flowers.

Featherwing Video created a video of the evening’s pageant.

“I am so proud to be named Queen. Thank you, Scott County,” stated Queen Brooklyn.

Fair Princess Kylie Amick is the daughter of Rayna Withers and Jeff Amick. Her sponsor is

Jeffrey's Auto Exchange of Scottsburg.

Princess Kylie is a summer intern at Floyd Memorial Hospital in New Albany and a 2007 graduate of Scottsburg High School. She will be a sophomore this fall at Purdue University, where she is a member of Delta Zeta Sorority.

She participated in many sports in high school and graduated with an honors diploma. She was also a member of 4-H. FFA, National Honor Society, Student Council, Spanish Club and Sunshine Society. She has turned her considerable experience in volunteer work to good use on the Purdue campus, participating in such fund-raisers as the Turtle Tug and Bowl-A-Rama for worthy causes.

Princess Kylie is considering a degree in elementary education followed by a master's degree in administration. She hopes someday to become an elementary principal.

The new Princess said she enjoys spending time with family and friends, shopping, dancing and working out. She is a lifelong member of Scottsburg First Christian Church.

Her awards as Princess include a trophy from Phillips Network; a $50 savings bond from The Scott County State Bank; a manicure from Missy Weaver of Missy and Company; a haircut by Kayli Houchens of Missy and Company; pizza from Papa John's; an 11x14 portrait from Forever Fotos; a $50 gift certificate from Cathcart and Company; and a gift from Starlight Dance Studio.

As Miss Congeniality, Kylie has received her trophy from the Pilot Club of Scott County; a $50 savings bond from The Scott County State Bank; a manicure from Missy Weaver of Missy and Company; a hair cut from Ashley Houchens of Missy and Company; pizza from Papa John's; an 8x10 portrait from Forever Fotos; a $25 gift certificate from Cathcart and Company; and a gift from Starlight Dance Studio.

Contestants that evening also included Susann Bixler, Sarah Hollan, Emily Ingalls, Stephanie Lytle, Emily Morris, Elizabeth Reynolds, Brooke Routh, Kara Stewart, Kasey Tobias, Brittley Vires, Hilari Vires and Jennifer Ward. Their sponsors, respectively, were the Scott County Shrine Club, Scott County Democrats, Custom Heating and Air, Moose Family Center 2324, Austin Lions Club, McDonald's, King's Korner Gifts, Starlight Dance Studio, Phi Beta Psi Sorority, Forever Fotos, Scott County Mortgage and Bob Ward/State Farm Insurance Agency.

Pam Rowden of Starlight Dance Studio choreographed the queen contestants' opening dance. The studio's dancers also performed during the evening. Brittany Banister of the Pilot Club served as pageant emcee.

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