

## Erin Tyler represents Washington County proudly

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Miss Washington County 2010, Erin Tyler represented Washington County proudly and brought home first runner-up to the Queen in this year Indiana State Fair Pageant held over a three day period ending August 22.

Beginning on Friday she attended the Queens Parade of all 87 contestants, gave her interview with the judges and modeled her formal wear along with her business attire. Saturday she continued with a fashion show where the contestants could wear their favorite attire, Tyler chose her favorite black dress with stunning silver heels with huge rhinestone bows to a formal dinner with the fair board directors along with the judges. Sunday was pageant day, "I woke up about 3:30 a.m. to get my hair and makeup ready along with my dress to attend our queens breakfast at 7 a.m. and then on to the Pageant which was held on Pepsi Coliseum at noon." "It was a very long weekend, but I enjoyed every minute of it." stated Tyler.

Tyler even found time to volunteer at the Little Hands on the Farm at Pioneer Village where she helped little children learn how a farms works.

"My mom was my chaperone during these events and I am so glad we got to share these moments together. My mom is the reason why I am where I am today, she has always supported me in everything I have ever done." "She has given me lots of support and has always had a smiling face for me." said Tyler.

Tyler's favorite memory from the pageant, that she will remember and cherish always came after after the top 10 finalists were announced, the top 10 had to be judged with their business and formal wear again and Miss Jackson County and Miss Stuben County picked her up back stage and swirled her around and was so excited for her.

"Miss Jackson County and Miss Stuben County did not make the finals but were so happy for me and give me their support, I will always remember them." "I also will never forget everyone from Washington County that were screaming and cheering me on." stated Tyler

Along with her mom and dad, who she says dad bought all 12 or more dresses for this competition, Becky and Jennifer Dewees were great supporters and mentors.

"Becky helped me with so much and made me feel special and Jennifer gave me lots of pointers to help with my interview. The two sent me a giant embroidered tote filled with candy, drinks and snacks, my roommate and I enjoyed every bit of it."said Tyler

With the support of her parents, Becky and Jennifer, Wanda Eggles with Shear Perfection has been her makeup and hair queen, through the county pageant and showing her how to do her hair for the state pageant. Mr. Foto from Scottsburg has been a huge part to, doing all her photos for state.

Tyler is attending Indiana University Southeast studying pre-dental. Tyler was a 2009 graduate of Eastern High School and the daughter of James and Lisa Tyler. She was a 10 year member of 4-H and is currently a 4-H leader for the horse and pony club and the dog obedience club.

"This pageant was so exciting to me, I am honored to represent Washington County." "I have learned so many things from this pageant that will stay with me for the rest of my life." stated Tyler.

Tyler will continue to represent Miss Washington throughout her reign and has been the first to win first runner up representing Washington County in the State Fair Pageant.

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