

The grandstand stage at the Washington County Farmers-Merchants Fair was filled with royalty for the first two night, but the third night locals got a chance to show off their talent with the Hoosier Idol Talent Contest.

The overall winner was Tabby Applegate, who won the Gospel solo division with her rendition of "Give me Jesus."

For winning, Applegate received the grand-prize of \$300.

There were more than 25 acts as part of the show.

The performances ranged from, cute to electric, to powerful.

Lila Blevins stole the early part of the show in the cuteness category with her performance of Taylor Swift's "Mean,"

Celeste Meleski won the Youngest Female Vocal Solo with her performance of "Don't Stop Believing."

She had tough competition from Blevins, Abbygale Williams, Natalie Blevins and Meleah Blevins.

The contest got more intense as the performers got older.

In the Tween and Teen Female Vocal Solo category, all six contestants could have won.

The top prize however went to Abby Corbin, who sang Martina McBride's "A Broken Wing."

Corbin was nearly flawless through the song and carried the big note at the end of the song.

Elizabeth Fleck sang "Speak Now"; Kyndal Jackson represented the country crowd with "Suds in the Bucket"; Summer Allen sang "Mean"; A'ndrea Hollars sang "Undo It" and Samantha Gilstrap sang "Coal Miner's Daughter."

Besides picking the overall winner, the judges toughest job of the night was likely picking the winner in the Adult Female Vocal Solo category.

Again all five singers could have taken the top prize.

The winner was Alisha Carlton with her performance of "Fancy."

Her closest competition seemed to be Natasha Brooks who sang Adele's "Rolling in the Deep."

Also contending for the prize was Taylor Eastridge, who donned a poodle skirt and sang Olivia Newton John's "Hopelessly Devoted" from the movie "Grease."

Tyasia Gant wowed the crowd with her acca pella performance of "Turning Tables."

April Meleski closed the show with her performance of "Proud Mary" which included a costume change in the middle of the performance.

Artie Hardin won the Adult Male Vocal Solo category with his performance of "The Ride."

Other performers in that category were Kyle Taylor who sang "Springsteen"; Jerry Wynn sang a song he wrote last winter, "I'll Be there soon" and Garrett Harrison closed the category by singing "Is this a dream."

Only two singers took the stage in the Gospel Solo category. Eastridge sang, "Mary Did You Know" and Applegate sang, "Give me Jesus."

The final category was instrumental group/solo and dance solo.

The dancer was Eastern student Ryan Green, who performed "The Prayer."

Brooklyn Thompson played a medley of gospel songs on her violin, Sabrina Bays delivered a very good version of "Pumped Up Kicks."

The winner in the category was Short Notice Band with their version of Lady Gaga's "You and I."

The Short Notice Band win was the second of the night for Alisha Carlton. After winning with "Fancy" she was vocalist on the performance of "You and I."

Now the stage will be taken down and the track returned to what it was intended to be used for.

Tonight, the mud bogs will be the center of attention and then Saturday is the demolition derby.