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## Autumn Layden chosen to reign as Miss Hoopeston 2017

A field of three candidates took to the stage at the Lorraine Theatre Saturday afternoon for the final round of the Miss Hoopeston competition.

And then there was one.

Autumn Layden, 19-year-old daughter of Joe and Dawn Layden, was named 2017 Miss Hoopeston by a panel of five judges.

A large crowd watched as Layden and her competitors, Shania Goble, 18, daughter of Doug and Susan Goble, and Brea Bushong, 19-year-old daughter of Jason Bushong and Shawn and Stephanie Tuggle, competed for the crown.

The young women began the competition speaking on a topic important to them. Goble spoke on making the impossible, possible, while Bushong's topic was the importance of helping others. Layden spoke about a person important in her life.

Outgoing Miss Hoopeston, Holly Morgeson, sang "Oceans" before contestants took to the stage again for the evening gown and question-and-answer portion, when each was asked what the term "success" means to them.

Performances were judged by Hoopeston Jaycees president Brad Hardcastle; Callie Lankford, former Miss Hoopeston and festival chairman; Mayor Bill Crusinberry; Michelle Crabtree, co-executive director of the National Sweetheart Pageant; and Scott Strawser, Hoopeston Emergency Management Agency coordinator.

As scores were tabulated, Morgeson gave her farewell address. She remembered last year when she was in the back of the room, waiting nervously as then-Miss Hoop-

See REIGN on other side

Autumn Layden beams as Holly Morgeson prepares to crown her as Miss Hoopeston 2017. Layden won the honor after final competition Saturday.





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#### From the Blotter

**A disturbance in the** 700 block of East Maple, reported by a 45-year-old Hoopeston woman, resulted in the arrest of four area men.

Police were called to the scene at 12 a.m. Thursday and when they arrived, found several people trying to leave the scene. Arrested were:

• Andres Garcia, 19, of Hoopeston, wanted on a Warren County, Ind., warrant for failure to appear. He posted bond and was released with a new court date.

As the Holiday Season is upon us, we find ourselves reflecting on the past year and on those who have helped to shape our business in a most significant way. We value our relationship with you and look forward to working with you in the year to come. We wish you a very happy Holiday Season the and a New Year filled with peace and prosperity.

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- James Magee, 19, of Wellington, wanted on a Woodford County warrant. He was unable to post bond and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.
- Jeffrey Cook, 24, of Hoopeston, charged with driving while license suspended and assault. He was released on notices to appear.
- Austin Johnson, 22, of Hoopeston, charged with assault and released on a notice to appear.

**Brandon R. Irvin**, 21, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 4:38 a.m. Friday to a disturbance in the 800 block of East Seminary. He was charged with aggravated assault on a complaint from a 30-year-old Hoopeston man who alleged Irvin swung a knife at him. Irvin was released on a notice to appear.

#### **Lunch Menus**

#### **Hoopeston Area grade schools**

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets, broccoli/cheese, applesauce, juice, milk

TUESDAY: Pepperoni pizza, salad, baby carrots, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes pears, celery sticks, bread, butter, milk

THURSDAY: Chicken taco, refried beans, chips & Salsa, salad, pineapple, milk

FRIDAY: Hamburger/bun, tator tots, cucumber slices, mixed fruit, milk

#### Hoopeston Area High/Middle School

MONDAY: Chicken strips or ham & cheese, corn, salad bar, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Country fried steak or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti or BBQ rib, Max Stick, salad bar, pears, juice

THURSDAY: Mini corndog or cheeseburger, salad bar, baked beans, peaches, milk, juice.

FRIDAY: Pizza or fish sandwich, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice





2017 Miss Hoopeston Autumn Layden is flanked by fellow contestants Shania Goble, left and Brea Bushong, right. The three participated in the final segment of competition Saturday at the Lorraine Theatre.

## **Reign** continued from other side

eston Aly Nicholls finished her farewell speech. "I'm not a pageant girl," she said. "I'd never been to a pageant, let alone in one." Her reign, Morgeson said, included 33 appearances and wearing heels and dresses more than she ever had in her life.

Her speech also included thanks - to those who helped her during her time as Miss Hoopeston and to those who sent well-wishes through cards, letters, calls or social media. "I've really come to see how a small gesture of kindness can be so meaningful, and so impactful," she

### Weather

Increasing clouds today. High 32. Tonight, chance of showers. Low 31. tomorrow, showers, breezy. High 47, low 28.

said. "God taught me so much from this experience and blessed me more than I can say."

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