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Karsen Root crowned 2018 Miss Hoopeston Sunday

Karsen Root owned the stage at Sunday's Miss Hoopeston competition finals.

Daughter of Kevin and Suzi Root, Karsen claimed every inch of the stage during the evening gown competition, then confidently gave her speech on what inspires her.

The confidence and poise paid off as the Hoopeston Area graduate was named 2018 Miss Hoopeston.

Whether giving her speech or answering the impromptu question of what community means to her, Root spoke of family - her biological family, school family, church family - and the need to serve others. "Gandhi stated that the best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service to others," she said as part of her statement.

Humor is also important to Root. Part of her definition of family is "someone I can laugh with." Also, during the interview competition, which was not open to the public, Root was asked what super power she wished she had, said event emcee Jacy Samet. Root's chosen power was to be able to walk through doors because "she gets confused between the pushing and pulling," Samet said.

As Miss Hoopeston, Root will play hostess to National Sweetheart contestants during the 75th National Sweetcorn Festival. She will also represent Hoopeston and the festival at various events during her reign.

Root is in her first year at Indiana State University, where she is studying nursing.

Ashley Morgan, daughter of Matthew and Gina Morgan, was named first runner-up.

Other contestants were Sarah Houmes, daughter of Chip and Cindy Houmes; and Elizabeth Brockus, daughter of Harry and Chrislaine Brockus.

As Root begins her year-long journey as Miss Hoopeston, Autumn Layden, Miss Hoopeston 2017, saw
See ROOT on other side

Autumn Sky Layden, Miss Hoopeston 2017, pins the crown on her successor, Karsen Root at Sunday's Miss Hoopeston finals at the Lorraine Theatre.

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Sports Roundup

Hoopeston Area wrestlers earn third place at Abe's Rumble

Cornjerkers brought a third place finish home from Abe's Rumble, held December 27-28 in Springfield.

The event, in its second year, is hosted by Auburn Li'L Trojan Wrestling Club and Petersburg PORTA Wrestling.

Hoopeston Area lost to Pool A winner Lena-Winslow, 61-15 to clinch its third place win. Coming in second was Petersburg Porta. Fourth place went to Chicago Hope Academy.

Results from the dual-team tournament were:

Match #1 Round 1

Lena-Winslow defeated Hoopeston Area 61-15

120 - Sarah Nicholas (LW) Forf

126 - Tanner Kalkbrenner (LW) over Tyson Coon (HA) Fall 1:33

132 - Ezra Elliott (HA) over Winston McPeck (LW) Fall 5:48

138 - Hunter Luke (LW) Forf

145 - Jeremiah Hermann (LW) Forf

152 - Jason Hermann (LW) over Cole Gaddis (HA) Maj 11-0

160 - Colin Dvorak (LW) Forf

170 - Rahveon Valentine (LW) over Dale Ashby (HA) SV-1 3-1

182 - Eliseo Zamora (HA) over Elijah Rowe (LW) Fall 5:42

195 - Adam Colunga (HA) over Gabe Ertmer (LW) Dec 5-1

220 - Kylor Bruketta (LW) over Gage Kenner (HA) Fall 3:23

285 - Ian Kuehl (LW) over CJ Curry (HA) Fall 0:38

106 - Jaden Rice (LW) Forf

113 - Simon Rille (LW) over Ethan Larkin (HA) Fall 0:55

Match #2 Round 2

Petersburg PORTA defeated Hoopeston Area 42-38

145 - Trey Hild (PP) Forf

152 - Cole Gaddis (HA) over Ryne Wilson (PP) Maj 18-4

160 - Dale Ashby (HA) Forf

170 - Mason Feagans (PP) Forf

182 - Eliseo Zamora (HA) over Ethen Leesman (PP) Fall 0:36

195 - Adam Colunga (HA) over Brady Reed (PP) Fall 2:55

220 - Will Heikes (PP) over Gage Kenner (HA) Fall 0:45

285 - CJ Curry (HA) Forf

106 - Justin Miller (PP) Forf

113 - Jonah Sinclair (PP) over Ethan Larkin (HA) Fall 3:07

120 - Clayton Miller (PP) over Forf

126 - Tyson Coon (HA) over Joe Burriss (PP) Maj 13-0

132 - Ezra Elliott (HA) over Cameron Shockey (PP) Fall 0:29

138 - Jake Sinclair (PP) Forf

Match #3 Round 3

Hoopeston Area defeated Chicago Hope Academy 37-36

145 - Double Forfeit

152 - Amos Willis (CHA) over Cole Gaddis (HA) Fall 3:23

160 - Dale Ashby (HA) over Jordan Gracia (CHA) Fall 1:54

170 - Nicolas White (CHA) Forf

182 - Eliseo Zamora (HA) over Rogelio Bahena (CHA) Fall 1:32

195 - Adam Colunga (HA) over Keyshawn Kreffit (CHA) Fall 3:55

220 - Pablo Tellez (CHA) over Gage Kenner (HA) Fall

2:40

285 - CJ Curry (HA) Forf

106 - Alex Armira (CHA) Forf

113 - Giovany Armira (CHA) over Ethan Larkin (HA) Fall 2:41

120 - Double Forfeit

126 - Ezra Elliott (HA) over Micah Willis (CHA) Fall 0:58

132 - Tyson Coon (HA) over Olman Chaheine (CHA) Fall 1:27

138 - Leif Ginter (CHA) Forf

Hoopeston Area's team score was adjusted by 1.000 for Criteria H

Match #1 1st Place Match

Hoopeston Area defeated Seneca 38-36

106 - Luke Sangston (S) Forf

113 - Ben Virgo (S) over Ethan Larkin (HA) Fall 0:50

120 - Brett Yegge (S) Forf

126 - Ezra Elliott (HA) over Cody Carvell (S) Fall 0:50

132 - Tyson Coon (HA) over Zane Comrie (S) Fall 0:28

138 - Double Forfeit

145 - Colt Aldrich (S) Forf

152 - Jackson Beene (S) over Cole Gaddis (HA) Fall 2:18

160 - Gavin Robertson (S) Forf

170 - Dale Ashby (HA) over Mason Dooley (S) Fall 2:40

182 - Eliseo Zamora (HA) over Levi Clark (S) TF 20-4

195 - Adam Colunga (HA) over Nathan Elliott (S) Dec 8-5

220 - Gage Kenner (HA) over Ricky Milliman (S) Fall 1:43

285 - CJ Curry (HA) over Jacob Hampton (S) Fall 5:32
In earlier scoring:

Match #1 Champ. Round 1

Sherrard defeated Hoopeston Area 46-31

Match #1 Champ. Round 1

Hoopeston Area defeated Riverdale 49-18

Match #2 Quarterfinal

Reed-Custer defeated Hoopeston Area 42-38

Match #3 Cons. Round 2

Hoopeston Area defeated Cumberland 55-18

Weather

Areas of fog, then partly sunny today. High 35. Tonight, mostly cloudy, chance of rain/patchy fog. Low 32. Tomorrow, chance of rain/patchy fog, then patchy fog. High 48, low 46.

Match #4 5th Place Match

Seneca defeated Hoopeston Area 45-35

Individual stats were:

Team points:

1 Ezra Elliott Hoopeston Area 53.00

2 Eliseo Zamora Hoopeston Area 48.00

3 Dale Ashby Hoopeston Area 46.00

4 Tyson Coon Hoopeston Area 39.00

5 CJ Curry Hoopeston Area 36.00

6 Adam Colunga Hoopeston Area 30.00

7 Cole Gaddis Hoopeston Area 21.00

8 Chaz Landers Hoopeston Area 18.00

9 Ethan Larkin Hoopeston Area 15.00

10 Gage Kenner Hoopeston Area 12.00

10 Luis Marroquin Hoopeston Area 12.00

12 Sam Livingston Hoopeston Area 6.00

Pins

1 Ezra Elliott Hoopeston Area 8 13:28

2 Dale Ashby Hoopeston Area 5 7:07

3 Eliseo Zamora Hoopeston Area 5 11:48

4 Tyson Coon Hoopeston Area 4 7:14

5 CJ Curry Hoopeston Area 4 7:46

6 Gage Kenner Hoopeston Area 2 3:14

7 Luis Marroquin Hoopeston Area 2 3:34

8 Adam Colunga Hoopeston Area 2 6:50

9 Chaz Landers Hoopeston Area 1 0:23

10 Ethan Larkin Hoopeston Area 1 1:19

11 Sam Livingston Hoopeston Area 1 1:57

12 Cole Gaddis Hoopeston Area 1 2:57

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Root continued from other side

hers end. "One year ago...I tripped up those stairs," Layden said, nodding to the stairs leading to the stage. She spoke of things she learned during her reign. "Don't get me wrong, I've never been shy," she said, but being Miss Hoopeston taught her to be able to be comfortable speaking in large groups.

Layden thanked the Jaycees, the community, her friends and family for helping her through her Miss Hoopeston year, saving her biggest thanks for her mother, Dawn, and

grandmother Gail Lane.

"This is Autumn Sky Layden, Miss Hoopeston 2017, signing off," she said.

Judging the competition were Callie Lankford and Denise Scharlach, former Miss Hoopestons; Alexis Berlin, 2018 National Sweetcorn Festival chairman; Cliff Crabtree, co-executive director of the National Sweetheart Pageant; and Joel Bird Hoopeston fire chief and Vermilion County Board member.