

## Fairest OF THEM ALL

### Emily Pennington wins top title

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The Fairest of the Fair competition is one of the many highlights of the Warren County A&L Fair, and this year's event featured 54 lovely ladies. Family members, friends and pageant enthusiasts packed the Clifford McClain Grandstand for Monday's event.

Warren County High School senior Emily Faith Pennington captured the title and crown, as well as a \$1,000 college scholarship sponsored by St. Thomas River Park Hospital. She was crowned by reigning Fairest of the Fair Haile West Adams.

Emily is the 17-year-old daughter of Sherry and Nathan Burnett, and is a member of the Warren County Pioneerette dance team, as well as an active member of 4-H. She will now compete in the State Fairest of the Fair taking place in January in Nashville.

Emily's question from the judges inquired about influential people for her generation.

Her reply was, "I feel Carrie Underwood is an influential person for my generation because she handles a family and a career, dresses modestly and is a wonderful role model."

Fairest of the Fair court members are Myca Jade Stover, daughter of Jason Stover, and Melissa Simmons, first runner-up; Kassie Lynn McCarty, daughter of April Bratcher, and Mike McCarty, second runner-up; and Kayda Amari Pinegar, daughter of Jennifer Pinegar, third runner-up.

The Earlene Doak Congenial Award was presented to contestant Emmy Mechele Stepien, the 16-year-old daughter of Veronica and Rick Stepien. The award is determined by votes cast by the other contestants.

The panel of judges selected a Top 23, and in addition to the above contestants, they include: Luran Grace Cantrell, daughter of Wanda Cantrell; Katlyn Alexis Morgan, daughter of J.C. Morgan, and granddaughter of Charles and Audrey Morgan; Whitney Leigh Storm Caldwell, daughter of Jared Caldwell and Dana Mullins; Alora M. Stuart, daughter of Mandy and Corey Stuart; Sarah Grace Rains, daughter of Tonya

and Johnny Rains; Saylor Makenzie Hodges, daughter of Holly Hodges; Haley Janell Newby, daughter of Christy Ayers, and Zeke Newby; Allison Kaylee Campbell, daughter of Frances Campbell; Madison Nichole Ledbetter, daughter of Frank and Melanie Bell; Mollie Ann McGinnis, daughter of Marty and Sherri McGinnis; Marynia Faith Harris, daughter of Stacie and the late William N. Harris; and Lauren Caroline Boles, daughter of Michael and Heather Boles.

The next level of competition presented a Top 10 of contestants, with each answering an on-stage question. They are Lillie Grace Hutchins, daughter of Kellie and Todd Hutchins; Hailey Ann Wood, daughter of Jay and Keri Wood; Kaylin Prater Barrett, daughter of Steven and Elizabeth Smith; Addyson MaCall Crouch, daughter of Brentt Crouch, and Nicole Crouch; Erin Noel Lane, daughter of Tommy and Shelia Lane; and Emma Grace Shelton, daughter of Joe and Donna Shelton.

Ryan J. Moore served as the master of ceremonies, and Susan Burks is the pageant director.



EMILY FAITH PENNINGTON



Top 10 contestants are, from left, Hailey Wood, Lillie Hutchins, Kaylin Barrett, Addyson Crouch, Kassie McCarty, Kayda Pinegar, Erin Lane, Emily Pennington, Emma Shelton and Myca Jade Stover.

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### Lauren Mansfield claims first Teen Fairest crown



LAUREN ELIZABETH MANSFIELD

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Lauren Elizabeth Mansfield captured the title of Teen Fairest of the Fair in the inaugural event held Saturday at the Warren County A&L Fair. Twenty-six young ladies between the ages of 13-15 competed for the title.

Lauren is the 13-year-old daughter of Mike and Brandie Mansfield, and is a student at Centertown Elementary. According to the panel of judges, her self-confidence and natural stage presence made a difference.

"She certainly stood out when she made her appearance," said pageant judge Kristin Perry. "She was breathtaking in her green dress, answered her question very well and was so natural."

The question posed to Lauren was "If you were stranded on a deserted island, what one item would you choose to have?" Her reply was an instruction guide because it would help her survive.

Royal court members are Danika LaShay Reno, 14, daughter of Bethni Reno, first runner-up; Samantha Blair Jennings, 15, daughter of Debbie and the late Tim Jennings, second runner-up; and Karlee Ann Cantrell, 13,

daughter of Chuck and Kari Cantrell.

In addition to the court, others named to the Top 10 and answering an on-stage question include: Odamiya Chavez, daughter of Erica and Juan Chavez; Oniurca Ramirez, daughter of Alvaro and Buffy Ramirez; Breanna Daniel, daughter of Darren and Lesli Parton; Kamron Brooks, daughter of James Brooks and Michelle Burch; Grace Sparkman, daughter of Josh and Katherine Sparkman; and Abigail Judkins, granddaughter of Larry and Phyllis Judkins.

Deitra Dunlap and Chrystal Patton chaired the event, and Terrie Kirby served as mistress of ceremonies.



Teen Fairest of the Fair court members are, from left, Karlee Ann Cantrell, third runner-up; Samantha Blair Jennings, second runner-up; Teen Fairest Lauren Mansfield; and Danika LaShay Reno, first runner-up.

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