



Seven year-old Laykin in the Little Miss Hawley Pageant and 17 year old Laykin crowned Miss Hawley 2026.

thought it was the coolest thing ever. I remember the year Tasha Meyer won it, knowing she was also a Girl Scout; I wanted to do it all the more. I figured I would just try it my junior year and then again

my senior year because I never expected to win it my junior year," Laykin commented.

For many contestants, their favorite part of the pageant is bonding with each other and making new

memories. "The contestants are all so sweet and kind. I truly wish that every single one of us could get crowned. We even talked about that backstage, how cool it would be if the judges couldn't decide and we could just rotate Miss Hawley from week to week," Laykin stated.

The WOT pageant judges combine the total points each contestant earned in each category to determine the winner. They announce the winners of each category and present the winners with a rose.

The year, they announced second princess, Hannah Stotts, and first princess Faith Hinz, before crowning Laykin Miss Hawley.

"I was shocked! I had imagined winning and manifested it, but I never thought it would happen this year because I am a junior. Maybe next year," Laykin exclaimed.

As Miss Hawley, Laykin, and the other contestants will participate in Hawley community events such as Breakfast on the Farm and the Hawley Rodeo Parade. The contestants will also help with the Little Miss Hawley pageant.

The WOT Little Miss Hawley Pageant takes place on Monday, June 1st, at 6:30 in the high school auditorium and is open to all second



Avery Strawsell, Faith Hinz, Laykin Martodam, Hannah Stotts, and Lexie Mathias were this year's contestants.

grade girls in the community. The little contestants will participate in a short dance choreographed by Miss Hawley. The winners, Little Miss Hawley and two princesses, are selected at random. It is likely that many of the girls who participate in Little Miss Hawley will return to participate in the Miss Hawley pageant.

The Miss Hawley pageant may have bloomed earlier in the spring

to better fit the contestants' schedules, but it still remains a classic in our community. Not only will we see the contestants out and about in their sashes and crowns during Rodeo Fest, but the Little Miss Hawley pageant will continue at its regular scheduled time. The WOT will announce the winners on its Facebook page, and they will likely participate in the Rodeo Parade.

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