

Miss Coloma plans foreign service career

COLOMA — Cassidy Fickett scored a two-fer Saturday night, earning the spot as 2017 Miss Coloma and the pageant's Miss Congeniality.

Cassidy, 18, the daughter of William and Corine Fickett, is a senior at Coloma High School. She plans to get a bachelor's degree in international studies at the University of Michigan. She wants to join the Peace Corps and eventually become a foreign service officer.

She is in Student Council and National Honor Society, and is on the Academic Challenge Team. She enjoys reading, playing the ukulele, meditating and traveling.

Jenna Walter, 17, was selected first runner-up. The Coloma High School senior is the daughter of John and Melissa Walter. She plays softball, volleyball and basketball. is in



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National Honor Society, Student Council, concert band and marching band.

She plans to study business at Lake Michigan College and transfer to Michigan State University to get a degree in sports management.

Harleigh Unger, 17, was chosen second runner-up. The daughter of Keith and Brandv Hiler goes to Wa-

tervliet High School. She plans to attend Ohio Technical College to study welding and then study horses at Lamar Community College in Colorado.

She is in choir, Coloma Metalworks and Country Kids. She rides horses, hunts and fishes.

The other contestants were Bailey Evans, Allison Beck, Camalin Normandin, Nikki Bryant and Hannah Strunk.

Jacob Sharpe, 17, was chosen as Mr. Coloma. The son of John Sharpe and Candi Gabrielse, Sharpe is a senior at Coloma High School. He is in marching band and concert band. He plans to study diesel mechanics at the University of Northwestern Ohio.

He enjoys golfing, hunting, fishing, tubing and wake boarding.

Grant Kroschel, 18, was first runner-up. He is the

son of Walt Kroschel and Kathy Becht.

Zack Heater, 18, was named Mr. Nice Guy by his fellow contestants and was second runner-up. The Coloma High School senior is the son of Mike and Audrey Heater.

The Mr. Coloma hopefuls were Brett Tutton, Dustin Irerd and Harrison Spaulding.

He enjoys golfing, hunting, fishing, tubing and wake boarding.

The pageant theme was "Bedazzled." Matt Malone and Lyndsay Zvonar hosted the event in the Coloma High School auditorium.

The judges were Stephanie Schultz Ballard, a former Miss Niles/Brandywine and Miss Southwest Michigan; Cynthia Layman Sanders, a former Miss Berrien Springs; and Randy Reimers, a longtime Blossomtime volunteer.