

Local 10-month-old takes home Enchanting Miss Mini National Finals awards

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Dawncinea Marie Moreno is currently 10 months old and competed in the Enchanting Miss Mini National Finals at the MCM Elegante Hotel in Albuquerque. She was the only contestant from Gallup. She received the larger pink crown and trophy for Enchanting Miss Royal Supreme. The smaller pink crown is for Enchanting Miss Mini Princess. A medal was given to her for most beautiful in her age group, which was 0 - 18 months. The two crystal crowns are for first runner-up for the mother-and-daughter event.

The Enchanting Miss Mini National Finals was a three-day-long pageant from July 22 - 24. The first day was just finalizing registration and the second day was the opening ceremony at 9 am, followed by the formal wear, first outfit of choice, second outfit of choice, and third outfit of

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choice. In the afternoon was the talent event and mother and daughter event.

In the late evening, we had a pizza and fruits for the Princess Party. Day three of the pageant, we had a queen's luncheon with salad and chicken-fried steak. The crowning was held the same day at 2:30 pm, when Dawncinea received her crowns.

This was the second pageant she had competed in. Her first pageant was in Las Vegas, when she was 6 months old. It was a one-day pageant. There, she received a divisional princess crown and a trophy for most photogenic.

Dawncinea was born in Clovis, but now lives in Gallup; we are originally from Gallup, but moved for college, and recently returned from Portales. She is part Navajo and part Mexican. Her clans are Towering House clan and Mexican people clan.

Dawncinea's hair color is brown and she has brown eyes. Her favorite color is pink and her hobby is making people smile. Three words that describe her are happy, active, and loving. Her ambition is learning to talk.

We, her parents, are willing to put her in future pageants until she's old enough to decide if she is wants to continue competing, but until then, our next pageant invite is going to be in Odessa, Texas.

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