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STATE FAIR QUEEN TO VISIT COUNTY FAIRS

ALBUQUERQUE—July 27, 2017—Erin Christina Arko, the 2017 New Mexico State Fair Queen, plans to visit some upcoming county fairs: on August 3rd the Sandoval County Fair in Cuba, on August 4th the Santa Fe County Fair in Santa Fe and the Guadalupe County Fair in Santa Rosa on August 5th. The following week Ms. Arko will be in Springer in her home county of Colfax.

Ms. Arko was crowned this year's New Mexico State Fair Queen on Saturday, September 17, 2016, during the rodeo in Tingley Coliseum. The title represents not only the Western way of life, but also the quality of leadership among young women in New Mexico as the leaders of tomorrow. According to the Queen's contest guidelines, the objective of the New Mexico State Fair Queen Contest is to "determine an official representative of the Fair who will serve as an ambassador to the general public, exhibiting exceptional sportsmanship."

The reigning state fair queen is a 2015 graduate of New Mexico State University, where she studied Animal Science with an equine emphasis. According to Ms. Arko, "my lifelong love is our family farm that my grandparents started many years ago. I use my degree to help care for our livestock." When not tending to the family animals, Erin is employed full time with Shuter Builders LLC, general construction and residential builder in the Angel Fire area, which she says satisfies her interest in "working with my hands and making something amazing out of a pile of material." She is also employed seasonally with the Village Ski Shop near the Angel Fire Ski Resort.

The 2017 State Fair opens September 7 and runs through September 17.
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