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ELKINS, WEST VIRGINIA

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Welcome to Elkins, WV, also known as "Festival City." It is an extreme honor and privilege to be serving as the Director General for the 86th edition of the Mountain State Forest Festival. I am truly blessed to be working with a fantastic group of Assistant Directors, a fabulous Queen's Department, and an outstanding Board President. I am excited for everyone to experience this year's festival as we carry on traditions of years past and celebrate new events.

This year's theme is "Timeless Traditions" and I have chosen the theme "A Forest Fairytale" for the Parade of Children. My family and I have always loved the festival and we enjoy when it becomes "forest festival time." When I think back on growing up in Randolph County and attending the festival each year with my family and friends, I am reminded of many festival traditions.

The factors that kept coming to my mind were the traditions of the festival – a royal court – touring schools and local businesses; the events we hold near and dear to our hearts – coronation ceremony and the parades - the Parade of Children, Fireman's Parade, and Grand Feature Parade; the events we cannot wait to experience every year – the Carnival -rides/food/games, the Downtown Stage Acts, Kids Day in the Park, the Lumberjack Events, the Band Field Show; and the community/people – from the Board of Directors, Executive Director, Director General, Deputy Director General, Assistant Directors, Queen's Department, the Sponsors, and the hundreds of volunteers and visitors to our great "Festival City" – all of this combined enable the festival to occur every year. These moving parts of the Forest Festival are timeless and necessary. When I put it all together, my theme came to life, "Timeless Traditions."



Director General, Board President, and Maid Silvia

Thank you to the Board of Directors for my appointment as Director General. I hold this honor high and am working diligently to make this a festival memorable for all. To Lydia Jones, Board President, thank you for your unwavering support and assistance. You have been such a great mentor to me throughout my time with the festival. To Deputy Director General, Lisa Shaffer, thank you for your time, dedication, and help in ensuring the traditions of festival are intact and flowing smoothly. To my Assistant Directors, a big thank you from the bottom of my heart. I am so excited and extremely honored and proud to be working alongside this group of dedicated and hardworking Assistant Directors. To the Queen's Department, thank you for your endless hours and timeless dedication to the festival. The festival does not operate without your teamwork. The love, commitment, loyalty, and comradery for the Forest Festival and this community shows in the outstanding work these wonderful group of individuals do year after year, and it is simply amazing. I am thankful for everything they have done and continue to do to ensure the success of the 86th Forest Festival. To my mom, who I lost this year, I hope I made you and dad proud. Please continue to watch over those of us you left behind and shine your lights bright during our festival week. Finally, to my family, thank you for your love, assistance, and support of all my time spent with the Forest Festival. I could not have taken on this journey without each of you. I am blessed and thankful to have you all.

It is my sincere hope that everyone enjoys the Mountain State Forest Festival and all of the "Timeless Traditions" both old and new. Please take the time to soak in all that this fall festival brings and make long lasting friendships and memories. Remember to enjoy each day to its fullest as tomorrow is never promised. Wishing everyone who visits our "Festival City" a happy, safe, and memorable time!

Kindest Regards,

Peggy Phillips

Peggy Phillips

Director General 86th MSFF
"Timeless Traditions"



Lisa Shaffer
Deputy Director General
Safety & Security, Public Affairs/
Communications, Official Program



Tony Bates
Assistant Director
Poker Run, Cornhole Tournament,
Vendor Row, Muzzleloading
Contest, Sanitation



Nathaniel Bonnell
Assistant Director
Cross Country Race, 10K/5K Race, Tennis/
Pickleball/Raquetball Tournaments,
Official Vehicles, Plaques



Keith Corley
Assistant Director
Kickoff Party, Car Show,
Information Booth, Craft Show,
Grand Feature Parade



Zach Elbon
Assistant Director
Golf Tournament, Irish Road
Bowling, City Park,
Banners & Flags



Tracy Gooden
Assistant Director
Highland Dance Competition,
Photography Exhibit,
Kids Day in the Park



Jennifer Morgan
Assistant Director
Parade of Children, Pet Show,
Hospitality Tent



Whitney Morris
Assistant Director
Purse Bingo, Opening & Closing
Ceremony, Distinguished Guest
Dinner, Queen's Ball



Todd Riggelman
Assistant Director
Grounds, Banners & Flags,
Primitive Campers,
Fireman's Parade



Brian Romero
Assistant Director
Forestry/Wood Products Exhibit,
Lumberjack Contest



Jeff Skidmore
Assistant Director
Downtown Stage, Indianapolis
Motorcycle Team,
Sounds/Lights



Karrah Washington
Assistant Director
Children's Fest,
Downtown Windows



Derek Wetsch
Assistant Director
Bass Tournament, Band Field Show,
WVU Band



Queen's Department

Hannah Shiflett
Queen's Department
Assistant

Megan Casto
Queen's Department
Director

Allicen Simon
Queen's Department
Assistant



ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



Welcome to the 86th Mountain State Forest Festival! It is a great honor and privilege to serve as Association President to one of West Virginia's oldest and largest festivals. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I extend a warm festival greeting to our beautiful town of Elkins.

Many of you will experience the Mountain State Forest Festival for the first time this year. We hope you enjoy the beautiful fall foliage and the many events and festivities we have to offer. To the great people of Elkins, I hope this year brings new memories and experiences, while also celebrating "Timeless Traditions" with family and friends.

There are many people who work hard at making the Mountain State Forest Festival a success each and every year. I have been fortunate to work with this year's Director General, Peggy Phillips, her hard-working Queen's Department, and Assistant Directors. It has been a pleasure to be a part of this year's team, and I sincerely appreciate your dedication, time, commitment, and friendship.

Thank you, also, to our Executive Director, Heidi Bray, for her hard work throughout this year. There are many behind-the-scenes tasks that are vital to keeping the festival going and Heidi has done a tremendous job fulfilling these duties.

I also extend my sincere appreciation for the many volunteers who work tirelessly to make all our events a success. To our sponsors, the Mountain State Forest Festival Association realizes we would not be able to have such a special and unique festival without your unwavering financial sponsorship and support.

I also appreciate the city's commitment to our festival's success. The City of Elkins, operations divisions, sanitation and street departments, the Elkins Parks and Recreation Commission, Police Department and Fire Department, Elkins EMS (to name a few!) all work incredibly hard and spend many hours to keep our town clean, safe, and operating smoothly during Festival week.

Congratulations to Maid Silvia, Lilly Harper Ryan, and her family. We welcome you to Elkins and hope you enjoy your reign over the 86th MSFF. Congratulations to this year's Maids of Honor, Minor Court, and our 40 Princesses from across the state. It is indeed an honor to be part of such a timeless tradition!

Sincerely,

Lydia Jones

Lydia Jones,
Association President, MSFF Board of Directors

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Maid Silvia, Lilly Harper Ryan, with Board of Directors

Front Row - Cliff Marsteller, Vice President Chad Shoemaker, President Lydia Jones, Lilly Harper Ryan, Frank Santmyer, Ben Shaffer, Robbie Morris; Back Row L to R - Mayor Jerry Marco, Bob Wamsley, Susie Kump, Scott Harris, Mike Karlen, Secretary/Treasurer Robin Miller, Executive Director Heidi Bray, Cricket Leary, Ray LaMora

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Welcome to Festival City for the 86th Mountain State Forest Festival! Each October, Elkins residents, relatives, tourists, newly appointed royalty, and previous members of the Royal Court come together to form new memories that last a lifetime. We are fortunate to have this opportunity to gather in our beautiful town surrounded by stunning mountain

beauty. The autumnal tapestry and rich heritage create a unique atmosphere that allows one and all to feel truly home among the hills.

I hope everyone enjoys the fun-filled week that so many have worked so hard to make possible. Continued support from local businesses and leaders keeps the festival traditions alive and growing. On behalf of the entire community, thank you to all our faithful sponsors,

volunteers, and community leaders for their generosity year after year!

I graciously thank Director General Peggy Phillips, Assistant Directors, Board President Lydia Jones, and the Board of Directors for their dedicated commitment to festival planning. Without their help, along with hundreds of volunteers, our beloved festival would cease to exist. Thousands of hours are devoted each year to help create the ten-day celebration for all to enjoy.

I wish all those involved a fun and safe festival week while celebrating "Timeless Traditions!"

Kindest regards,

Heidi Bray

Heidi Bray,
Executive Director

Mountain State Forest Festival Board of Directors

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2024 MOUNTAIN STATE FOREST FESTIVAL COMMITTEES

10K Run / 5K Walk & Kids Fun Run

Lisa Severino – Chair
 Joe Biola
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 Janna Brown
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 Whitney Morris
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 Joe Ross
 Will & Linda Shaw
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 EHS & EMS Cross Country Teams

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 Cindy Nucilli
 Olivia Perske
 Jane Pingley
 Bronson Pyles
 Eric Ruf
 Jana Ruf
 Cody Schauman
 Kiley Simmons
 Dutch Skidmore
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 Andrew Wamsley
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 Allison Wetsch
 Barbara Wetsch
 Daniel Wetsch
 Kayla Woods
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 Elkins Area Band Auxiliary

Banners & Flags

K. Todd Riggleman – Chair
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 Nathaniel Broschart
 Pete Collar
 Mike Karlen
 Steve Kerns
 Mike McCrumm
 Sammy Roy
 Gary Wileman

Bass Tournament

Amanda and JW Jones - Chairs
 Amanda Bragg
 Justin Irons
 Jeremiah Knavenshue
 John Schmidt
 Ryan Scott
 Tim Sotosky
 Aaron Wetsch

Car Show

Bobby Hart – Chair
 Mountain State Street Machines

Children's Fest

Karrah Washington – Chair
 Marlena Broschart
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 Dani Cade
 Adriana Channell
 Angela Simmons-Daniels
 Samantha Davis
 Lissa Eason
 Natasha Evans
 Destiny Ewashkow
 Kaela Harris
 Morgan Isner
 Lindsay Ketterman
 Stacey Putzulu
 Carla Riegel
 Jonathan Riegel
 Nikki Rogers
 Natisha Shifflett
 Jake Smith
 Brittany Wamsley
 Debbie Ware
 Sarah Ware
 Brandon Washington
 Morgan Wince

City Park

Jon Morgan
 Megan Elbon
 Anthony Petrella
 Jodie Varner

Cornhole Tournament

Kevin Carr – Chair
 Terry Atkinson
 Anita Carr
 Eddie Weese
 Judy Weese

Craft Show

Beth Corley – Chair
 Kendall Corley
 Alexa Eva
 Dylan Eva

Cross Country Race

Amanda Carter – Chair
 Scott Biola
 Andrew Carroll
 Adam Romano
 Jessica Sutton
 Ross Ware
 EHS XC Parents
 EMS XC Parents

Downtown Stage

Dutch Skidmore – Chair
 Mike Elza
 Tyler Fehrenbach
 Krysten Jones
 Melody Jones
 Kristen McGill
 Stacy Wilson

Fireman's Parade

Matt Ogden - Chair
 Rich Nida

Members of the Elkins Volunteer Fire Dept

Forestry & Wood Products Exhibit

Dave Rice – Chair
 Sid Gillispie

Golf Tournament

Chris Hipp - Chair
 Megan Elbon
 Lantz Elbon
 Tyler Knotts
 Jonathan Kyle
 Rich Nida
 Anthony Petrella
 Jeff Pritt
 Jodie Varner

Grand Feature Parade

Tamara Bailey – Chair
 Nathaniel Broschart
 Randy Elza
 CJ Golden
 Erin Golden
 Bobby Hart
 Mike Hinchman
 Phillips Kolsun
 Ray LaMora
 Mike Lindsey
 Jim Triplett

WVU Band

Barbara and Daniel Wetsch – Chairs
 David Baker
 Kelly Bibey
 Jim Bibey
 Justin Bibey
 Craig Broughton
 Terry Cooper
 John Daniels
 Scott Harris
 Casey Hedrick
 Roger Hedrick
 Brenda Jackson
 Terry Jackson
 Pam Keller
 Kari Kramer
 Carl Nucilli
 Cindy Nucilli
 Jordan Price
 Lynn Ritter
 Jim Ritter
 Becky Sanders
 Bart Schauman
 Julie Simmons
 Brian Simmons
 Miranda Smith
 Bob Sponaugle
 Linda Sponaugle
 Christy Triplett

Grounds

Prunytown Inmate Crew
 Richard Gould
 Gary Wileman

Highland Dance Competition

Katy Dillon - Chair
 Hoy Ferguson
 Scott Harris
 Alison Shields
 Matt Taylor

Hospitality Tent

Wendy Smyton – Chair
 Kelly Collett
 Katie LaMora

Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Motorcycle Drill Team

Jeff Skidmore
 Brian Romero
 Dutch Skidmore
 Elkins Fire Department

Information Booth

Jane Cutright – Chair
 Jeryl Cutright
 Maggie Cooper
 Shawn Cooper
 Raymond Godwin
 Gwen Kerns
 Anita Thompson
 Bryan Thompson
 Rhonda Weese

Irish Road Bowling

Jon Morgan - Chair
 Eric Anger
 Chad Chidester
 Megan Elbon
 Tony Petrella
 Jodie Varner

Kickoff Party

Angie Judy – Chair
 Beth Corley
 Kendall Corley
 Alexa Eva
 Dylan Eva
 Aime Haddix
 Taylor Lee
 Chrissy Kittle
 Michelle Talkington

Kids Day in the Park

Crystal Davis
 Denise Fletcher
 Amy Lovell
 Clint Judy
 Garilee Mallow
 Shanna Poe
 Ladonna Rosencrance
 Davis Trust Company Employees
 Elkins High School Class Council
 Elkins High School Football
 Kingsford Charcoal
 Randolph Co. Board of Education
 Tygarts Valley Middle/High School Key Club

Lumberjack Contest

Arden Cogar – Chair
 Julie Fosbender – Chair
 Jeff Arbogast
 Chris Shields
 D&E College Baseball Team
 D&E College Wrestling Team
 Monongahela National Forest Employees

Muzzleloading Contest

Gary Tinger – Chair

Official Vehicles

Justin Jackson – Chair

Opening & Closing Ceremonies

Adriana Channell
 Brandi Cunningham

Parade of Children

Kelly Collett
 Jeanette Devall
 Shanna Poe
 Tyler Shipp

Pet Show

Katie Preusch – Chair
 Carrie Shupp
 Alyssa Tallman
 Stacy Wilson
 Randolph County Humane Society

Photography Exhibit

Imre Barsy – Chair
 Debra Barsy
 Jeanette Devall
 Cindy Nucilli
 Alison Shields
 Sydney West – The Atrium
 Foto 1Pro Photo LLC
 Talbott Frame Shop

Primitive Campers

Steve Kerns – Chair
 Gary Wileman

Purse Bingo

Erica Bender
 Melodee Jones
 Krysten Jones
 Chasity Pennington
 Ben Shaffer
 Dutch Skidmore

Schedule of Events

Heidi Bray
 Agency LMC
 Amber Vineyard
 Chasity Anderson
 Lori Chenoweth

Security

Lisa Shaffer
 City of Elkins Police Department
 Randolph County Sheriff's Dept
 West Virginia State Police
 Randolph Co. Office of Emergency Mngmt
 Elkins Fire Department
 Randolph Co. Emergency Squad

Sponsor Reception

MSFF Board of Directors

Tennis, Pickleball, & Racquetball Tournament

Dr. Farukh Khan – Chair
 Tony Aquila
 Dave Baird
 Brady Ball
 Harry Cupp
 Melanie Cupp
 Tim Gibson
 Guy Harris
 Kyle Hawthorne
 Rich Mace
 Craig Merriam
 Mike Owens



Trenna Robinson
Mark Rosencrance
Mason Schoonover
Dave Simmons
Donna Simmons
Renaud Staubert
Jeff Trulik
Hal Zorger

Vendor Row

Brian Simons
Chris Davis

Window Displays

MaKenzie Cooper – Chair
Marlena Broschart
Lynlee Brown
Maddison Brown
Denise Campbell
Adriana Channell
Roxanna Cooper
Samantha Davis
Destiny Ewashkow
Calli Fox
Jaime Gannon
Jessica Gladwell
Angie Goff
Schell Hopwood
Sarah Jimenez
Abby Kaposy
Cathy Lindsay
Erika Plishka
Krista Pyles
Carla Riegel
Jonathan Riegel
Trenna Robinson
Nikki Rogers
Logan Ryan
Susie Shiflett
Jake Smith
Sarah Snow
Carolyn Spencer
Linda Sponaugle
Alissa Tanner
Molly Vance
Cece Ware
Debbie Ware
Moriah Warner
Christy Wilson
Tyra Wilson

Queen's Department

Megan Casto – Director
Hannah Shiflett
Allicen Simon

Queen's Arrival School Tour & Luncheon

Sue Chenoweth - Chair
Cindy Talbott - Chair
Joyce Allen
Chasity Anderson
Savannah Bodkin
Lori Chenoweth
Tracy Fath
Carolyn Gola
Mark Haddix
Kathy Hitchcock
Susie Kump
Diana Patella
Rachel Phillips
Denise Wallace
Dottie Wamsley
Sarah Wamsley
Debbie Ware
Kim White

Queen's Department Calligrapher

Linda Sponaugle – Chair

Queen's Court Costume Design & Seamstresses

Connie Linger - Chair
Sheila Scott
Lola Collier
Dottie Price

Bookmarks

Crystal Grimmett - Chair
Randolph Technical Center Students

Distinguished Guest Dinner & Queen's Ball Invitations Assembly

Erin Golden - Chair
C.J. Golden

Distinguished Guest Dinner and Queen's Ball

Calli Fox - Chair
Erica Bender
Heidi Bray
CJ Bray
Adriana Channell
Tiffany DeBolt
Erin Golden
Kathy Hamrick
Heather Kittle
Muranda Morgan
Hannah Phillips

Shanna Poe
Chasity Pennington
Courtney Riffle
Brenda Riggelman
Sarah Riggelman
Tayler Riggelman
Gail Shaffer
Jessica Shaffer
Chelsey Varner
Sarah Wamsley
Sarah Ware

Grand March

Molly Mongold

Hosts

Autumn Lakes
Beanders Restaurant & Tavern
Beverly Elementary School
Byrd's House of Donuts
Citizens Bank of West Virginia
Coalton Elementary School
Davis & Elkins College
Davis Memorial Presbyterian
Davis Trust Company Bank
Duke's Steakhouse
Elkins Christian Academy
Elkins City Hall
Elkins Fire Department
Elkins High School
Elkins Middle School
Elkins Mountain School
Elkins Regional Convalescent Center
Elkins YMCA
George Ward Elementary School
Gingrollsandpancit
Gino's
Harman School
Highland Adventist School
Huntington Bank
Izaak Walton League
Jennings Elementary School
Jimbo's
Kump House
Log-A-Load for Kids Auction
Midland Elementary School
Monongahela National Forest Service
Mountain Memories
Mountain Valley Bank
North Elementary School
Oxley House Cocktail Bar & Restaurant
Pickens School
Pizza Hut
Randolph County Community Arts Center
Randolph County Courthouse
Randolph County Senior Center
Randolph County Vocational Center
Smoke on the Water
Stockman's Branch of Grant County Bank
Third Ward Elementary School
Tygarts Valley Middle/High School & Tygarts

Valley High School Band
Western Steer & Gandy Dancer Theatre
WV Children's Home
Wood Technology Center
Youth Health Child Care Center

Invitations – Queen's Announcement & Tuesday Luncheon

Cathy Lindsay

Minor Court Pool Party

Brian & Beverly Romero

Name Tags for Court

Amy Marstiller
Sandy Williams

Official Photographer

Chelsey Varner
Hannah Phillips

Past Court Welcoming

Janna Brown

Publicity

Lisa Shaffer

School Tour Drivers

Dave Shaffer - Chair
Mike Karlen
Ray LaMora
Bert Nucilli
Gail Shaffer

Scrapbook

Chelsey Varner - Chair
Sheila Maxey
Charlotte Phillips
Hannah Phillips

Welcome Letters

Jennifer Workman - Chair
Patricia Lambert
Allison Mullenax

Woody

Minor Court Committee

2024 Coronation

Coffee for the Court

Melissa Walters

Coronation Ceremony Announcer

Scott Goddard

Coronation Dignitaries

Lydia Jones

Coronation Pillow

Christina Harris

Coronation Reception

Katie LaMora

Coronation Stage Decorations

Rebecca Higgins - Chair
Victoria Estess
Vanessa Halle
Abby Kaposy
Brittany Small

Coronation Vocalists

C.J. Bray
Randall Reid-Smith

Hair Design for Queen

Studio MK – Melinda Kota

Hair Design for Maids of Honor

Maid Kourtney Jones –
Caroline Fluke (Salon Meraki)
Maid Jaden Pratt -
Carleigh Phillips (Society, LLC)

Hair Design for Minor Court

Salon Bumbi
Beverly Romero
Becky Hollen
Shelby Kyle
Macie Romero

Florists

Bouquets - Maid of Honor, Princesses,
Flower Girls – Tammy's Floral
Dignitary Boutonnieres – Flowers by Liz

Minor Court

Ashley Godwin - Chair
Vanessa Halle
Brenda Pritt
Krista Pyles
Logan Ryan
Sydney Tice

Jesters

Hillary Paugh
Jockey Lewis

Royal Scouts

James Bibey
Lynne Harper

Trumpeteers

Dan & Barbara Wetsch - Chairs
Matt Scott

2024 Princesses

Princess Appointment

Queen's Department

Princess Orientation

Moriah Warner – Chair
Brianna Hill
Veronica Isner
Brittany McCray
Wendy Smyton
Linda Sponaugle

Princess Ambassadors

Moriah Warner - Chair
Lynnlee Brown
Makenzie Cooper
Kaela Harris
Lydia Jones
Heather Kittle
Logan Ryan
Jessica Severino
Sarah Ware

Princess Parade Welcoming

Perfection Plus Turbo-Dry, LLC
Norm & Linda Wagner
Grant Jones

Princess Costumes & Hospitality

Melissa Walters - Chair
Lynnlee Brown
Eliza Grimes
Chrissy Harper
Gracie Harper

Princess Velvet Cutting

Linda Sponaugle – Chair
Megan Casto
Callie Casto
Graclyn Harper
Joyce Hutton
Sheila Scott
Hannah Shiflett
Sharon Sutton
Gwynneth Walters
Melissa Walters

Princess Costume Check-In

Linda Sponaugle - Chair
Sheila Scott

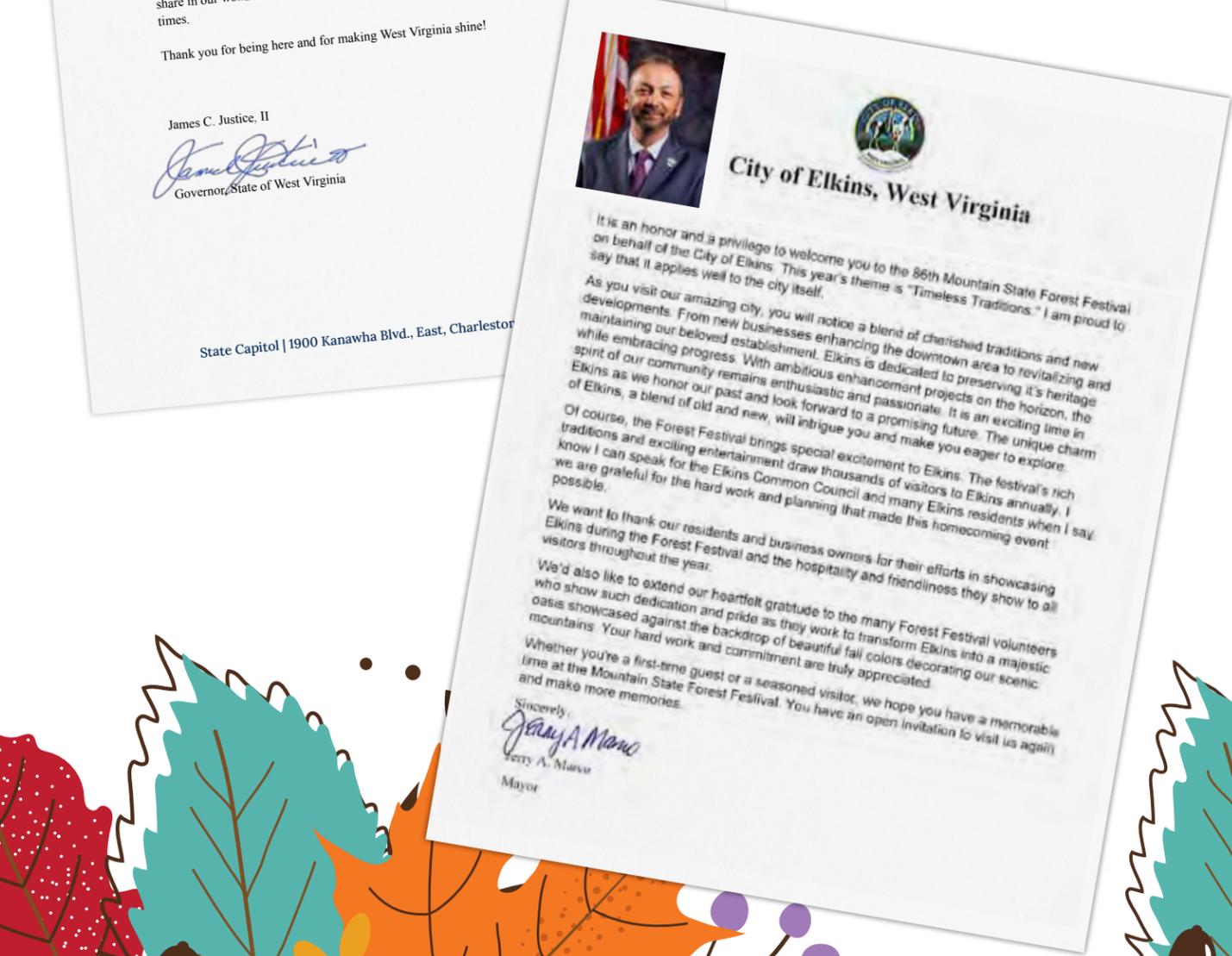
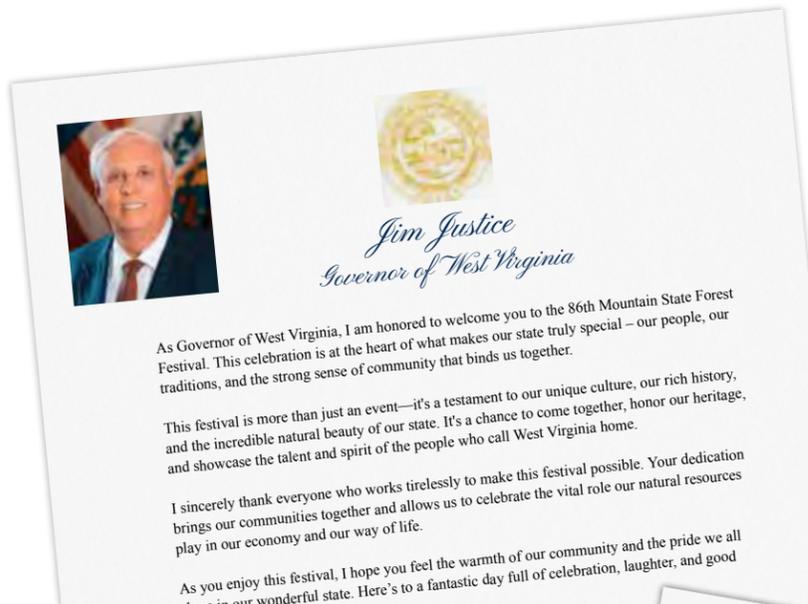
Princess Headpieces

Connie Linger

Princess Parent Dinner

Kathie Staten - Chair
Beth Brenwalt





Joe Manchin, III
United States
Senate



Shelley Moore Capito
United States
Senate



Alex Mooney
United States
House of Representatives



Carol Miller
United States
House of Representatives



Bill Hamilton
West Virginia
State Senate



Robert Karnes
West Virginia
State Senate



Ty Nestor
West Virginia
House of Delegates



Elias Coop-Gonzalez
West Virginia
House of Delegates



Kent Leonhardt
West Virginia
Commissioner of Agriculture



Jeremy Jones
Director of Forestry

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION & ELKINS CITY COUNCIL



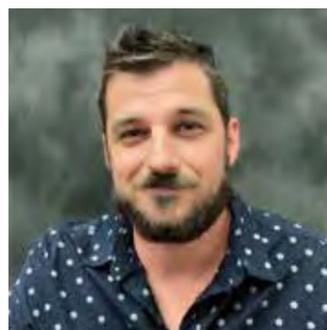
David Kesling
Commissioner



Christopher See
Commissioner



Cris Siler
Commission President



Cody Kerns
First Ward



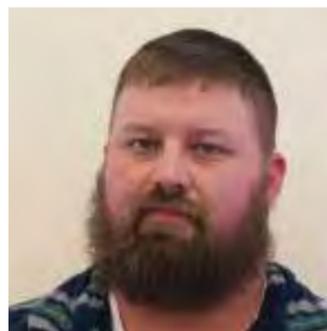
Robert Chenoweth
First Ward



Lisa S. Severino
Second Ward



G. Michael Hinchman
Second Ward



Christopher C. Lowther
Third Ward



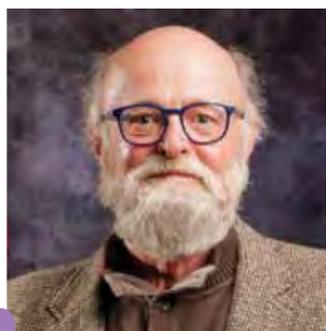
Erika Plishka
Third Ward



Andrew Carroll
Fourth Ward



Nanci Bross-Fregonara
Fourth Ward



Dave Parker
Fifth Ward



Cody Thompson
Fifth Ward

IN MEMORIAM

The Mountain State Forest Festival Association Board of Directors and people of Randolph County mourn the loss of Gary A. Schoonover.

GARY A. SCHOONOVER | 1940 - 2024

Gary Schoonover became a volunteer for the Mountain State Forest Festival in the late 1970's. He and his wife Ruth Lynn served on different committees spanning many decades. Gary was an Assistant Director before being appointed Director General of the 44th Mountain State Forest Festival in 1980. President Jimmy Carter, WV Senator Jennings Randolph, and WV Governor John D. Rockefeller IV were welcomed to Elkins by Director General Schoonover and his Assistant Directors, "Gary's Gang." Gary chose Jan Rosalie Middlekauff, from Berkely Springs, to reign as Queen Silvia XLIV. Debra Patton and Jane Burke served as Maid of Honors. In 1981, Gary's daughter, Traceye Lynn served as Maid of Honor. His son Todd volunteered as a Princess Page from 1980-1985. Over the years, Gary served as Secretary/Treasurer, Vice-President, and President of the MSFF Board of Directors. In 2010, he received the honor of Director Emeritus. The Mountain State Forest Festival Family and Community extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to the Schoonover family.



L to R: Charlie Bryant, Susie Queen, 44th Director General Gary Schoonover, WV Senator Jennings Randolph, Patricia Middlekauff, President Jimmy Carter, Queen Silvia XLIV Jan Middlekauff, Ed Middlekauff



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**MAID SILVIA LXXXVI
LILLY HARPER RYAN**



Ryan, 20, is the daughter of Retired Lieutenant Colonel Jerry "Chip" Floyd and Amy Floyd of Ona, WV. She is the granddaughter of Frank and Laura Santmyer of Elkins, Jim and Diana Sturm of Huntington, Norwin and Donna Lilly of South Charleston, Joe and Janet Richards of Charleston, Sandra Dennison of Ona and the late Jerry Floyd of Ona. She has one brother, Jaxon Santmyer, and two sisters, Anna and Erin Floyd.

The future Queen Silvia is a 2021 graduate of Cabell Midland High School, where she graduated in the top 5% of her class with very high honors, was a member of the National Honor Society, Beta Club, and was an office and teacher assistant. Lilly was also a member of the track and field team. She was a volunteer for Cabell County Special Olympics and participated in the Army National Guard Youth Leaders Camp and Marshall University SCORES. Lilly was selected Rotary Club Student of the Month, received the Freshman Award "Most Likely to Brighten Someone's Day", and was Student of the Year for Dual Credit Advanced Math Modeling Course. She danced competitively with Elite Performance Academy in Huntington from age 3 to 16.

Lilly is a Senior at Miami University in Oxford, OH, where she will graduate with Honors with her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science with a minor in Disability Studies in December of 2024. Upon admission to Miami, Lilly received the Redhawk Excellence Scholarship and was accepted into the Honors College. She is completing her Honors Undergraduate Research Project focusing on the elevated disability rate in West Virginia. The goal of her project is to increase awareness, outline solutions, and increase representation of individuals with disabilities. Lilly received The Cyril Kofie Daddieh Award for Junior students with exceptional

academic performance in Political Science. She was admitted into the combined Bachelor's/Master's program and will receive her Master of Arts in Political Science in May of 2025. Lilly is on the Presidents list and is a member of the student advisory board for the Menard Family Center for Democracy. She is also a member of Women in Law, Amicus Curae, Miami Student Foundation, Beta Tau chapter of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority, and Miami University Fashion and Design.

In her spare time, Lilly enjoys traveling with her family, cooking, crafting, designing, preparing for law school entrance exams, and hanging out with family and friends at home and her sorority sisters at Miami University.

Lilly worked at the Fuel Counter in Barboursville, a locally owned healthy alternative restaurant, interned at the law office of Chad D. Barry LLC, hosted at Pickle and Pig, a prohibition themed eatery in Oxford, OH, and was a Co Communication Director for Sam Lawrence 2022 Campaign for Ohio House of Representatives. During the summer of 2024, she was an intern for United States Senator Shelley Moore Capito. Upon graduating with her Masters in the Spring of 2025, Lilly plans to attend law school and hopes to one day own her own firm.

Ryan will be crowned as Queen of the 86th Mountain State Forest Festival during the Royal Coronation at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 4, 2024, at the Citizens Bank of WV Outdoor Amphitheatre located on the campus of Davis & Elkins College. Attended by forty Princesses from around the state, two Maids of Honor, and a Minor Court, she will receive her crown in an elaborate outdoor ceremony.



Tygart Hotel



Courtesy of Tygart Hotel

ROOTED IN HISTORY

Built in 1906 as the grand hotel of Elkins, the Tygart is an anchor of the city's historic downtown landscape. The six-story, Romanesque Revival-style hotel is one of Elkins' oldest surviving buildings and a contributing structure to the Downtown Elkins Historic District, recognized both for its architectural importance as well as its significance in the development of the city/region.

Originally known as the Hotel Gassaway, renamed the Hotel Tygart in 1923, the site operated as a high-end hotel for over sixty years. Its roots trace back to Elkins' first city planning efforts, when city co-founder and future Senator Henry Gassaway Davis set aside a portion of land known as the "Public Square Block" that would become the heart of downtown Elkins. Davis sold a parcel of this land to John Niedballa in 1901, who sold the land again just four years later to J.W. Jenkins and Charles Harr. Jenkins and Harr hired notable local architect John T. Ward to construct the ambitiously soaring Hotel Gassaway, which opened for business the following year.

The hotel quickly found its niche catering to the wealthy clientele drawn to Elkins throughout the early to mid-1900s. These guests came first for the town's early railroad and industrial opportunities, and later for its commercial and cultural ones as Elkins became the thriving economic hub of the region. Due to the hotel's popularity, it soon became a central gathering space for community members as well. The hotel was used for many local social events, Forest Festival functions, the first classes held by the Augusta Heritage Center, and even housed other businesses such as a restaurant and beauty salon. The site was also frequently used for political activities and acted as the headquarters for local Democratic Party organizations, an office/residence for Senator Jennings Randolph, and a tour stop by Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. on behalf of John F. Kennedy during his 1960 presidential campaign.

Unfortunately, demand for the hotel waned as Elkins began to grapple with the same economic struggles that plagued most of West Virginia in the second half of the twentieth century. As a result, the building was converted to apartments in the 1970s and slowly fell into worsening condition over the decades that followed. Despite this decline, however, the Tygart Hotel has always remained a cornerstone of downtown Elkins and an essential piece of the community's heritage.

A NEW LEAF

Today, both Elkins and the Tygart Hotel are experiencing an exciting renaissance. In the early 2010s, a series of community planning conversations between the City of Elkins and a group of concerned citizens called Envision Elkins concluded that any overarching approach to revitalizing Elkins' economic prospects must include the rehabilitation of the Tygart Hotel. As a result, they engaged Elkins-based nonprofit community development organization Woodlands Development Group and encouraged the organization to take on the challenging project.

Woodlands saw the importance of this task and purchased the property in 2017 for \$700,000. After five years of painstaking predevelopment planning, Woodlands was able to finalize an extremely complex \$18+ Million finance package utilizing funding from public, private, governmental, and non-profit financing partners and multiple types of tax credit equity.

In partnership with architectural firm Mills Group LLC and management corporation Taylor Hospitality, Woodlands and the project team were able to renovate the hotel in a way that preserves and celebrates the structure's historic architectural elements while beautifully and creatively updating the site for modern use. The restoration of the historic Tygart Hotel would not have been possible without the dedication and support

of an array of project partners. The involvement of community lenders, nonprofit organizations, local banks, and government entities has been instrumental in bringing this ambitious project back to life. Thanks to their contributions, the Tygart Hotel stands today as a testament to the collective power of community collaboration.

LOST TOWNS LOST COMMUNITIES ART EXHIBIT

Explore the rich history of the Monongahela National Forest through our Lost Towns | Lost Communities Art Exhibit during the Mountain State Forest Festival. This collection of original art, maps, historic photos, and descriptive interpretations is on display throughout the hotel's lobby and guest floors. The art explores the diverse stories of the lost towns of Spruce, Burner, Braucher, Osceola, Wildell, and Evenwood, which thrived during the lumber

and mining booms around the turn of the 20th century.

Visit the guest floors (2-6) to learn more about each of the towns. The lobby art explores the interconnections between the towns, highlighting their reliance on rail lines, family ties, and shared challenges and opportunities. This exhibit, including the art in your guest room, highlights and supports nine amazing West Virginia artists. Ask one of our Front Desk Agents for a Lost Towns booklet to begin your self-guided tour.

The Lost Towns | Lost Communities art exhibit is a tribute to the Monongahela National Forest and all it contains. We encourage you to explore the forest during your visit and immerse yourself in the natural beauty and historical significance it offers.

Special thanks to the Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area and Woodlands Development & Lending for making this project possible.



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Forest Festival Royalty at the Tygart Hotel

**AUTHOR: SUSIE KUMP -
PRESIDENT, MAPLE LEAF SOCIETY**

In 1973, Director General Ron Thomason appointed Katherine Ann Huffman of Princeton, West Virginia to reign over the Mountain State Forest Festival as Queen Silvia XXXVII. At the time, fifty-one years ago, Ralph and Mary Frances Shepler owned the Tygart Hotel on Davis Avenue in the heart of downtown Elkins. Arrangements were made to house the Forest Festival Queen at the hotel with her family for the five-day extravaganza.

Kathy Huffman was the twenty-one-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Odell H. Huffman and a graduate of Princeton High School and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, where she graduated with honors and earned a B.S. degree in biology. At the time of the Forest Festival, she was a first-year medical student at West Virginia University.

Today, the former Queen is a physician and married to Dr. Ron Falk. The two studied both medicine and nephrology at the University of North Carolina and the University of Minnesota. Dr. Katherine Falk, MD is a practicing nephrologist (kidney specialist) at the University of North Carolina Hospital in Chapel Hill, NC.

When asked about her memories and experience as Queen Silvia XXXVII, Kathy Falk said, "The Forest Festival was, for sure, the most fun I'd had then and probably since. It was wonderful!" She remembers staying at the Tygart Hotel with her family and seeing the Ferris Wheel from one of the windows in her room. She also recalls Joe Garagiola being the featured speaker at the Distinguished Guest Dinner.

In an interview, when she was asked what it was like being Queen Silvia, Kathy responded, "It was great! I particularly liked having my own police car and being able to go zipping around Elkins without any problem. It made me feel suddenly very important!" Her most memorable festival memory, however, was the hospitality of the people in Elkins. "We were in multiple homes, and we were treated like royalty."

When thinking about what the Forest Festival meant to her then and what it means to her now, Dr. Falk replied, "At the time, I didn't know much about the Forest Festival before I was asked to be Maid Silvia, but I quickly found out that it was something very special. It was a wonderful five days out of school, and it was as if you were airlifted into a different universe. Now, it's a great memory!"



Katherine Huffman Falk with Queen Silvia Picture



Katherine Falk 1970s

As part of the celebration this year and for everyone's enjoyment, the gown and train worn by the 1973 Queen Silvia XXXVII Katherine Ann Huffman Falk will be on display in the lobby of the Tygart Hotel. Dr. Falk proudly wore the gown for the Coronation Ceremony, the Royal Coronation Ball, and the Grand Feature Parade. In an article about the gown the day before the Coronation, The Clarksburg Exponent called it "one of the most elegant gowns ever created for Forest Festival royalty."

The royal costume, designed and made by Mrs. Suheyra (Sue) Gencsoy of Morgantown, was created out of beautiful magenta red plush velvet and taffeta, decorated with 34,000 glass beads and seed pearls. Approximately 56 yards of material were used to create the costume including 34 yards of the red velvet, 12 yards of net and 10 yards of taffeta.

The beading on the gown and train was the highlight of the Morgantown designer's work. She considered beading her specialty, and the glass beads she chose were West Virginia made. The decorating was done entirely by hand with the beads sewn directly onto the material. The multi-colored beads and pearls were sewn in the shape of leaves around the bottom of the gown and at the top and bottom of the train.

Mrs. James A. (Mary) Hartman, Director of the Queen's Court in 1973, stated, "In my opinion, it's the most beautiful gown we've

ever had in the 30 years I've worked with festival." According to the Clarksburg newspaper article, the gown, which required special packing and handling, was brought to Elkins by a member of the West Virginia State Police.

Dr. Falk was asked how she felt knowing that her gown will be on display at the Tygart Hotel this year during the Forest Festival at the place where she stayed and where this year's Queen will be staying. She responded, "I think it's great. I really appreciate the fact that you all go to the trouble to take it there because this is a spectacular gown. The woman who made it in Morgantown spent months putting 34,000 beads on the train and the dress. I'm delighted."

Housing the Queen is one of the many "Timeless Traditions" that is associated with the Mountain State Forest Festival. Through the years, former Queens and their families have stayed at various locations including the Elkins Motor Lodge, the Tygart Hotel, and Graceland Inn at Davis & Elkins College. This year's Queen Silvia LXXXVI Lilly Harper Ryan of Ona, West Virginia will be quartered at the newly renovated Tygart Hotel along with her family. Forest Festival royalty will once again be lodged at the historic hotel in downtown Elkins for an exciting week of celebration.





Maid of Honor, Jones, Maid Silvia, Ryan, Maid of Honor, Pratt



Director General Peggy Phillips with Maid Silvia



Maid Silvia, Maids of Honors, and Escorts



Queen's Department Director, Maid Silvia, and Director General



Director General Peggy Phillips with husband Junior and daughter Hannah



Maid of Honor, Jones with extended family



Maid Silvia with brother, Jackson, and grandparents, Frank and Laura Santmyer



Maid Silvia with Assistant Directors



Maid Silvia with extended family



Maid of Honor, Pratt with immediate family



Maid Silvia with parents, Amy & Chip Floyd, and sisters, Anna and Erin



Director General Peggy Phillips with extended family



Maids with Queen's Department





Maid of Honor Kourtney Nicole Jones

Maid of Honor Jones is the daughter of John and Amanda Jones of Elkins. She is the granddaughter of the late John Jones and Wilma Rodgers of Elkins and John and Judy Haskins of Buckhannon.

Jones is a 2024 graduate of Elkins High School, where she was class President for 4 years, Randolph County Votech SkillsUSA President, a member of National Honors Society, National Technical Honor Society, and Spanish National Honor Society. Additionally, she was an early completer of high school in December of 2023. In the fall, Kourtney will be a freshman at West Virginia Wesleyan College where she is in the Honor's College and plans to major in Nursing and Dietetics/Nutrition. She received the Presidential Scholarship at West Virginia Wesleyan College, the Legacy Scholarship, The Marshall University Dual Credit Award, The Mikey Hart Memorial Scholarship, Pat Schoonover Science Award and The Wood Memorial Scholarship. Her future plans include working as a flight nurse while helping others obtain a healthy diet and lifestyle.

Jones served as a Flower Girl in the 79th Mountain State Forest Festival and her mother, Amanda, served as an Assistant Director for four years and

her father JW served as a committee member and Chairperson on the Bass Tournament and Fireman's Parade.

Maid of Honor Jones is employed at both Randolph County and Upshur County Emergency Squads as an EMT-B and Canaan Valley Resort as a Ski Patroller in the winter and a lifeguard in the summer. She has attended Randolph County 4H camp for multiple years. Jones was the Randolph County Fair Teen Queen in 2019 and the Randolph County Fair Queen in 2022, where she was the first Randolph County Fair Queen to place in the Top 15 at the West Virginia Fairs and Festivals pageant. She was the 2022 West Virginia's Perfect Teen Queen placing in the Top 12 at the World's Perfect Teen Pageant and has been active in the West Virginia Fairs and Festivals system and was the 2023 Three Rivers Festival Teen Queen and is the current Nicholas County Potato Festival Queen. She is a member of the B Girls Model Team in Miami, Florida and has appeared in New York Fashion Week and fashion shows in Miami and Washington, DC. Kourtney attends Summit Church and in her spare time, she enjoys snowboarding, modeling, pageantry, baking, and spending time with her friends and family.



Maid of Honor Jaden Faith Pratt

Maid of Honor Pratt is the daughter of Seth and Michelle Pratt of Elkins. She is the granddaughter of Kenneth and Sharon Burgess of Beverly, and Jim and Harriet Pratt of Charleston, SC. She has one brother, Curt Conrad, and three sisters, Emily Conrad Timmons and husband Joel, Jaycee Pratt and fiancé Christian Mayle, and Saniya Pratt-Taylor. She has one nephew, Liam, and three nieces, Harlow and Genevieve Timmons and Mya Mayle. Jaden's family hosted International Exchange Students for many years, both at EHS and D&E. She considers Lilly (Norway), Natela (France), Madlen (Germany), and Laura, Nora & Andrea (Spain) her sisters abroad.

Pratt is a 2021 graduate of Elkins High School, where she was an Honor Roll Student, National Honor Society member, 4-year letterman on the Volleyball Team, 2017-2018 EHS Swim Team, 2018 alternate at the WV State Swim Meet, completed the CNA program at the Randolph Technical Center and a SkillsUSA Member. In the fall, Jaden will be a senior at Davis and Elkins College where she plans to obtain her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing and become a pediatric

nurse. At D&E, she is the recipient of the Highland Scholarship, 4-H scholarship, leadership and legacy scholarships, Dean's List, and a Promise Scholar.

Pratt served as a Flower Girl in the 76th Mountain State Forest Festival and her mother, Michelle, has volunteered for different events the past 16 years and served as an Assistant Director for four of those years. Her sister, Emily Conrad Timmons, served as a Princess in the 71st Mountain State Forest Festival.

Maid of Honor Pratt currently works at Smoke on the Water. She has also worked at the Gandy Dancer Theatre and Center Stage Dance Studio as an instructor. Jaden grew up in Randolph County 4-H and was the 2017 Miss Teen Randolph County Fair. She danced for eight years at Center Stage Performing Arts Studio, where she was Dancer of the Year in 2017 and a four-year dancer on the Center Stage Dance Competition Team. In her spare time, Jaden enjoys traveling, spending time with friends and family, and attending sporting events.





Tinsley Paige Harris
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 Daughter of Logan Ryan and Tyler Harris



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Train Bearer
 Son of Brenda and Kevin Pritt



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Flower Girl
 Daughter of Ashley and Nathan Cooper



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Flower Girl
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 Son of Cynthia and Daniel Hardy, II



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Trumpeteer
 Son of Heather and Joshua Collier



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Preston James Herron
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Mauren Elizabeth Miller
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 Daughter of Chadley Miller and Kelli Miller
 Philippi, WV



Anna Grace Crumm
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 Daughter of Jack & Lisa Crumm
 Elkins, WV



Delaney Taylor Wotring
 Appointed by Senator Randy Smith
 Daughter of Matthew & Jennifer Wotring
 Bruceton Mills, WV



Saniya Monique Pratt-Taylor
 Appointed by Director General Peggy Phillips
 Daughter of Seth & Michelle Pratt
 Elkins, WV



Lillianna "Lilli" Aubrey Scherm
 Appointed by Monongahela National Forest Supervisor Cynthia Sandeno
 Daughter of Jonathan & Angela Kyle Michael & Hannah Curtis
 Elkins, WV



Mary Grace Beverage
 Appointed by Director General Peggy Phillips
 Daughter of Gray Beverage and Marsha Beverage
 Dunmore, WV



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 Daughter of Christopher & Sheila Chico
 Morgantown, WV



Mulberry Pink



Lydia Simone Wamsley
Appointed by
Director General
Peggy Phillips
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Marc & Amie Wamsley
Valley Bend, WV



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Daughter of Mark Williamson
and Kimberly Williamson
Philippi, WV



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WV Delegate Ty Nestor
Daughter of
Brian & Julia Simmons
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Marlana & Eric Davis
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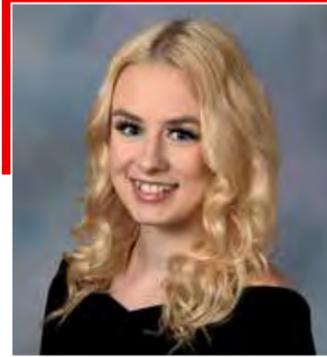
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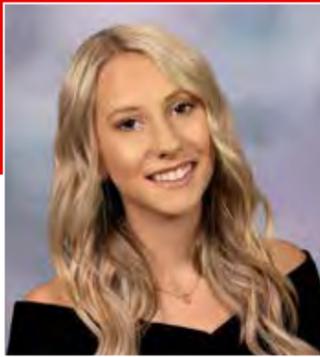
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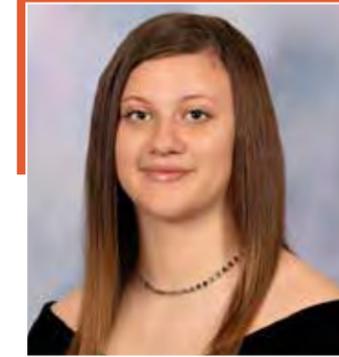


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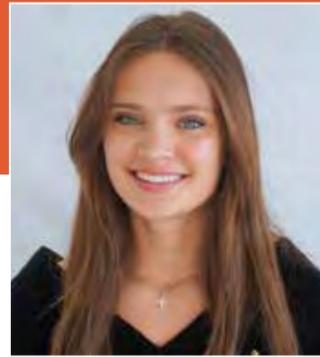


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Mosesso & Kelly Hawkins
Philippi, WV

Autumn Honey



Lexee Jade Shearer
Appointed by
WV Delegate
Elias Coop-Gonzalez
Daughter of Amber George
& Charles Shaffer
Elkins, WV



Corinne Isabella O'Connor
Appointed by
Director of WV Division of
Natural Resources
Brett McMillion
Daughter of Les O'Connor
and the late Teresa Holovic
O'Connor
Charleston, WV



Hannah Faye Beam
Appointed by
Director General
Peggy Phillips
Daughter of Amanda Hewitt
and John Beam
Elkins, WV



Chloe Brooke Derring
Appointed by
MSFF Board President
Lydia Jones
Daughter of Scott
& Rebecca Derring
Nicholas & Stacie Coffman
Elkins, WV

Amber Leaves

Cranberry Twilight

Mulberry Pink



Jade Royal Magee
Appointed by
MSFF Board President
Lydia Jones
Daughter of Jonathan Magee
and Kellie Rexrode
Elkins, WV



Franchesca Rose Aloï
Appointed by
US Senator Joe Manchin
Daughter of Nick &
Teresa Aloï
Farmington, WV



Taylor Paige Skidmore
Appointed by
Director General
Peggy Phillips
Daughter of Jeffrey &
Stephanie Skidmore
Belington, WV



Sidney Ann Megna
Appointed by
MSFF Board President
Lydia Jones
Daughter of Nick &
Heather Megna
Fairmont, WV

Majestic Mocha

Sapphire Breeze



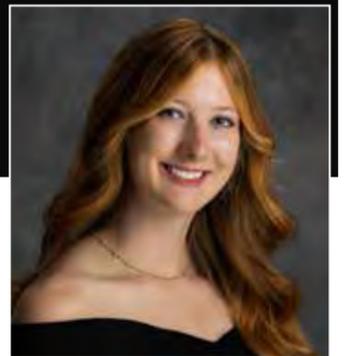
Samantha Christine Sproul
Appointed by
Director General
Peggy Phillips
Daughter of Scott Sproul
Christopher & Jessica Alkire
Elkins, WV



Emerson Grace Haddix
Appointed by
MSFF Board President
Lydia Jones
Daughter of Ted &
Abby Haddix
Beverly, WV



Aliyah Dené Plum
Appointed by
Director General
Peggy Phillips
Daughter of Jack Plum
Susan & Tim Bragg
Elkins, WV



Fiona Janel Smith
Appointed by
Director of State Forestry
Jeremy Jones
Daughter of William Smith &
Christy Hardin Smith
Clarksburg, WV

Nightfall





CITIZENS BANK OF WEST VIRGINIA *TIMELESS TRADITIONS*

While the Mountain State Forest Festival is celebrating 86 years of "timeless traditions", Citizens Bank of West Virginia is commemorating 100 years of community banking – a testament to enduring timeless traditions of providing best-in-class personalized service as well as high quality financial products and services. The Bank opened its doors in 1924, in Elkins, WV during the era that ushered in following World War I. Its founders focused on the mission of assisting the financial needs of its depositors, large and small, who were mostly employed in the prospering timber, coal, and railroad industries in Randolph County.

As Citizens celebrates its 100th anniversary, we reflect on the profound and long-standing partnership the financial institution has had with the Mountain State Forest Festival. Since the festival's inception, the Bank has been a collaborative partner through many event sponsorships, volunteerism, and participation to enhance the festival experience for festival goers and royal court members.

Fostering community pride, the Bank's annual contributions to the Forest Festival extend beyond financial support, embodying a shared goal of community pride to host an incredible fall celebration to reinforce a stronger and healthier community, boost the local economy, and stimulate growth of tourism and other business in our town and region. For the past century, Citizens Bank has invested approximately \$500,000 in sponsorships to support the Forest Festival and its rich history that has become a tradition for residents of Randolph County and the State.

At the heart and soul of the Grand Feature Parade are always the captivating floats which add a touch of grandeur to entertain the street-lined crowds. The Bank has been entering a float in the annual parade for decades. In the early days, floats were rented from Quality Decorators, owned by Dale and Maxine Taylor of



Elkins, and employees and family members were the riders. In the late 1990's and early 2000's, the Bank's Marketing Department created the floats for Woody the Elf – the festival's official mascot – and Woody runners-up to go through the parade. Today, floats are rented from Shaw Parades of Swanton, Maryland.



With the Royal and Minor Court being a hallmark tradition of the Mountain State Forest Festival, Team Citizens has been well represented with many Maids of Honors, Princesses, Flower Girls, Train Bearers, and Scepter Bearers representing the community. The court appointments were made as Citizens Bank and its employees have stepped up to the plate year-after-year with countless volunteers that include a lineup of Forest Festival Board Members, Director Generals, Assistant Directors, Committee Chairs, and Committee Members. The organization recognizes volunteers are essential to the festival's success to orchestrate the sights, sounds, and attractions that fill Festival City and are significant drivers of the economic development that benefit our community.



In the 1970's, the bank's involvement segued to employees and directors becoming Director Generals. It started with former President & CEO and Director Emeritus **WILLIAM T. "BILL" JOHNSON, JR.** being appointed Director General in 1978, the year President Jimmy Carter appeared in and walked through the Grand Feature Parade. Mr. Johnson also serves as an ex-officio member of the MSFF Board of Directors.

Director **FRANK SANTMYER** served as Director General of the 57th Mountain State Forest Festival in 1993. He currently serves on the MSFF Board of Directors.



In year 2000, Senior Vice President & Marketing Officer **KATHY LEOMBRUNO** became the 62nd Mountain State Forest Festival Director General. She currently serves on the MSFF Board of Directors.

Director **ROBBIE MORRIS** served as the 84th Director General in the Year 2022. He currently serves on the MSFF Board of Directors.



President & CEO **NATHANIEL BONNELL** serves as a Forest Festival Assistant Director, a role he has been in since 2020.



Citizens Bank became the sponsor of Woody the Elf in 2010. The festival's official mascot is selected from a poster contest held each March for Randolph County students in second through fourth grade. The bank pays for all costume and associated fees for Woody, and the iconic mascot. All poster contest participants' posters are put on display in Citizens Bank's windows for festival goers to enjoy.



From headline acts to regional and local performers, the Citizens Bank of WV Festival Stage in the Elkins Town Square brings the community together to enjoy nightly free concerts and entertainment all

week long during the annual fall celebration. The Bank has been sponsoring the festival stage for a couple of decades that attracts thousands of people to Festival City for the live shows.

Maid Silvia and the Maids of Honor - along with an entourage from the Queen's Department, the Director General, and family members - annually visit Citizens Bank each Tuesday morning of festival week where they are greeted with a bagpiper and presented with gifts. A meet and greet follows for Bank employees to congratulate the royal court members.

The Mountain State Forest Festival Association has leveraged the support, knowledge, and skills of the Bank's marketing team for nearly three decades to help improve its branding and promotion. The Marketing Department was involved in the development of this year's logo design and throughout the years has assisted with many festival projects, including writing press releases and creating program ads, flyers, flags and other festival assets.

"Citizens Bank has a 'timeless tradition' of investing in the communities we serve, and we understand the economic, social, and civic impact the Mountain State Forest Festival brings to Elkins and Randolph County," said President & CEO Nathaniel S. Bonnell. "As we commemorate our 100th year, we are excited to be celebrating the 86th Mountain State Forest Festival here in Elkins where our humble beginnings got started and with the same sense of pride evoked by the organizers and volunteers of the state's largest and longest festival."

Citizens Bank is proud to call Elkins, home of the Mountain State Forest Festival, their home/headquarters. We are all looking forward to the 86th Mountain State Forest Festival and its Timeless Traditions!

About Citizens Bank of West Virginia
Citizens Bank of West Virginia, with assets of \$680 million, is headquartered in Elkins, WV. From six office locations in North Central and northern West Virginia, the bank provides integrated financial services including retail and commercial banking, wealth management, and mortgage services. Citizens Bank was recognized for the fourth consecutive year by American Banker magazine in the Top Performing Publicly Trading Community Banks Under \$2 Billion of Assets in the Nation, ranking 25th on the prestigious Top 100 list and #1 among WV banks. Citizens is also named to Newsweek's America's Best Banks list as the Best Small Bank in WV, ranked #7 as one of the Best Banks to Work for in the Country by American Banker, Best of West Virginia Corporate Citizen by WV Living, The Inter-Mountain's People's Choice Best Bank & Mortgage Lender, SBA WV Community Lender of the Year, and ranked the nation's no. 9 top lender by Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA) in the consumer/mortgage category for banks \$300M - \$1B in assets and No. 1 as the consumer/mortgage lender in West Virginia in this class.





PROUD TO SPONSOR THE
**CITIZENS BANK OF WV
FESTIVAL STAGE**

ROTARY AMPHITHEATER | ELKINS TOWN SQUARE



SUNDAY | SEPT. 29
7:00 PM
Gandy Dancer Theater



MONDAY | SEPT. 30
7:00 PM
The Chicks Tribute Show



TUESDAY | OCT. 1
6:30 PM
Night of Dance



WEDNESDAY | OCT. 2
7:00 PM
Boys in the Band
Alabama Tribute



THURSDAY | OCT. 3
7:00 PM
Still Surfin'
A Beach Boys Tribute



Polino Contracting Inc.
Grand Feature Parade

**Saturday
October 5**

1:30 PM



1:00 PM Antique & Classic Street Rod Car Parade

1:15 PM Log Truck & Equipment Parade

1:30 PM Grand Feature Parade



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HIGHLAND DANCE COMPETITION

For the fifth consecutive year, the Mountain State Forest Festival proudly hosts its highly anticipated Highland Dance competition. This event celebrates a vibrant and deeply rooted art form that evolved from traditional Scottish dance during the 18th and 19th centuries. Set against the breathtaking backdrop of West Virginia's forested mountains, this competition draws dancers from across several states and Canada, all vying for coveted medals and trophies.

The competition will take place on September 28th, at the picturesque Davis & Elkins College amphitheater. With events scheduled for both morning and afternoon, spectators are invited to witness this captivating display of athleticism and artistry for just \$5 per ticket.

Among the featured dances are the Highland Fling, the Sword Dance, and the Seann Truibhas—each steeped in history and rich in tradition. The Highland Fling, known for its energetic and intricate footwork, is said to imitate the lively prancing of a wild stag through the heather. According to legend, this dance was originally performed by warriors atop their shields as a victory celebration.

The Sword Dance, on the other hand, was traditionally performed before battle over crossed swords. Steeped in superstition, it



was believed that a dancer who could skillfully navigate the blades without touching them would find success in the ensuing conflict. Conversely, contact with the sword was thought to foretell injury, and displacing the sword entirely was considered an omen of grave misfortune. In today's competition, touching the sword results in point deductions, while displacing it leads to disqualification—a thrilling challenge that keeps the audience on the edge of their seats.

Another significant dance is the Seann Truibhas, which translates to "Old Trousers" in Gàidhlig. This dance commemorates the 1746 Act of Proscription, which outlawed certain symbols of Scottish culture, including the wearing of tartan. The penalties for defying the Dress Act were severe, with imprisonment and even transportation as punishments for repeat offenders. The dance, with its evocative movements, serves as a poignant reminder of this turbulent chapter in Scottish history.

The 2023 competition saw a remarkable display of talent across various categories. Trophy winners included: Cyrus Cordner of Manassas, VA (Beginner 7 & Under 11), Ellyse Goddard of Elkins, WV (Beginner 11 & Over), Kayla Harris of Elkins, WV (Novice 7 & Under 14), Emily Heard of Rockville, MD (Novice 14 & Over), Savannah Gannon of Elkins, WV (Intermediate 7 & Under 16), Amy Dong of Elkins, WV (Intermediate 16 & Over), Camryn MacIsaac of Barrie, Ontario (Premier 10 & Under 16), Isobel Wilby of Whitby, Ontario (Premier 16 & Under 19), and Catharine Burgess of Roanoke, VA (Premier 19 & Over). The prestigious "Heart of the Highland Hills" award, given to the dancer who best embodies the spirit of the competition, was awarded to Clara Bruner of Fairfax, VA.

INDIANAPOLIS METROPOLITAN POLICE MOTORCYCLE DRILL TEAM

The roar of eighteen Harley-Davidson Road Kings will fill the streets of downtown Elkins when the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Motorcycle Drill Team makes their return for the 86th

Mountain State Forest Festival. Special performances are slated for 6:00 PM Friday, October 4 and 11:00 AM Saturday, October 5 along Davis Avenue between Third and Fourth Streets. The unit will also entertain crowds during the Fireman's Parade and Grand Feature Parade.

The high energy show has the drill team in constant motion as they weave one precisely choreographed maneuver into another before lining into formation. A decades old highlight features a rider standing while riding the bike. "It's one of those things that started out in the late 1960s or early 1970s and it's always been a crowd favorite," said Sgt. Chad Dixon, Motorcycle Unit Supervisor and Commander of the Motorcycle Drill Team. "This year we'll have two people standing."

Founded in 1954, the drill team has kept many of its performance traditions while taking its show from its home state of Indiana to as far away as Texas and Hawaii. While they certainly enjoy the thrill of the ride, it's the fans' enthusiasm that stokes the team. "The reaction we get from the crowd is what is always the draw for us. It's a feeling that never gets old," Dixon said. "I guess you could liken it to a rock star going out on stage and the crowd gives

the energy back to them. That's what makes it exciting for us to perform."

All members of the drill team, ranging in age from mid-30s to mid-60s, serve as full-time police officers for the city of Indianapolis. The motorcycles they ride in the performances are the same ones they use while on the job. Training for the maneuvers takes place for about two hours every week. "It's a completely different riding style than what you do for police work," Dixon said. "To be considered for the team, they have to have a minimum of one year in the motorcycle unit." Participation on the team is an extra-curricular activity, one that comes without pay. "We use our vacation or personal time off to make the trips," Dixon said. "Our transportation and performances are funded through a non-profit. We'd never be able to do it without our board of directors and generous donors from across the country." Dixon said the team, and their equipment packed in a 53-foot trailer, plans to arrive in Festival City on Thursday, October 3. The next day, they'll make their rounds in town. "We really enjoy interacting with people," Dixon said. "They always have a lot of questions about what we do and want to hear more about the team."

The Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Motorcycle Drill Team's performances at the 86th Mountain State Forest Festival are sponsored by Greenfield Cabinetry.



PRESENTATION OF COLORS:

West Virginia Highlanders

“The Star Spangled Banner”:

VOCAL: C.J. Bray

FANFARE OF TRUMPETS

GRAND MARCH FROM “AIDA” BY VERDI

ROYAL TRUMPETEERS:

Luca Aaron Collier, Gracelyn Kay Gooding, Preston James Herron, Aidan Matthew Lowther, Levi Alan Workman

GRAND MARCH FROM “AIDA” by Verdi

(Continues)

WOODLY THE ELF

Riley Richard Weeks

ROYAL SCOUTS

Mackenzie Grace Swiger, Anna Noel Talbott, Izak Ray Elmore, Janson Howard Hardy

FANFARE OF TRUMPETS

GRAND MARCH FROM “AIDA” by Verdi

(Continues)

WELCOME & THE CHANCELLOR

The Honorable Bill Hamilton,
WV State Senate

THE HISTORIAN

The Honorable Randall Reid-Smith,
Commissioner of Culture and History

THE DEAN

The Honorable Robert Karnes,
WV State Senate

THE MAYOR

The Honorable Jerry Marco,
Mayor of the City of Elkins

THE COMMISSIONER

The Honorable Elias Coop-Gonzalez,
WV House of Delegates

PRESENTATION OF SCROLL

The Honorable Kent Leonhardt,
Commissioner of Agriculture

THE WARDEN OF THE FOREST

The Honorable H. Tony Evans,
Deputy State Forester

THE BISHOP

The Honorable Chris A. Wood,
President of Davis & Elkins College

FANFARE OF TRUMPETS

GRAND MARCH FROM “AIDA” BY VERDI

(Continues)

PRESENTING THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

The Honorable Mac Warner

“WEST VIRGINIA HILLS”

Led by the Historian of Ceremonies,
Commissioner Randall Reid-Smith

FANFARE OF TRUMPETS

“SIMPLE GIFTS” BY AARON COPLAND

PRINCESSES OF QUEEN SILVIA’S COURT

“SIMPLE GIFTS” BY AARON COPLAND

(Continues)

FLOWER GIRLS

Alaina James Bender, Adalynn Grace Cooper,
Olivia Brooke Howell, Lillian Shae James

FANFARE OF TRUMPETS

CORONATION MARCH FROM

“LE PROPHETE” BY MAYERBEER

MAIDS OF HONOR

Kourtney Nicole Jones, Jaden Faith Pratt

FANFARE OF TRUMPETS

SCEPTER BEARER

Kennadi Blake Mongold

CROWN BEARER

Tinsley Paige Harris

FANFARE OF TRUMPETS

CORONATION MARCH FROM “LE PROPHETE” BY MAYERBEER (CONTINUES)

MAID SILVIA LXXXVI

Lilly Harper Ryan

TRAIN BEARERS

Colt Owen DeBolt, Beckett Leam Pritt

COURT JESTERS

Olivia Gabrielle Chabut, Eva Leanna Collier,
Holliana Elizabeth Huffman, Gwynneth Allison Walters

GREETINGS FROM THE STATE

The Honorable Bill Hamilton

HISTORY OF THE MOUNTAIN STATE FOREST FESTIVAL

The Honorable Randall Reid-Smith

THE OATH OF LOYALTY AND CROWNING OF HER MAJESTY, QUEEN SILVIA LXXXVI

Lilly Harper Ryan

By The Honorable Mac Warner,
Secretary Of The State Of West Virginia

THE PRESENTATION OF THE SCEPTER

The Honorable Bill Hamilton

INVESTMENT OF MANTLE OF AUTHORITY

The Honorable Robert Karnes

PRESENTATION OF THE JEWEL

Commissioner Elias Coop-Gonzalez

PRESENTATION OF THE KEY TO THE CITY

Mayor Jerry Marco

PRESENTATION OF THE TREE

Warden Harry Evans

ROYAL SCOUTS

Mackenzie Grace Swiger, Anna Noel Talbott,
Izak Ray Elmore, Janson Howard Hardy

DEDICATION OF THE SEEDLING

Queen Silvia LXXXVI, Lilly Harper Ryan

PRESENTATION OF THE SCROLL

The Honorable Kent Leonhardt

READING OF THE PROCLAMATION

Queen Silvia LXXXVI, Lilly Harper Ryan

PRAYER

Bishop Chris Wood

PRESENTATION OF QUEEN SILVIA LILLY HARPER RYAN

By The Honorable Mac Warner,
Secretary of the State of West Virginia

“WHO IS SILVIA”

VOCAL: C.J. Bray

FANFARE OF TRUMPETS

“Crown Imperial”

RECESSIONAL



2024 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, September 28

- 6:00 AM **Bass Fishing Classic: Boat Launch**
Scott Ford Boat Ramp
- 9:00 AM **MSFF Highland Dance Competition** (Morning Session)
Primary, Beginner, & Novice Contest, Registration 8:30 AM
Citizens Bank of WV Amphitheater, Davis & Elkins College
- 9:30 AM **Cross Country Race Varsity/JV High School Girls Race**
Allen Athletic Field of Davis & Elkins College
- 10:15 AM **Cross Country Race Varsity/JV High School Boys Race**
Allen Athletic Field of Davis & Elkins College
- 11:00 AM **Official Opening Ceremony**
Jennings Randolph Federal Building Plaza
- 1:00 PM **MSFF Highland Dance Competition** (Afternoon Session)
Intermediate & Premier Contest, Registration 12:30 PM
Citizens Bank of WV Amphitheater, Davis & Elkins College
- 1:00 PM **Irish Road Bowling - Georgetown Road Course**
Registration 12:00 PM / Post Game Awards,
Big Timber Brewing Co., 2 Davis Ave, Shuttle Service
- 1:15 PM **Cross Country Race Varsity/JV Middle School Girls Race**
Allen Athletic Field of Davis & Elkins College
- 1:45 PM **Cross Country Race Varsity/JV Middle School Boys Race**
Allen Athletic Field of Davis & Elkins College
- 2:00 PM **Cornhole Tournament**
Registration 1:00 PM, Summit Church Lot
*Inclement Weather American Legion
- 3:00 PM **Bass Fishing Classic: Weigh In**
Scott Ford Boat Ramp
- 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM **Forest Festival Kickoff Party**
Elkins Town Square
Festival Feud Game Show starts at 4:00!
Live Music by Vegas McGraw - 6:00 PM
*Inclement Weather Phil Gainer Community Center

Sunday, September 29

- 10:30 AM **10K Run/5K Walk & Kids Fun Run**
Registration Begins (YMCA)
Runners & Walkers Step Off, 5th Street/Davis Avenue (Start)
Kids Fun Run Step Off, 5th Street/Davis Avenue (Start)
- 12:30 PM
12:45 PM
- 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM **Information Booth Open**
Corner of Davis Avenue & 3rd Street
- 1:00 PM **Car Show/ Mountain State Street Machines**
Summit Church Lot - Overflow Elkins Physical Therapy
- 2:30 PM **Parade of Children "A Forest Fairytale"**
1:45 PM Lineup - Corner of 12th Street & S. Davis Avenue
*Inclement Weather Date: Tuesday, October 1 at 6:00 PM
- 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM **Children's Festival**
Davis Avenue (Between 3rd & 4th Streets)
*Inclement Weather Location: Elkins High School
- 7:00 PM **Citizens Bank of WV Festival Stage**
Rotary Amphitheater, Elkins Town Square
Gandy Dancer Theater - Branson Style Entertainment
*Inclement Weather Location for all Downtown Stage Events, Elkins High School

Monday, September 30

- 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM **Randolph County Senior Bazaar**
Randolph County Senior Center, 5th Street
- 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM **Information Booth Open**
Corner of Davis Avenue & 3rd Street
- 6:00 PM **Parade of Pets & Pet Show**
5:00 PM Doors Open & Registration Begins
Elkins High School Gymnasium

- 7:00 PM **Citizens Bank of WV Festival Stage**
Rotary Amphitheater, Elkins Town Square
The Chicks Tribute Show

Tuesday, October 1

- 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM **Randolph County Senior Bazaar**
Randolph County Senior Center, 5th Street
- 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM **Public Tours of Historic Governor Kump House Centennial Exhibit**
401 Randolph Avenue (across from Kroger)
- 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM **Information Booth Open**
Corner of Davis Avenue & 3rd Street
- 6:30 PM **Citizens Bank of WV Festival Stage**
Rotary Amphitheater, Elkins Town Square
A Night of Dance - Area Dance Groups

Wednesday, October 2

- 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM **Primitive Campers Exhibit**
Davis & Elkins College Front Lawn
- 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM **Randolph County Senior Bazaar**
Randolph County Senior Center, 5th Street
- 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM **Information Booth Open**
Corner of Davis Avenue & 3rd Street
- 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM **MSFF Juried Arts Exhibit Seneca Trail Artist Guild**
Juried Art Show Reception - The Arts Center
- 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM **Photography Participant Reception**
The Atrium at Seneca Mall
- 7:00 PM **Citizens Bank of WV Festival Stage**
Rotary Amphitheater, Elkins Town Square
Boys in the Band - A Tribute to Alabama

Thursday, October 3

- 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM **Randolph County Senior Bazaar**
Randolph County Senior Center, 5th Street
- 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM **Kids Day in the Park**
Elkins City Park
- 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM **Elkins City Park Events** *Three Days of Events:
Elkins City Park
(Shows primarily in the morning for Kids Day in the Park)
- Axe Women Loggers of Maine
 - Carnegie Museum
 - Chainsaw Carvers - The Mason Dixon Boys
 - Conservation Village
 - Glass Blowing - Appalachian Glass Company
 - HillBilly Fun Inflatable Bounce House
 - Laurel Fork Falconry
 - Pool Party Pooches
 - Shingle Cutting/Branding
 - XPogo - Extreme Pogo Entertainment
- 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM **Log Cabin Quilters' Guild Quilt Show**
Elkins/Randolph County YMCA
- 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM **Mountain State Forest Festival Crafts & More**
First United Methodist Church
- 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM **Photography Contest Exhibit**
The Atrium at Seneca Mall
- 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM **GFWC Woman's Club of Elkins Juried Arts & Craft Show**
Martin Fieldhouse of Davis & Elkins College
- 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM **Forestry & Wood Products Exhibit & WV Christmas Tree Growers Assoc.**
Elkins/Randolph County YMCA
- 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM **Primitive Campers Exhibit**
Davis & Elkins College Front Lawn

- 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM **MSFF Juried Arts Exhibit Seneca Trail Artist Guild**
The Arts Center
- 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM **Log-A-Load for Kids**
Newlon's International Log Inspection/Log Auction,
Ward Road
- 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM **Public Tours of Historic Governor Kump House Centennial Exhibit**
401 Randolph Avenue (across from Kroger)
- 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM **Information Booth Open**
Corner of Davis Avenue & 3rd Street
- 5:30 PM **Distinguished Guest Pre-Dinner Reception**
Phil Gainer Community Center
- 6:30 PM **Distinguished Guest Dinner**
Phil Gainer Community Center
- 7:00 PM **Citizens Bank of WV Festival Stage**
Rotary Amphitheater, Elkins Town Square
Still Surfin' - A Tribute to the Beach Boys

Friday, October 4

- 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM **Randolph County Senior Bazaar**
Randolph County Senior Center, 5th Street
- 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM **Log Cabin Quilters' Guild Quilt Show**
Elkins/Randolph County YMCA
- 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM **Elkins City Park Events**
Elkins City Park
- 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM **Mountain State Forest Festival Crafts & More**
First United Methodist Church
- 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM **GFWC Woman's Club of Elkins Juried Arts & Craft Show**
Martin Fieldhouse of Davis & Elkins College
- 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM **Forestry & Wood Products Exhibit & WV Christmas Tree Growers Assoc.**
Elkins/Randolph County YMCA
- 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM **Photography Contest Exhibit**
The Atrium at Seneca Mall
- 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM **Primitive Campers Exhibit**
Davis & Elkins College Front Lawn
- 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM **Mountain Weavers Guild**
Darden Mill Museum - Railroad Avenue
- 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM **MSFF Juried Arts Exhibit Seneca Trail Artist Guild**
The Arts Center
- 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM **Information Booth Open**
Corner of Davis Avenue & 3rd Street
- 12:00 PM **Axe Women Loggers of Maine**
Elkins City Park
- 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM **Pre-Coronation Music & Entertainment**
Citizens Bank of WV Amphitheater, Davis & Elkins College
- 2:00 PM **Coronation of Maid Silvia LXXXVI**
Citizens Bank of WV Amphitheater, Davis & Elkins College
- 3:30 PM & 5:30 PM **Axe Women Loggers of Maine**
Elkins City Park
- 5:30 PM **XPogo Stunt Performance**
Davis Avenue & 3rd Street
- 6:00 PM **Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Motorcycle Drill Team Performance**
Davis Avenue between 2nd and 4th Streets
- 7:30 PM **Elkins Volunteer Fire Department Fireman's Parade**
12th Street Start - Davis & Randolph Avenues
- 9:00 PM **Queen's Ball**
Phil Gainer Community Center

Saturday, October 5

- 8:00 AM **Lumberjack Contest**
Citizens Bank of WV Amphitheater, Davis & Elkins College
- 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM **Log Cabin Quilters' Guild Quilt Show**
Elkins/Randolph County YMCA
- 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM **Photography Contest Exhibit**
The Atrium at Seneca Mall
- 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM **Forestry & Wood Products Exhibit & WV Christmas Tree Growers Assoc.**
Elkins/Randolph County YMCA
- 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM **Elkins City Park Events**
Elkins City Park
- 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM **Mountain State Forest Festival Crafts & More**
First United Methodist Church
- 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM **GFWC Woman's Club of Elkins Juried Arts & Craft Show**
Martin Fieldhouse of Davis & Elkins College
- 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM **Primitive Campers Exhibit**
Davis & Elkins College Front Lawn
- 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM **Mountain Weavers Guild**
Darden Mill Museum - Railroad Avenue
- 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM **MSFF Juried Arts Exhibit Seneca Trail Artist Guild**
The Arts Center
- 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM **Information Booth Open**
Corner of Davis Avenue & 3rd Street
- 11:00 AM **Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Motorcycle Drill Team Performance**
Davis Avenue between 2nd and 4th Streets
- 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM & 3:00 PM **Axe Women Loggers of Maine**
Elkins City Park
- 1:00 PM **Antique and Classic Street Rod Car Parade**
12th Street Start
- 1:15 PM **Log Truck & Equipment Parade**
12th Street Start
- 1:30 PM **Grand Feature Parade**
12th Street Start, Presented by Polino Contracting, Inc.
- 4:45 PM **Jack Basil Band Field Show**
Elkins High School, 3:00 PM Gates Open,
The Pride of West Virginia, Mountaineer March Band

Sunday, October 6

- 7:30 AM - 2:00 PM **Buckwheat Cake and Sausage Feed**
Izaak Walton League
- 11:00 AM **Muzzleloading Contest**
Izaak Walton League
Tygart Valley Muzzleloading Range
- 2:00 PM **Official Closing Ceremony**
Jennings Randolph Federal Building Plaza

Sunday, September 29 -
Sunday, October 6

Gambill Amusement Carnival
Downtown Streets



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STATE FOREST FESTIVAL
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QUEEN SILVIA 85TH FAREWELL

It is difficult for me to put into words what my reign as Queen Silvia the 85th has meant to me. This past year has been filled with meeting and talking with incredible people and sharing with others how much the Mountain State Forest Festival has meant to me throughout my lifetime. One of my favorite memories from Forest Festival week was interacting with students from different schools across Randolph County. Seeing their cheerful smiles and grins warmed my heart. Another favorite memory was descending coronation hill, waving to the big crowd and smiling so much that my cheeks were aching. I am so thankful that the rain held off. While I attended the Forest Festival many times as a young girl, admiring the beautiful girls on the Queen's floats, I never truly realized how much hard work and dedication goes into making this festival possible. To all of the individuals that give their time and energy into making this the best festival in the state of West Virginia, thank you, from the bottom of my heart.

To Director General Jon Morgan, thank you for bestowing upon me the honor of becoming Queen Silvia the 85th. This experience has been so memorable and I am grateful for the love and care that you and your family have given me. I am so appreciative of all that you do. To First Lady Jen, thank you for all you have done, also. It has been wonderful getting to know you and I am thankful for all of the work you put in.

To the Mountain State Forest Festival Board President, Board of Directors, and Assistant Directors, thank you for all that you have done and continue to do. Your hard work and the kindness you have shown me this past year is so appreciated. To Megan, Lisa, and Hannah, the remarkable 2023 Queen's Department, thank you for the laughs and for always making sure I had what I needed during the week of the festival. I love each of you and all of the memories that we have shared.

To my beautiful Maids of Honor, Miriam Fath and Sophie Shoemaker, thank you for everything. You two have become some of my closest friends. I will always remember our memories from Forest Festival week. I am so proud of the kind and genuine women that you are and I am thankful to have you in my life.

To my Minor Court, I am grateful to have connected with such kind-hearted children. Every smile, every hug, every laugh, every hand-drawn picture, will be cherished forever. I am looking forward to seeing how each of you continues to grow and succeed. Follow your dreams and always remember that you are capable of whatever you set your minds to, academically and in your personal lives.

To the community of Elkins and all of Randolph County, thank you for welcoming me and providing me with warmth and exceptional hospitality. While I was a student at Davis & Elkins College, I fell in love with Randolph County even more than when I visited as a child. Now that I have served as your Queen Silvia the 85th, this county and community hold such a special place in my heart. I am thankful for each person that I was able to meet and I am appreciative of all you do to make Randolph County feel like my second home.

To Maid Silvia the 86th, Lilly Harper Ryan, I am very excited for you to begin your journey as Maid Silvia. Take in each moment and soak in all that surrounds you during your reign. You will meet extraordinary individuals and visit phenomenal organizations and schools. The whole festival week will feel like a dream come true. I know for certain that you will reign over the 2024 Mountain State Forest Festival with beauty and grace.

It has been my humble honor to serve as your Queen Silvia the 85th. I look forward to all that the Mountain State Forest Festival has in store for years to come.

Love Always,

Queen Silvia the 85th
Anna Marie Ruff
Anna Marie Ruf



Lumberjack Contest

Saturday, October 5th
Citizens Bank of WV Amphitheater,
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Maid Silvia LXXXVI
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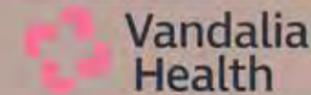
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2:00 PM

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9:00 PM
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Kids Day in the Park

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2024 Mountain State Forest Festival Fall Juried Arts Exhibition
partnered with Seneca Trail Artist Guild

This exhibition features artwork from artists throughout West Virginia, and is judged by a professional Artist. *Picture This!* a solo exhibition by artist John Terry, fills beyond the walls of the Maxwell Gallery.

A very special thank you to our sponsors for supporting the arts and artists in our community!

Exhibit: October 2 to November 20, 2024

Schedule during Festival:

Wed., October 2, from 5 pm to 7 pm
Thurs., October 3, from 10 am to 6 pm
Fri., October 4, from 10 am to 6 pm
Sat., October 5, from 8 am to 4 pm
Sunday: CLOSED

2nd Week: Oct. 7 to 10, from 10 am to 3 pm

Juried Exhibit will display until Nov. 20, 2024.
Student work will display until October 10, 2024

A row of logos for the exhibition sponsors, including the Mountain State Forest Festival logo, Seneca Trail Artist Guild logo, State Farm logo, Jodie Parrack logo, WWS logo, West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History logo, National Endowment for the Arts logo, and Randolph County Community Arts Center logo.

The Art Center is presented with financial assistance from the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History, and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the WV Commission on the Arts.

Welcome to the 86th Mountain State Forest Festival



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Evie Grace Harper
2023 Festival Princess



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Car Show

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Sunday, September 29

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10:30 AM Registration
Elkins/Randolph County YMCA

Step-Off 12:30 PM







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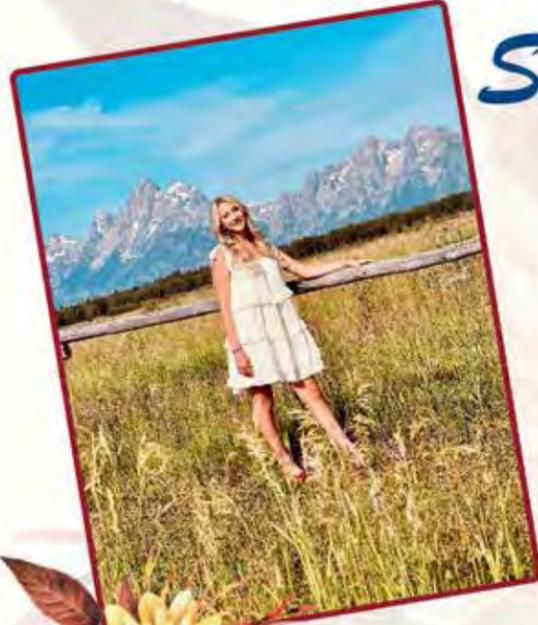


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"May your dreams be the guiding stars to your brightest destiny."

Sydney Grace Collett

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2024 MSFF Princess
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Congratulations Colt and Chloe!

Brayton Washington
2023 Crown Bearer



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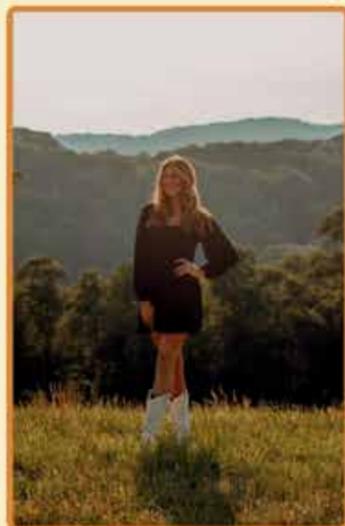
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We love you!
Dad, Mom, & Jarrod

2014 Flower Girl
2024 Royal Princess

"May you be proud of the work you do, the person you are, and the difference you make."

2024 Royal Jester
Holliana Huffman



Congratulations! We are so proud of you!

Love, Your Family

Congratulations, Beckett!



Have a great week as
Train Bearer
 in the 86th MSFF!



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 your appointment as a
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Have fun and we love you,
 Gran & Poppy Richards



Caroline Marie Simon

2023 Flower Girl



We hope you had fun during the
*85th Mountain State
Forest Festival!*
Thanks for the amazing memories!



We love you!
Mom & Dad

CONGRATULATIONS!



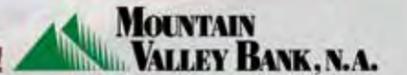
Jaden Pratt
2024 Maid of Honor



Saniya Pratt-Taylor
2024 Princess



Enjoy making memories during the
86th Mountain State Forest Festival!



THANKS FOR THE AMAZING MEMORIES!



WE LOVE YOU!
MOM, DAD, SARA, & GRAM



2023 Maid of Honor
SOPHIA SHOEMAKER

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2013 Flower Girl

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Kourtney Nicole Jones
86th MSFF Maid of Honor
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Colt Owen DeBolt
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Love - Mom & Dad

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Georgetown Road Course
Saturday, September 28, 2024
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Olivia Chabut

2024 Royal Jester



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Parade of Children
 Sunday, September 29
 2:30 PM



Children's Fest
 Immediately following parade
 Davis Avenue @ YMCA
 3:30 PM



2024 Maid of Honor *Kourtney Jones*



"Beauty begins the moment you decide to be yourself." - Coco Chanel



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Dad & Mom

Congratulations, Kennadi!



Kennadi Blake Mongold
2024 Scepter Bearer



Congratulations

Love,
Jerry, Mommy, & Sissy



Congratulations to the 86th Royal Court!



Olivia Chabut

Jester
Stepdaughter of Tiffany Isenhart



Kourtney Jones
Maid of Honor
Daughter of Amanda Jones



Adalynn Cooper

Flower Girl
Daughter of Ashley Cooper



Beckett Pritt

Train Bearer
Nephew of Rita Howell



Lillianna Scherm

Princess
Daughter of Jonathan Kyle



Derek Wetsch

Assistant Director
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2024 Royal Princess



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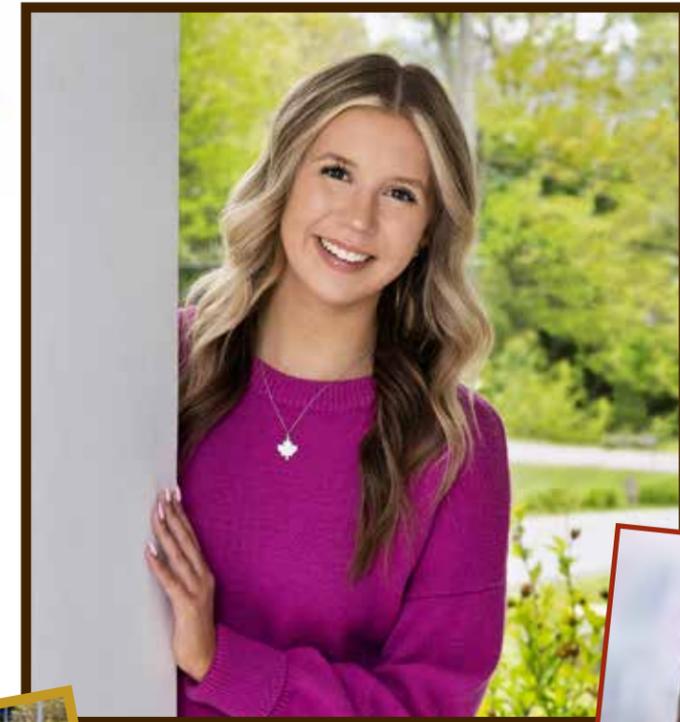
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**Jaden Pratt
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**Saniya Pratt-Taylor
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PRINCESS 2007**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GIRLS! HAVE AN AMAZING WEEK!
WE LOVE YOU!**

Mom & Dad

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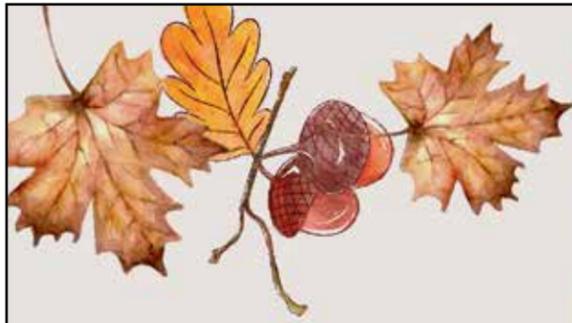
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Lilly Harper Ryan
Maid Silvia LXXXVI



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2005 Royal Princess



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Aidan Louther

Royal Trumpeteer
2022, 2023, & 2024

Love,
Your Family



OLIVIA BROOKE HOWELL

Olivia, we are so proud of you!
We hope that you have a
magical time as a Flower Girl
during the 86th
Mountain State Forest Festival.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Mason,
Nana, & Papaw

Kourtney Nicole Jones

2024 Maid of Honor

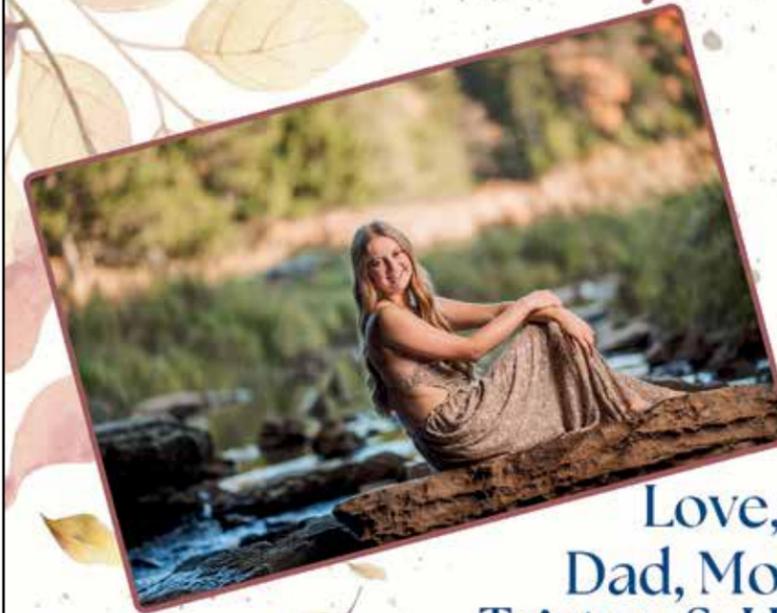
We are very proud of you and hope
you have a fantastic week!

We love you!
Grands, Nutsie, & Nanny



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PRINCESS!

Emerson Grace Haddix



Love,
Dad, Mom,
Tristen & Hannah



Congratulations, Braelynn!



2024 Royal Princess

Alissa Tanner
2013 Princess

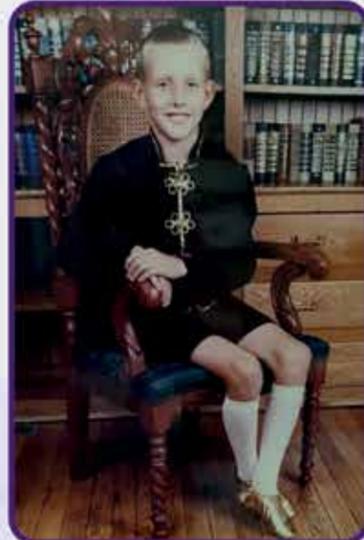


Laikin Tanner
2023 Flower Girl

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Have fun!

Dad, Alissa, Laikin, & Noa

Justin Tanner
1995 Train Bearer



Adalynn Cooper
2024 FLOWER GIRL

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Love,
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2024 Royal Trumpeteer



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Elkins High School

Saturday, October 5 @ 4:45 PM

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2024 ROYAL PRINCESS
2013 ROYAL SCOUT

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Love,
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City Park Events

October 3-5 9:00AM - 7:00PM







Kids Day in the Park

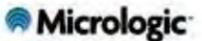
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Lilly Harper Ryan
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