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Mayor's Welcome

I invite all our citizens and visitors to join with the festival committee and enjoy the 77th Persimmon Festival. This year will bring a new carnival and a different downtown layout. Chairwomen Aimee Phillips, co-chairs Bryan Fountain, Katie Houchin and many volunteers have labored hard and long to make this another great Mitchell memory. There is a song that proclaims that Christmas is the best time of the year. Here in Mitchell, we also celebrate the Persimmon Festival as the best time of the year. Come and join us in our wonderful persimmon tradition. May all your persimmons be ready and your lives joyous.

Don Caudell II
Mayor of the City of Mitchell



Persimmon Festival

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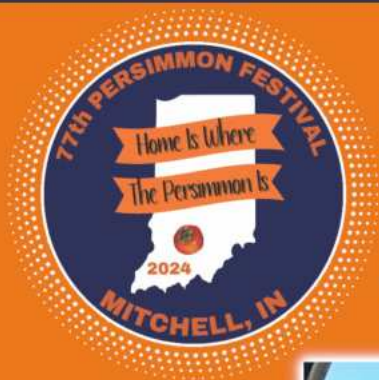
I would like to welcome you to our Persimmon Festival! This is the 77th year of our annual festival and we are glad you are here. The festival is held each year with many volunteers and organizations. The Mitchell Chamber of Commerce works year after year to bring you a top notch festival. We could not have this grand festival each year if it were not for the generous amounts of time and donations that come from our dear citizens.

This year's festival theme is "Home Is Where The Persimmon Is." I remember graduating from Mitchell High School and being proud to tell my friends at Indiana State University that I was from Mitchell. I would load up my car every year with friends to bring them home to enjoy our festival. To me, this is the meaning of my theme. Home is Mitchell and Mitchell is the Persimmon Festival.

I have loved the Persimmon Festival my whole life. I have loved going up town and watching the carnival come together on Saturday and then watching it come down the following Saturday night. I have always wanted to be a part of the Persimmon Festival and I was elated when asked to join the committee. This committee works tirelessly year after year to bring you the best we have to offer. I hope that you can be as proud of our little town for this event each year just as I am. I would like to thank you for joining us this year at the 77th Annual Mitchell Persimmon Festival!

Aimee (Carlisle) Phillips
General Chairperson 2024





2024 Persimmon Festival Chairpersons



GENERAL CHAIRPERSON **Aimee Carlisle Phillips**

Aimee Phillips is honored to serve as the General Chairperson for the 2024 Persimmon Festival. Originally from Fort Knox, Kentucky, Aimee and her family made their home in the Mitchell area in 1981. She graduated from Mitchell High School in 1999 and Indiana State University in 2004.

Aimee is currently employed at Resource Services in Bedford, where she oversees purchasing and manages accounts payable and receivable. She is also a devoted member of Tri Kappa and the Mitchell First Baptist Church.

In her leisure time, Aimee enjoys camping at Spring Mill, crafting, and shopping. Alongside her husband, Brian, she actively supports the Bedford North Lawrence sports teams. Aimee has always cherished the Persimmon Festival as her favorite time of year and looks forward to leading the festival in 2024, creating memorable experiences for all involved.



2024 Persimmon

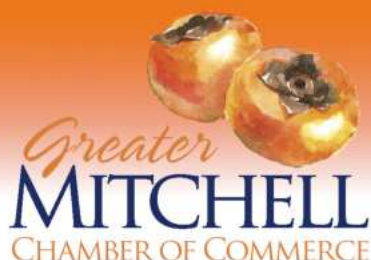


Co-Chair
Bryan Fountain

Bryan Fountain, a lifelong Mitchell resident and educator, is proud to serve as a co-chairperson for this year's Persimmon Festival. A 2002 graduate of Mitchell High School and a 2006 graduate of Ball State University with a degree in Elementary Education, Bryan has completed his Master's in School Leadership and Administration.

With 17 years of teaching experience, including roles at Loogootee and Burris Elementary, Bryan is now the Principal at Hatfield Elementary School. He is actively involved in community organizations, serving as Vice President of the Mitchell-Grissom Kiwanis, and volunteering with Lawrence County 4-H.

Bryan and his husband, Austin, live on a family farm in Bedford, where they raise Boer goats and enjoy spending time with family. Bryan looks forward to contributing to the Persimmon Festival and celebrating the community he loves.



Executive Branch

Toya Lamm

Danny Baker

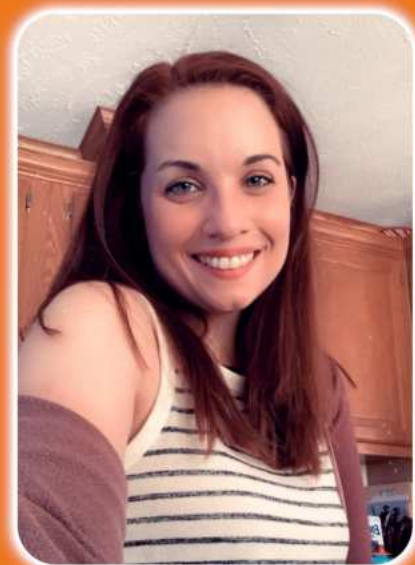
Kristen Mundy

Don Caudell II

Chamber Office Manager: Peggy Doane

Festival Chairpersons

Kathryn "Katie" Houchin, a lifelong resident of Mitchell, is excited to serve as a co-chairperson for this year's Persimmon Festival. With a rich family history of festival involvement—her grandfather chaired the Persimmon Pudding contest in the 1960s, her father was general chairperson in the 1980s, and her mother and aunt managed the Phi Beta Food tent—Katie has been a festival enthusiast from a young age. She was named Persimmon Festival Queen in 2009 and has chaired the Queen contest since 2017.



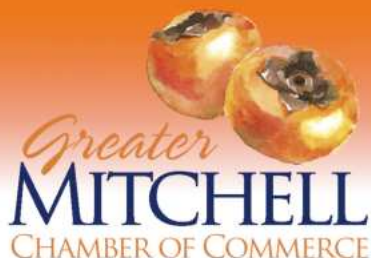
Co-Chair
Katie Houchin

A proud graduate of Mitchell High School and Ball State University, Katie earned her master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology from Saint Mary's College at Notre Dame. She works as an SLP at a local skilled nursing facility. Katie and her husband, Daniel, have three children: Rhett, Ryleigh, and Reagan. She looks forward to contributing to the festival and hopes everyone enjoys the 77th Annual Mitchell Persimmon Festival.

Board of Directors

Mark Bryant
Tonya Chastain
Jodi Mundy

Marvin Patton
Danny Reynolds
Mark Young





2024 Persimmon Festival Chairpersons

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Parade	Vicky Schlegel	812-797-7984
Parade	Toya Lamm	812-797-0436
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Persimmon Idol	WBIW/WQRK/LiteFM	812-275-7555
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Quilt Show	Dee Brinkworth	812-675-7419
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Queen Pageant	Dialeavash LeRoy	812-508-5496
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Persimmon Festival

Chairpersons

2023	Carol Chambers	1989	Gerald Tolliver
2022	Don Caudell II	1987-88	Terry Slone
	Larry Caudell	1986	George James
	Tonya Chastain	1985	Reny Burgi
	Mark Bryant	1984	David Nolan
	Krystal Shetler	1983	Dana Dunbar
2021	Suzanne Patton	1982	Chris Burton
2020	NO FESTIVAL	1981	Gary Pruett
2019	Andy Mullen	1980	Randy Young
2018	Larry Caudell	1979	Don Caudell II
2017	Elizabeth Freeman-Cammack	1978	Bradley Atkinson
2016	Henry Shetler	1977	Tom Fisher
2015	Teresa Reynolds	1976	Albert S. Chastain
2014	Christina Hooten	1975	Dana Dunbar
2013	Lori Quebbeman	1974	Don W. Caudell
2012	Steve Dobson	1973	Keith York
2011	Larry Hardman	1972	Donna B. Sweigart
2010	Krystal Shetler	1971	Albert S. Chastain
2009	Vicky Schlegel	1970	Mary O. Harrison
2008	Jay Tomlinson	1969	Lee Hupp
2007	Jamey Sullivan	1968	Gilbert Sheeks
2006	Troy Quebbeman	1967	H.W. Purkhiser
2005	Greg Smith	1966	Ruth Curtis
2004	Scott Jenkins	1965	Stanley Henderson
2003	Larry Root	1962-64	Don W. Caudell
2002	Dean Pielemeier	1960-61	Ned Grayson
2001	Tonya Chastain	1959	George Bishop
2000	Jeff Helfrich	1954-58	F.X. Newman
1999	Paul Barlow	1953	Wendell Holmes
1998	Andrea McCord	1952	F.X. Newman
1997	Mark Bryant	1951	R.B. Pearson
1996	David Nolan	1947-50	George Bishop
1995	Gary Pruett		
1994	Timothy Clouse		
1993	Brenda Dunbar		
1992	George James		
1991	Gerald Tolliver		
1990	Oweetah Scott		



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1940s

1948 | Reliance Day



1950s

1959 | Air Force and Space Travel



1960s

- 1962 | Lehigh's 60 Years in Mitchell
- 1964 | Rededication to the United States
- 1965 | We Lift Up Our Eyes to These Hills
- 1966 | A State is but the Body of a Nation. The people who inhabit its Hills and its Valleys are its Soul, its Spirit, its Life
- 1967 | It's About Time – In This Place; It's About people and the Human Race
- 1968 | Freedom is Not Free
- 1969 | A Salute to Education, The Apprentice of Life



1970s



- 1970 | Happiness is...The Success of the Persimmon Festival
- 1971 | Silver Anniversary
- 1972 | Our Autumn Homecoming
- 1973 | A Historical Review Trimming in Red, White and Blue
- 1974 | Uncle Sam Still Stands Tall
- 1975 | Our Living Heritage 1775-1975
- 1976 | Youth-Young and Old Unite Through Heritage
- 1977 | A Journey Down Persimmony Lane
- 1978 | Encounter of the Mitchell Kind
- 1979 | Tradition With a "Touch" of Tomorrow

Past Festival Themes

1980s

- 1980 | Hoosier Hospitality
- 1981 | America—The Beautiful
- 1983 | Progress Through Education
- 1984 | One of a Kind
- 1985 | A Tradition of Hospitality
- 1986 | Freedom The American Way of Life
- 1987 | Proudly We Stand
- 1988 | Super Homecoming '88—42 Years Proud
- 1989 | Memories for Children of All Ages



1990s



- 1990 | We Will Always Be True to the Gold and Blue
- 1991 | Volunteers—Making our Community Strong
- 1992 | Proud to Be an American
- 1993 | Secure The Future...Invest in Our Youth
- 1994 | An Autumn Homecoming
- 1995 | Persimmon Festival '95...We're Still Rockin'
- 1996 | Celebrating the Past, Looking to the Future
- 1997 | A Hometown Reunion
- 1998 | Persimmon Festival '98...Through the Eyes of a Child
- 1999 | Uniquely Mitchell

2000s

- 2000 | Soaring Into a New Century
- 2001 | Building Today for Future Generations
- 2002 | Our Heritage...Our Future
- 2003 | From Railroads to Rockets
- 2004 | A Salute to the Volunteers
- 2005 | Our Education Foundation—Mitchell Schools
- 2006 | Sixty Years of Memories
- 2007 | At Your Service
- 2008 | Mitchell Hometown Heroes
- 2009 | Welcome Home



2010s



- 2010 | Generation After Generation
- 2011 | Protect & Serve
- 2012 | Small Town Proud
- 2013 | Mitchell Athletics—Past, Present and Future
- 2014 | Shop Local—Buy Mitchell
- 2015 | Celebrating with the Sound of Music
- 2016 | Healing Hands, Helping Hearts
- 2017 | Persimmon City Harvest: Celebrating Farmers & Ag
- 2018 | Industries and Businesses Supporting our Community
- 2019 | Mitchell Around the World

Past Festival Themes

2020s

- 2021 | Investing in Mitchell
- 2022 | 75 Years of Persimmon Traditions
- 2023 | Art & Music – Our Students Our Future
- 2024 | Home Is Where The Persimmon Is



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Persimmon Festival

- ☒ Buy kids' wristbands
- ☒ Watch Persimmon Idol
- ☒ Go to the parade

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SATURDAY^{21st}

8 AM

Yard Sales

Mitchell, Indiana

Yard sales will be happening all over Mitchell, IN. Pick up a list at the Mitchell Chamber office closer to time!

Call (812) 849-4441 to add your yardsale to the list.

9 AM

- 2 PM

Persimmon Market

Community Building - 101 Tom Green Dr.

Support local small businesses as you browse through vendors featuring boutique items, handmade decor, treats, and much more!

Call (812) 675-9610 for more information.

9 AM

- 1 PM

Dutch Oven Extravaganza

Mitchell Park - 101 Tom Green Dr.

As soon as you step out of your car, you will smell the delicious food that is prepared!

9 AM

- 2 PM

Fine Arts Entry

Mitchell Community Public Library

Enter your fine arts projects for the Fine Arts Contest! \$5 per person. Limit to 3 paintings per person. Open to any artist 18 years or older.

Call (812) 278-4723 for more information.

12 PM

- 4 PM

EMS Day

MHS Soccer Field - Hancock Ave.

Bring your kids and stop by to see the emergency equipment. Ambulances, fire trucks, and other fun things!

Call (812) 583-6770 for more information.

4 PM

- 9 PM

Candlelight Tour

Spring Mill State Park - 3333 State Rd. 60 E

Join us for a reenactment of life in the 1800s - Plus concessions, music, and more! Sponsored by Tri Kappa Sorority. Gate fees apply.

Call (812) 849-4441 for more information.

SUNDAY^{22nd}

12 PM
- 5 PM

Road Rally

Mitchell High School Front Parking Lot

Have some fun with a carload of friends and family while you tour our beautiful county! Win prizes while you're at it! \$10 per carload.
Call (812) 797-8788 for more information.

3 PM

Baby Contest

Burris School - 1755 Hancock Ave.

Enter your sweet baby in the baby contest!
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MONDAY^{23rd}

9 AM
- 8 PM

Art & Quilt Exhibit

Mitchell Community Public Library

Examine fine displays of paintings and amazing quilts! Open Mon., Tues., and Thurs. 9am - 8pm | Wed., Fri. 9am- 5pm | Sat. 9am - 2pm

Call (812) 278-4723 for more information.

11 AM
- 2 PM

Puddin' Pan

Jacob Finger Methodist Church - 139 N. 8th St.

Stop by and grab you a delicious piece of persimmon pudding and enjoy their daily lunch specials!

11 AM
- 10 PM

Main Street Food Booths

Main Street

Visit Phi Beta Psi Sorority and Mitchell Wesleyan Church to see what delicious foods are on the menu.

2 PM
- 6 PM

Arts, Crafts, Photography

American Legion Post 250 - 404 Sheeks Drive

View beautiful arts, crafts, and photography created by locals! Viewing is open to the public.

Call (812) 849-3082 for more information.

4:30
PM

Ham and Beans Dinner

Main Street Food Tent – Behind Main Street Stage

Come enjoy a ham and beans dinner prepared by the Mitchell Soccer Boosters.

5 PM
- 10 PM

Main Street Food Booths

Main Street

Visit Kiwanis Persimmon Ice Cream Booth and the Varsity Club Food Tent to see what delicious foods are on the menu.

MONDAY^{23rd}

6 PM

*Mini, Little, Junior Miss
Queen Announcement*

Main Street Stage

2024 Mitchell Persimmon Festival recognition of Queens
and her court

**6 PM
- 9 PM**

Vendor Tent

Main Street behind Main Street Stage

Don't forget to stroll through the vendor tent and shop for
some goodies!

Call (812) 797-1172 for more information.

7 PM

Queen Announcement

Main Street Stage

2024 Mitchell Persimmon Festival Queen and court
recognition.

**7:30
PM**

Persimmon Idol

Main Street Stage

Stick around after the pageant announcements to enjoy a
delightful singing showdown among the locals!

TUESDAY^{24th}

9 AM
- 8 PM

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11 AM
- 2 PM

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11 AM
- 10 PM

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4:30
PM

Beef Roast Dinner

Main Street Food Tent - Behind Main Street Stage

Come by and enjoy a beef roast dinner served by the Mitchell Winter Guard.

5 PM

Carnival Rides

Main Street

Today is the first day of carnival rides! Buy your tickets or your bracelet and get in line!

TUESDAY^{24th}

5 PM
- 9 PM

Brats on the Deck

American Legion Post 250 - 404 Sheeks Drive

A yearly tradition is Brats on the Deck at the American Legion. Stop by anytime for dinner!

5 PM
- 10 PM

Main Street Food Booths

Main Street

Visit Kiwanis Persimmon Ice Cream Booth and the Varsity Club Food Tent to see what delicious foods are on the menu.

6 PM
- 9 PM

Vendor Tent

Main Street behind Main Street Stage

Don't forget to stroll through the vendor tent and shop for some goodies!

Call (812) 797-1172 for more information.

6 PM

MHS Stingerz

Main Street Stage

Watch the award-winning dance team, Mitchell High School Stingerz, perform live on stage!

6:30
PM

MJHS Dance Team

Main Street Stage

It will be hard not to dance along while the Mitchell Junior High Dance Team is on stage!

8 PM
- 10 PM

Cody Ikerd & the Sidewinders

Main Street Stage

Lawrence County native, Cody Ikerd, and his band will perform live on stage playing the country songs we know and love, and some original songs!

WEDNESDAY 25th

9 AM
- 5 PM

Art & Quilt Exhibit

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11 AM
- 2 PM

Puddin' Pan

Jacob Finger Methodist Church - 139 N. 8th St.

Stop by and grab a delicious piece of persimmon pudding and enjoy their daily specials

11 AM
- 10 PM

Main Street Food Booths

Main Street

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12 PM
- 8 PM

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1 PM
- 7 PM

Grissom Home Tour

Gus Grissom Boyhood Home - 715 W. Grissom Ave.

Stop by the home that astronaut, Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom grew up in and take a FREE tour!

Call (812) 849-1090 for more information.

1 PM

Senior Citizen Day

Main Street Stage

Right around lunch time, we will have some great music playing on the stage! Sponsored by Belle's Place of Bedford.

WEDNESDAY 25th

4:30
PM

Italian Dinner

Main Street Food Tent – Behind Main Street Stage

St. Mary's Catholic Church will be serving a tasty italian dinner.

5 PM
- 9 PM

Brats on the Deck

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5 PM
- 10 PM

Main Street Food Booths

Main Street

Visit Kiwanis Persimmon Ice Cream Booth and the Varsity Club Food Tent to see what delicious foods are on the menu.

5 PM

Carnival Rides

Main Street

Load the kids in the car and head over to the Persimmon Festival! Buy your tickets or wristband and get in line for your favorite carnival ride!

6 PM
- 9 PM

Vendor Tent

Main Street behind Main Street Stage

Don't forget to stroll through the vendor tent and shop for some goodies!

Call (812) 797-1172 for more information.

6 PM
- 9 PM

Gospel Night

Main Street Stage

We will have live music by The Breeding Sisters from 6-7 and Kirby Stailey from 7-9!

THURSDAY^{26th}

9 AM
- 5 PM

Art & Quilt Exhibit

Mitchell Community Public Library

Examine fine displays of paintings and amazing quilts! Open Mon, Tues, and Thurs 9am - 8pm | Wed, Fri 9am - 5pm | Sat 9am - 2 pm
Call (812) 278-4723 for more information.

11 AM
- 2 PM

Puddin' Pan

Jacob Finger Methodist Church - 139 N. 8th St.

Stop by and grab a delicious piece of persimmon pudding and enjoy their daily specials

11 AM
- 10 PM

Main Street Food Booths

Main Street

Visit Phi Beta Psi Sorority and Mitchell Wesleyan Church to see what delicious foods are on the menu.

12 PM
- 8 PM

Arts, Crafts, Photography

American Legion Post 250 - 404 Sheeks Drive

View beautiful arts, crafts, and photography created by locals!
Viewing is open to the public.

Call (812) 849-3082 for more information.

4:30
PM

Mexican Dinner

Main Street Food Tent – Behind Main Street Stage

Come out to the Main Street Food Tent where Mitchell High School Stingerz Dance Team will be serving a Mexican Dinner.

5 PM
- 9 PM

Brats on the Deck

American Legion Post 250 - 404 Sheeks Drive

A yearly tradition is Brats on the Deck at the American Legion. Stop by anytime for dinner!

THURSDAY^{26th}

5 PM

Carnival Rides

Main Street

Load the kids in the car and head over to the Persimmon Festival! Buy your tickets or wristband and get in line for your favorite carnival ride!

**5 PM
-10 PM**

Main Street Food Booths

Main Street

Visit Kiwanis Persimmon Ice Cream Booth and the Varsity Club Food Tent to see what delicious foods are on the menu.

**6 PM
-9 PM**

Vendor Tent

Main Street behind Main Street Stage

Don't forget to stroll through the vendor tent and shop for some goodies!

Call (812) 797-1172 for more information.

6 PM

Jo & Kev

Main Street Stage

Listen to the electric performance by Kevin Hudson & JoAnna Hackney!

8 PM

Rockland Road

Main Street Stage

Hang out by the main stage and enjoy a live performance by Rockland Road!

FRIDAY^{27th}

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PM

Main Street Food Booths

Main Street

Visit Lawrence County Cattlemen's Association to enjoy a delicious steak dinner.

5 PM
- 9 PM

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FRIDAY 27th

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**6 PM
- 9 PM**

Vendor Tent

Main Street behind Main Street Stage

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6 PM

Vintage

Main Street Stage

Listen to Vintage live on stage! This local band plays the best music from the 80's.

8 PM

Endless Summer Band

Main Street Stage

A Persimmon Festival favorite - the Endless Summer Band! They will close out Friday night. Don't miss out!

SATURDAY^{28th}

7 AM
-10 AM

Pancake Breakfast

Masonic Lodge - 309 N. 9th St.

Start your Saturday off right with a full course breakfast made by men at the Masonic Lodge.

8:30
AM

Persimmon 5K

Front of MHS Parking Lot

Join us for the 5k run & walk! There are several categories.

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Call (812) 276-7883 for more information.

8 AM
-11 AM

Persimmon Pudding & Novelty Contest

First Church of God - 405 N. 12th St.

Sign up for the persimmon pudding and novelty contest! Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

Call (812) 521-2849 for more information.

9 AM
-12 PM

Tri-County Tractor & Equipment Show

Hoosier Uplands Parking Lot

Bring your antique tractor and/or machinery to show all of our guests how it was in the good old days! Open to the public.

Call (812) 276-3637 for more information.

9 AM
-12 PM

Cruise-In

Mitchell Opera House - 217 N. 7th St.

Bring your vehicle to the cruise in! This is a great chance to show off your ride!

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9 AM
- 2 PM

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SATURDAY^{28th}

9:30 AM
12:30 PM

Motorcycle Show

Mitchell Opera House - 217 N. 7th St.

The motorcycle show is open to the public! Want to show off your own ride? **Entry fee is \$10.**

Call (812) 797-4876 for more information.

11 AM

BBQ Dinner

Main Street Food Tent – Behind Main Street Stage

Come out to the Main Street Food Tent where the Lions Club will be serving a BBQ Dinner.

11 AM
- 6 PM

Vendor Tent

Main Street behind Main Street Stage

Don't forget to stroll through the vendor tent and shop for some goodies!

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11:30 AM
- 1 PM

Bloomington Jazz Orchestra

Main Street Stage

See former Mitchell Band Director, Hank Wintczak, in action as he plays the saxophones in the Bloomington Jazz Orchestra!

12 PM

Carnival Rides

Main Street

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1:30 PM

Grand Parade Opening Ceremonies

Main Street Stage

Let's kick-off and celebrate this year's Grand Parade!

SATURDAY^{28th}

2 PM

Grand Parade

Main Street

Let's end the 2024 Persimmon Festival with a bang! Join us for the Grand Parade!

4 PM

Awards Ceremony

Main Street Stage

It's time to learn the winners of the Persimmon Pudding and Novelty contest!

**4 PM
- 7 PM**

Grissom Home Tour

Gus Grissom Boyhood Home - 715 W. Grissom Ave.

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**4:30 PM
- 6 PM**

Dames Rocket

Main Street Stage

Enjoy this family band that covers rock' n' roll hits from the 70s and 80s!

6 PM

King Bee & the Stingers

Main Street Stage

Come out and enjoy this six-piece blues, soul, and funk band playing classic, gritty roadhouse blues!

8 PM

The Dynamics

Main Street Stage

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5 PM - 10 PM

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MONDAY

4:30 PM

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TUESDAY – SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 24-27, 2024
5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 28, 2024
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Featured Exhibits & Attractions

MARKETS

101 Tom Green Dr.
Saturday 21st
9am - 2pm

Explore the Persimmon Market in Mitchell, Indiana, where creativity and craftsmanship come to life. This lively market features an array of unique arts, crafts, and clothing, showcasing the talents of local artisans and vendors. Wander through a diverse selection of handmade goods, stylish apparel, and one-of-a-kind treasures. The Persimmon Market is the perfect destination to find distinctive items and experience the vibrant spirit of Mitchell.



Persimmon Market

Main Street Behind Main Street Stage
Monday 23rd - Saturday 28th
6pm - 9pm
11am - 6pm

Visit the local Vendor Tent at the Persimmon Festival in Mitchell, Indiana, and immerse yourself in a vibrant display of local entrepreneurship. This bustling area features a diverse range of businesses, including esteemed veteran-owned enterprises that have become cornerstones of the community. Explore unique crafts, stylish apparel, and innovative products while engaging with passionate vendors who embody the spirit of Mitchell. The tent offers a meaningful glimpse into the town's entrepreneurial and veteran-driven spirit.



Vendor Tent

Visit persimmonfestival.org for more information

Featured Exhibits & Attractions



Arts & Quilts Exhibit

Arts, Crafts, Photos



Mitchell Community Public Library

Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th, and
Thursday 26th
9am-8pm
Wednesday 25th and Friday 27th
9am-5pm

Explore the Local Arts and Quilt Exhibit at the Persimmon Festival in Mitchell, Indiana, and experience the vibrant creativity of the region. This captivating display features a stunning collection of handcrafted quilts and fine art, highlighting the skill and passion of local artists. Each piece showcases the rich heritage and artistic talent of the community, offering a visual feast of color and design. The exhibit is a wonderful opportunity to appreciate and celebrate the artistry that flourishes in Mitchell.

American Legion Post 250 -
404 Sheeks Drive
Monday 23rd
2pm-6pm
Tuesday 24th- Friday 27th
12pm-8pm

At the Persimmon Festival in Mitchell, Indiana, the Photo, Arts, and Craft Exhibit draws attention with its competitive showcase of local talent. Participants submit their best works in photography, visual arts, and handcrafted creations, all vying for prestigious awards. Each entry reflects the creativity and skill of the artists, contributing to a dynamic and engaging display. This vibrant competition highlights the exceptional talent within the community and celebrates their artistic achievements.

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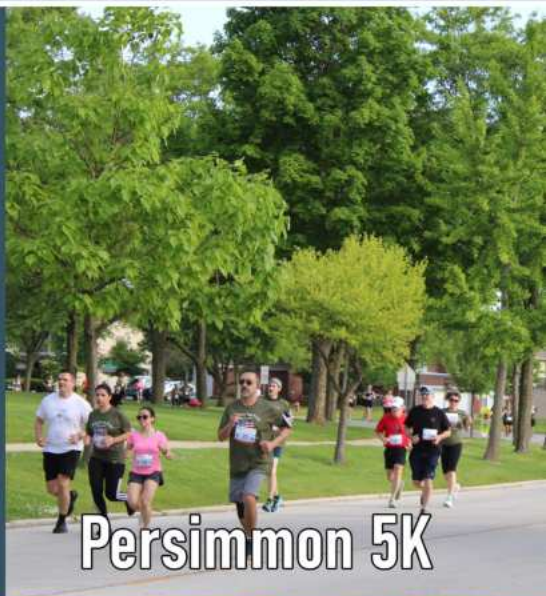
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RACES

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Saturday 28th 8:30am

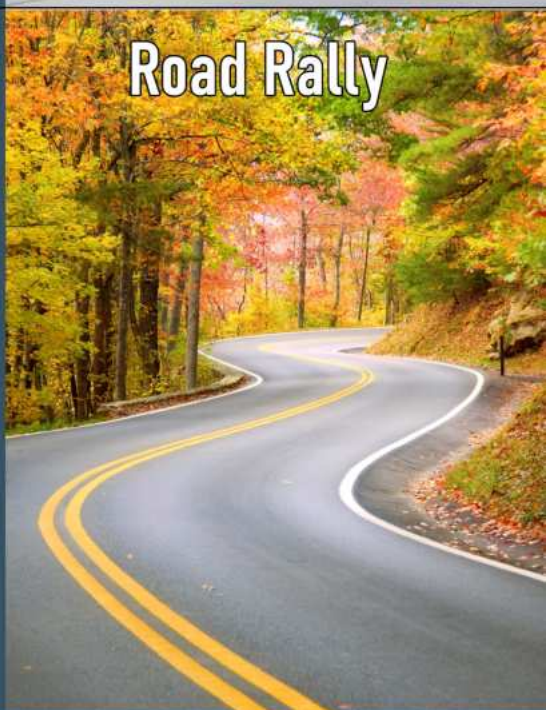
The Persimmon 5K is a vibrant and energizing event that draws runners of all levels to enjoy a scenic course through the heart of the community. Participants can challenge themselves with the 5K run or walk while soaking in the festival's lively atmosphere and beautiful autumn surroundings. The event fosters a spirit of health and camaraderie, with runners and spectators alike celebrating the achievement together. The Persimmon 5K is a fantastic way to wind down the festival while promoting fitness and community engagement in Mitchell, Indiana.



Persimmon 5K

Front Paking Lot
Mitchell High School
Sunday 22nd
12pm-5pm

The Persimmon Festival Road Rally in Mitchell, Indiana, offers an exhilarating adventure for car enthusiasts and casual drivers alike. This exciting event combines the thrill of a scenic road rally with the festive spirit of the festival, guiding participants through picturesque routes and local landmarks. Teams navigate the course, completing fun challenges and enjoying the camaraderie of fellow rally-goers. The Road Rally is a unique way to experience the festival's vibrant atmosphere while exploring the beauty of the Mitchell area.



Road Rally

Visit persimmonfestival.org for more information

Featured Exhibits & Attractions



Spring Mill Candlelight Tour

Spring Mill State Park
Saturday 21st
4pm

Immerse yourself in pioneer charm at the Spring Mill Candlelight Tour in Mitchell, Indiana! Wander through a historic village illuminated by candles, showcasing the warmth and simplicity of early American life. Enjoy fall foliage, live folk music, and seasonal treats in this captivating celebration of history and harvest.



Virgil I Grissom Boyhood Home Tour

715 W. Grissom Ave
Wednesday 25th
1pm - 7pm
Saturday 28th
4pm - 7pm

Explore the Boyhood Home of Virgil I. Grissom in Mitchell, Indiana, and step back into the early years of an American hero. This intimate tour offers a glimpse into the modest beginnings of the astronaut who ventured into space. Wander through the home where Grissom's journey from small-town youth to pioneering astronaut began, and discover personal artifacts that highlight his remarkable life. Experience the inspiring story of his early years and the legacy he left behind.

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Visit persimmonfestival.org for more information

Featured Exhibits & Attractions

MOTOR

Mitchell Opera House 217 N. 7th St.
Saturday 28th
9am - 12pm

Rev up your excitement at the Cruise-In during the Persimmon Festival in Mitchell, Indiana, where classic cars and custom rides take center stage. This exhilarating event features an impressive lineup of vintage vehicles, showcasing their sleek designs and powerful engines. Car enthusiasts and families alike can enjoy the sight of meticulously restored classics and unique modifications. The Cruise-In is a vibrant highlight of the festival, celebrating automotive passion and bringing the community together for a memorable showcase of wheels.



Cruise-In

Mitchell Opera House 217 N. 7th St.
Saturday 28th
9:30am - 12:30pm

The Motorcycle Show at the Persimmon Festival in Mitchell, Indiana, revs up excitement with an impressive display of sleek, custom bikes and classic models.

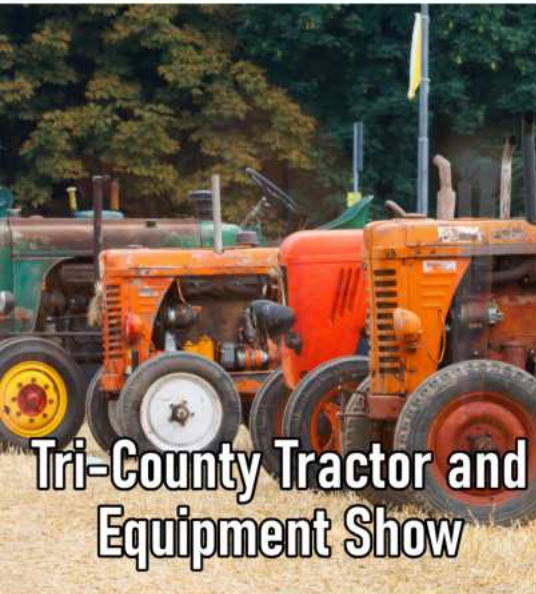
Enthusiasts and visitors can marvel at a diverse collection of motorcycles, from vintage classics to modern custom designs, each showcasing meticulous craftsmanship and unique style. The show provides a fantastic opportunity for bike lovers to connect, share their passion, and appreciate the artistry behind each machine. With its vibrant atmosphere and eye-catching displays, the Motorcycle Show is a standout event that fuels the festival's energy and charm.



Motorcycle Show

Visit persimmonfestival.org for more information

Featured Exhibits & Attractions



Tri-County Tractor and Equipment Show

Hoosier Uplands
Back Parking Lot
Saturday 28th 9am-12pm

The Tri-County Tractor and Equipment Show at the Persimmon Festival in Mitchell, Indiana, offers a captivating blend of agricultural history and modern technology. This engaging event features a diverse collection of vintage tractors and equipment alongside the latest in modern machinery, showcasing the evolution of farming tools. Attendees can explore beautifully restored classic machines and see cutting-edge equipment that drives today's agriculture. The show provides a unique opportunity to appreciate the advancements in farming technology while celebrating the heritage of the industry.



MHS Soccer Field - Hancock Ave.
Saturday 21st
12pm -4pm

Bring your kids to the Mitchell Persimmon Festival and explore an exciting display of emergency equipment. They'll love checking out ambulances, fire trucks, and other fascinating vehicles up close. It's a fun and educational experience for the whole family. Don't miss the chance to meet local first responders and learn more about their important work!

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MONDAY^{23rd}

6 PM

*Mini, Little, & Junior Miss
Queen Announcement*

7 PM

*Persimmon Festival
Queen Announcement*

TUESDAY^{24th}

6 PM

*MHS/Jr. High Dance
Teams & The Burris Bee's*

WEDNESDAY^{25th}

1 PM

Senior Citizen Day

Non-Music Main Stage Events

SATURDAY^{28th}

1:30 PM

*Grand Parade
Opening Ceremonies*

2 PM

Grand Parade

4 PM

*Persimmon Contest
Winner Announcement*

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Kirby Stailey

25th

THURSDAY

8 PM

Rockland Road

26th

FRIDAY

8 PM

Endless Summer Band

27th

SATURDAY

8 PM

The Dynamics

28th

Monday 23rd

7:30pm



Persimmon Idol

The Persimmon Idol competition is a dynamic feature of the Persimmon Festival in Mitchell, Indiana, spotlighting local vocal talent. Contestants of all ages compete by performing their best songs, aiming to impress the judges and capture the audience's hearts. The competition not only provides a thrilling platform for singers to showcase their abilities but also awards top performers with exciting prizes. With its emphasis on vocal excellence and rewarding talent, Persimmon Idol has become a highly anticipated highlight of the festival.

Tuesday 24th

8pm



Cody Ikerd & The Sidewinders

Cody Ikerd and the Sidewinders, a country music band from southern Indiana, have been performing across the Midwest for the past seven years, opening for national artists like Hank Williams Jr., Jo Dee Messina, and The Kentucky Headhunters. They released EPs of original music in 2017 and 2019, and in May 2023, they released their first full-length album. Their shows are tailored for fans who love 90s country and appreciate original music, offering everything from boot-scootin' tunes to slow dance ballads. You can find their music on all major streaming platforms, and follow them on social media under Cody Ikerd Music.

Wednesday 25th

6pm



Breeding Sisters

Amy & Hannah Breeding grew up singing together in church and continue that tradition today.

They have a passion to encourage and inspire in the faith and believe in the power of God's message through song. They sing and play various instruments and love what they do. Their number one goal is to tell about the love of Jesus and help lead someone to Christ.

Wednesday 25th

7pm



Kirby Stailey

Kirby Stailey is a Christian Country singer/songwriter from French Lick, Indiana. He has been singing since the age of 5! Kirby has performed at the US Capitol Building, the Indiana Statehouse, and the Bluebird Cafe in Nashville, TN. Just to name a few. He is a former winner of the Colgate Country Showdown and a Regional finalist of the hit TV show The Voice. Kirby just released his 5th full studio album through Chapel Valley Records in Tennessee. Kirby also wrote all of the songs he has recorded on all 5 of his studio albums. His music is available at live events, iTunes, Spotify, and Amazon music. Above all of these things, Kirby is a dedicated follower of Jesus Christ.



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Thursday 26th 6pm



Jo and Kev

In 2021, Kevin Hudson and JoAnna Hackney brought together decades of his guitar experience jamming with the best and her vocal performance with various bands and acts throughout Indiana and Kentucky. Their sound is eclectic, and they best connect with audiences through homegrown music and all-time favorites. Kevin and JoAnna make their homes in Lawrence County where he is a photographer and golfer and she is a counselor and runner.

Thursday 26th 8pm



Rockland Road

Rockland Road, a vibrant band of six musicians who share the last name Martin, is rooted in a deep musical heritage spanning four generations. Emerging from a studio just outside Nashville, known for producing countless hit records, the family band seamlessly blends country, gospel, pop, R&B, and Americana into their signature sound. Led by Grammy-winning artist Paul Martin and his wife Jamie Allen, daughter of Duane Allen of The Oak Ridge Boys, the band includes their four children—March, Kell, Texas, and Tallant—who all display remarkable vocal and instrumental talent. Rockland Road has captivated audiences nationwide, from the Grand Ole Opry to the White House, delivering performances filled with soulful harmonies and pure joy.

Friday 27th 6pm



Vintage

Vintage is a band comprised mostly of current and former Lawrence County residents. Each of the members has played in local bands over the years, but never together as this lineup. The band was formed specifically to perform at the 2023 Persimmon Festival. Vintage intends to stay true to their name by playing covers from guitar driven eighties bands like Van Halen, Night Ranger, Def Leppard, Metallica, and many others. Everyone in the band has remained musically active over the years in both the local and national music scenes. Members of the band include Brian Grow (lead vocals), Brad Abel (drums), Brad Holland (bass), Tony Fullen (guitar), and Aaryn Martin (guitar). Vintage is looking forward to a hometown show and an evening of great music with lifelong friends.

Friday 27th 8pm



Endless Summer Band

The Endless Summer Band, based in Indiana, is a dynamic and versatile group known for delivering high-energy performances across the Midwest. Specializing in a wide range of music styles, including pop, rock, country, and dance, they are a favorite choice for weddings, corporate events, and festivals. With their engaging stage presence and ability to connect with audiences, the band consistently creates a fun and lively atmosphere. Their performances make them a sought-after act for any occasion requiring unforgettable entertainment.

Saturday 28th
11:30am



Bloomington Jazz Orchestra

The Bloomington Jazz Orchestra is a distinguished ensemble renowned for its vibrant and sophisticated jazz performances. Based in Bloomington, Indiana, this talented group brings together top local musicians to deliver captivating renditions of jazz standards and innovative original compositions. Their rich sound, characterized by intricate arrangements and dynamic solos, has made them a favorite at festivals, concerts, and community events. With a commitment to excellence and a passion for jazz, the Bloomington Jazz Orchestra continues to inspire and entertain audiences with their engaging and electrifying performances.

Saturday 28th
4:30pm



Dame's Rocket

Dame's Rocket is a FAMILY band that covers ROCK & ROLL hits of the 70s and 80s-- songs that span the generations-- from classic rock artists such as Janis Joplin, Tom Petty, Journey, Led Zeppelin, Joan Jett, Stevie Nicks/Fleetwood Mac, AC/DC, Bryan Adams and MORE!! Dame's Rocket takes pride in giving attention to detail when covering the songs -- so much so, that the crowd is gonna party all night long!

Saturday 28th
6pm



King Bee and the Stingers

King Bee & The Stingers, a vibrant six-piece blues, soul, and funk band from Bloomington, Indiana, has been captivating audiences since 2006 under the leadership of harmonica player and vocalist Mark "King Bee" Menefee. Known for their gritty roadhouse blues, the band gained acclaim with several singles distributed by Sony Orchard and their second album, "Don't Move So Fast," released in early 2023. With a dynamic lineup that includes rising star Sarah Menefee as lead vocalist, King Bee & The Stingers have been semifinalists in The Blues Foundation's International Blues Challenge in 2018, 2019, and 2023. The band's evolving sound, which now incorporates soul, funk, and pop, is bolstered by a talented ensemble of musicians, including recent additions like bassist Jeff Shew and keyboardist Wes Schrimsher.

Saturday 28th
8pm



The Dynamics

The Dynamics are a celebrated R&B group known for their energetic renditions of classics by icons such as James Brown, Stevie Wonder, and Parliament/Funkadelics. With a lineup featuring a powerful lead vocalist, three horns, and a full rhythm section, this eight-piece band has been thrilling audiences for over 30 years. They have performed alongside renowned acts like George Clinton and Tower of Power, and have garnered accolades including the National W.C. Handy Blues contest win and the B.B. King Lucille award. Based in Bloomington, Indiana, The Dynamics bring their infectious grooves to college parties, nightclubs, and festivals across the Midwest, making every performance a high-energy event.



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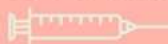
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1950s

1956 - Jane Bruner

1957 - Judy Kelly



1960s



1960 - Sandra Reed

1961 - Vicky Walker

1962 - Patsy Williams

1963 - Janice Matthew

1964 - Carol Cole

1965 - Sandra Wilcox

1966 - Coralee Robinson

1967 - Cindy Acton

1968 - Susie Hatfield

1969 - Jan Worley

1970s

1970 - Gale Briscoe

1971 - Joni Hargesheimer

1972 - Deborah Jereb

1973 - Julie Blackwell

1974 - Kelly Baker

1975 - Patrice Buher

1976 - Carol Edwards

1977 - Susie Wilcox

1978 - Tammie Wilson

1979 - Julie Pace



1980s



1980 - Donita Ramey

1981 - Amy Box

1982 - Missy Brown

1983 - Tracy Mundy

1984 - April Wilson

1985 - Greta Blackwell

1986 - Kellie Allen

1987 - Beth Robison

1988 - Stormi Coulter

1989 - Carrie Robbins

Past Festival Queens

1990s

1990 - Candace Ellis
1991 - Jodi Asbery
1992 - Heather Cahill
1993 - Teresa Rush
1994 - Jennifer Hensley
1995 - Dialevash Sullivan
1996 - Heather Burgi
1997 - Danielle Peets
1998 - Terra Johnson
1999 - Elizabeth Wintczak



2000s



2000 - Diane Cessna
2001 - Jessica Jones
2002 - Jennifer Slone
2003 - Jodi Ann Shapuras
2004 - Caitlin Goldsberry
2005 - Alyssa Super
2006 - Kelsey Terrell
2007 - Arin McIntosh
2008 - Lisa Buschmann
2009 - Katie Burton

2010s

2010 - Betsy Mundy
2011 - Emily Karr
2012 - Brittany Blanton
2013 - Mia Burton
2014 - Anna Kluender
2015 - Madison McNeely
2016 - Kara Parkes
2017 - Sarah Bredeweg
2018 - Callison Blais
2019 - Hanna Pugh



2020s

2020 - No Festival
2021 - Rylan Simpson
2022 - Briley Dicks
2023 - Jorja Lamm



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- Must be on a plain 8 or 9 inch white paper plate
- Cover with wax paper or plastic wrap
- No toppings allowed
- Keep your recipe handy—it will be needed later
- Recipes must be on recipe cards (no sheets of paper)

Novelty Dessert Submission:

- Can be anything except cookies
- Persimmon pulp must be a main ingredient
- Recipe must be on a card with the recipe name
- Contestants name must be on the back of the recipe card
- The recipe is required at the time of judging

Winners from the past two years cannot enter

No entry fee

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2023 Persimmon Pros

Persimmon Pudding



Lee Purlee

INGREDIENTS

2 CUPS OF PERSIMMON PULP
2 CUPS OF SUGAR
3 EGGS
1 1/2 CUPS OF BUTTERMILK
1 TSP. OF BAKING SODA
1 1/2 CUPS OF FLOUR
1 TSP. BAKING OF POWDER
1/4 TSP. OF SALT
1/4 TSP. OF CINNAMON
1/4 CUP OF MILK
1/2 STICK OF MELTED BUTTER
1/4 TSP. OF VANILLA

DIRECTIONS

1. Heat oven to 325 degrees.
2. Combine pulp, eggs, and sugar, blending well.
3. In a separate bowl, combine buttermilk and soda together and allow to foam up a bit.
4. In a separate medium bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, salt, and cinnamon.
5. Add buttermilk mixture and flour mixture to pulp mixture, alternating until fully combined.
6. Melt butter in 9×13 baking dish and add it to the mixture along with milk and vanilla.
7. Pour into baking dish and bake for 45 minutes-1 hour (I do 53 minutes in my oven).
8. Let the pudding cool completely before cutting.

Persimmon Novelty

Holiday Dip

INGREDIENTS

8 oz of Cream Cheese
1 Cup of Persimmon Pulp
1 tsp of Vanilla
Powdered Sugar
Half Bag of White Chocolate Chips

DIRECTIONS

1. Combine cream cheese, persimmon pulp, and vanilla
2. Add powdered sugar until it reaches a smooth consistency
3. Stir in the half bag of white chocolate chips
4. Serve with cinnamon graham crackers, or your choice



Jan Grissom

Past Persimmon Pros

1940's

1949 | Evelyn Godbey
1948 | Muri Gaines
1947 | Fannie Lawyer

1950's

1959 | Wavie VanCleve
1958 | Joan Buher
1957 | Edith Terrell
1956 | Evelyn Godbey
1955 | Mary Cummins
1954 | Alyda Beavers
1953 | Centennial Year
1952 | Edith Terrell
1951 | Evelyn Godbey
1950 | Muri Gaines

1960's

1969 | LaDean Boone
1968 | Mary Johnson
1967 | Kathryn Swayze
1966 | Bessie Cooper
1965 | Saranell Eckensburger
1964 | Bessie Cooper
1963 | Wavie VanCleve
1962 | Bessie Cooper
1961 | Evelyn Glearner
1960 | Jean Plew

1970's

1979 | Gail Miller
1978 | Sara Kern
1977 | Eva Powell
1976 | Cheryl Beasley
1975 | Joan Buher
1974 | Nancy Fletcher
1973 | Mike Hardman
1972 | Thelma Brown
1971 | Ruth Lucas
1970 | Doris King

1980's

1989 | Saranell Eckensburger
1988 | Judy Shaw
1987 | Shelba Brinegar
1986 | Cindy Brewer
1985 | Phillis Sears
1984 | Sharon Bowden
1983 | Trudie Dillman
1982 | Thelma Brown
1981 | Bessie Cooper
1980 | Asa Terry

1990's

1999 | Eva Powell
1998 | Diane Rayhill
1997 | Eva Powell
1996 | Eva Powell
1995 | Ruby Hawk
1994 | Eva Powell
1993 | Carl Brown
1992 | Alverta Hart
1991 | Judy Shaff
1990 | Sissy Robbins

2000's

2009 | Eva Powell
2008 | Eva Powell
2007 | Janice Kimble
2006 | Judy Shaw
2005 | Judy Davis
2004 | Beth Doub
2003 | Beth Doub
2002 | Tammie George
2001 | Frances Tolbert
2000 | Lee Purlee

2010's

2019 | Judy Shaw
2018 | Gary Rayhill Jr.
2017 | Judy Shaw
2016 | Cindy Brewer King
2015 | Cindy Brewer King
2014 | Jonna Pemberton
2013 | Cindy Brewer King
2012 | Courtney George McFadden
2011 | Jonna Pemberton
2010 | Eva Powell

2020's

2023 | Lee Purlee
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2021 | Jane Root
2020 | No Festival



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Larry "Bamm" Caudell

Larry has been honored as the Grand Marshal of the 77th Persimmon Festival in Mitchell. A lifelong resident of Mitchell, Larry is a proud 1973 graduate of Mitchell High School. Although he briefly attended college, he returned home after just two weeks, feeling he had gained all the life knowledge he needed. Larry has dedicated 47 years of his life to his community, working for Lehigh and serving as a past fire chief for the Mitchell Fire Department.

Larry's deep commitment to the Persimmon Festival is well-known, having served as the 2018 Festival Chairman and Co-Chair of the 75th festival. His behind-the-scenes work during September and beyond has been invaluable, ensuring the festival runs smoothly year after year.

Together with his wife, Diana, Larry raised two children in the same neighborhood where he grew up. They now enjoy visits from their four grandchildren at the house once owned by Larry's parents. Known for his extensive knowledge of Mitchell, the Persimmon Festival, and life in general, Larry has been a trusted source of wisdom and guidance for the community and festival organizers.

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