

# 78th Persimmon Festival

*Persimmon Trees  
& Tomorrow's Dreams*



**Grounded in Tradition  
Growing for the Future**  
**September 20 - 27, 2025**



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# Mayor's Welcome

On behalf of the Mitchell Community, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 78th Persimmon Festival. For decades, this beloved tradition has brought people together to celebrate our city's history, heritage, and of course the mighty persimmon.

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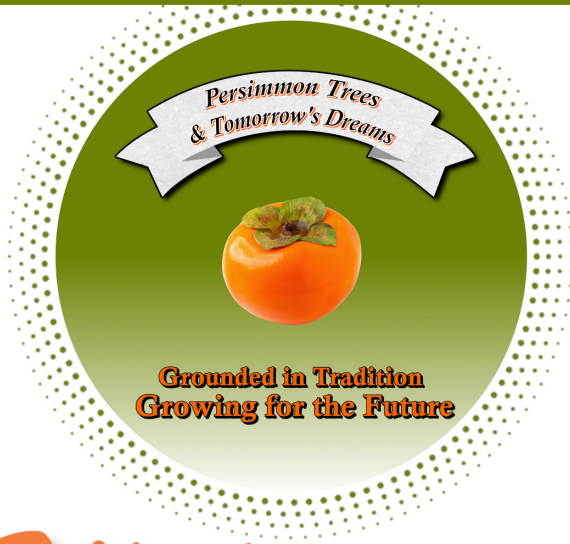
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marching bands, an  
the festival!

floats,  
that energize

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# Welcome

Welcome to the 78th Annual Mitchell Persimmon Festival! I'm Bryan Fountain, and it's an honor to serve as this year's General Chairperson. Like many of you, I've grown up loving this festival—our carnival rides, the food tents, the Grand Parade, and all the traditions that make this week so special.

This year's theme, "Persimmon Trees and Tomorrow's Dreams: Grounded in Tradition, Growing for the Future," reminds us why we gather each fall. We celebrate where we've come from and look ahead with pride and hope for what's next.

Our amazing committee has been hard at work preparing to make this a festival to remember. I'm lucky to serve alongside Co-Chairs Katie Houchin and Jodi (Mundy) Clark and a group of dedicated volunteers who care deeply about this town.

We're bringing back your favorite events and adding new touches—from expanded carnival rides and delicious local vendors to fresh entertainment and old favorites returning to the stage.

Thank you for celebrating with us. Whether this is your first Persimmon Festival or your 78th, we're glad you're here. Join us September 20–27, 2025! We can't wait to see you downtown!

Bryan Fountain  
General Chairperson 2025







# 2025 Persimmon Festival Chairpersons



## Bryan Fountain

Bryan Fountain is honored to serve as the 78th General Chair of the Persimmon Festival. A lifelong member of the Mitchell community, Bryan has been a student, teacher, and now principal in the town he's always called home. His passion for education runs in the family—his parents, Jerry and June, were longtime Burris Elementary teachers.

A 2002 Mitchell High School graduate, Bryan holds a Bachelor's in Elementary Education from Ball State (2006) and a Master's in School Leadership from Indiana Wesleyan (2024). With 19 years in education, he began teaching in Loogootee before returning to Burris Elementary, later becoming Instructional Coach and now principal at Hatfield Elementary.

Bryan stays active in youth-focused organizations, volunteering with Lawrence County 4-H and previously serving in the Mitchell Education Association. He and his husband, Austin, live on a farm in Bedford where they raise Boer goats, care for their Irish Doodle, Paisley, and a few barn cats. Though he lives in Bedford, Bryan's heart is in Mitchell, and serving as Festival Chair is a dream come true. He looks forward to celebrating with the community at the 78th Persimmon Festival.



# 2025 Persimmon



Co-Chair  
**Katie Houchin**

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.

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 78th Annual Mitchell Persimmon Festival.



*Greater*  
**MITCHELL**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## Executive Branch

Jodi Clark, Don Caudell II, and Toya Lamm

Chamber Office Manager and Secretary: Krissy Mundy

# Festival Chairpersons



Co-Chair  
**Jodi Clark**

Jodi Clark is honored to serve as Co-Chair of the Persimmon Festival, continuing her long-standing dedication to this cherished community tradition. A lifelong Mitchell resident, Jodi has been involved with the festival for many years, including over 17 years working the Phi Beta food booth as a member of the Phi Beta Phi Sorority. She's also served as the Queen Pageant Chair and was crowned the 1991 Persimmon Festival Queen.

Professionally, Jodi is an insurance agent with Indiana Farm Bureau and serves as Vice President of the Mitchell Chamber of Commerce Board. Her passion for the festival and her community shines through in every role she takes on.

Jodi lives in Mitchell with her husband, Terry, and together they look forward to making more memories with family and friends at the Persimmon Festival.



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**MITCHELL**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## Board of Directors

Mark Bryant	Krissy Mundy	Marvin Patton
Tonya Chastain	Jodi Clark	Danny Reynolds
Toya Lammn	Sarah Murphy	Max Ziebell



# 2025 Persimmon Festival Chairpersons

Event	Committee Chair	Phone
<b>General Chairperson</b>	<b>Bryan Fountain</b>	<b>812-583-1292</b>
<b>Co-Chairperson</b>	<b>Katie Houchin</b>	<b>812-278-0200</b>
<b>Co-Chairperson</b>	<b>Jodi Clark</b>	<b>812-583-6119</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Don Caudell II</b>	<b>812-797-9550</b>
<b>Antique Tractor</b>	<b>Matt Roll</b>	<b>812-276-3637</b>
<b>Armband Sales</b>	<b>Jan Dalton</b>	<b>812-849-4142</b>
<b>Arts, Crafts and Photo Contest</b>	<b>Susie Cessna</b>	<b>812-849-3082</b>
<b>Arts, Crafts and Photo Contest</b>	<b>Barbara Wigley</b>	<b>812-797-4124</b>
<b>Art Exhibits</b>	<b>W.David Fields</b>	<b>812-278-4723</b>
<b>Baby Contest</b>	<b>Bobbi Hunter</b>	<b>812-797-3037</b>
<b>Baby Contest</b>	<b>Mackenzie Reeve</b>	<b>812-583-4361</b>
<b>Community Yard Sale</b>	<b>Chamber Office</b>	<b>812-849-4441</b>
<b>Cruise In</b>	<b>Cory Wheat</b>	<b>812-653-7705</b>
<b>Emergency Equipment Show</b>	<b>Tyler Duncan</b>	<b>812-583-6770</b>
<b>Festival Photographer</b>	<b>Sarah Adams</b>	<b>812-797-0763</b>
<b>Festival Vendors</b>	<b>Charity Russell</b>	<b>812-797-1172</b>
<b>Float Preparation</b>	<b>Becky Mason</b>	<b>812-797-4491</b>
<b>Food Vendors</b>	<b>Maren Terrell</b>	<b>812-606-4492</b>
<b>Little, Mini, Jr. Miss Pageant</b>	<b>Holly Tanksley</b>	<b>812-865-0096</b>
<b>Motorcycle Show</b>	<b>Rob Stephens</b>	<b>812-797-4876</b>
<b>Parade</b>	<b>Laura Asbury</b>	<b>812-279-0794</b>
<b>Persimmon Dessert &amp; Novelty</b>	<b>Courtney George McFadden</b>	<b>812-521-2849</b>
<b>Persimmon 5K Walk/Run</b>	<b>Sally Miller</b>	<b>812-508-4073</b>
<b>Persimmon Idol</b>	<b>WBIW/WQRK/LiteFM</b>	<b>812-275-7555</b>
<b>Persimmon Market</b>	<b>Lori Hall</b>	<b>812-675-9610</b>
<b>Queen Pageant</b>	<b>Michele Super</b>	<b>812-675-2361</b>
<b>Quilt Show</b>	<b>Dee Brinkworth</b>	<b>812-675-7419</b>
<b>Road Rally</b>	<b>Missy Little</b>	<b>812-797-7959</b>
<b>Senior Day</b>	<b>Trudy Wells</b>	<b>812-849-4457</b>
<b>Ticket Booth</b>	<b>Chamber Office</b>	<b>812-849-4441</b>
<b>Vesper Service</b>	<b>Daniel Lee</b>	<b>812-788-1461</b>





# PAST Persimmon Festival Chairpersons

2024	Aimee Carlisle Phillips	1990	Oweetah Scott
2023	Carol Chambers	1989	Gerald Tolliver
2022	Don Caudell	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 Schegel	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		



# 2025 Chamber

37 Pipe and Supply LLC  
812 BBQ  
Ace Hardware / Ben Franklin  
AKKA Plastics, Inc.  
Alternative Care Solutions  
American Legion Post 250  
Anchor and The Ark Tattoo Studio, LLC  
Applacres, Inc.  
Bedford Board of Realtors  
Bedford Federal Savings Bank  
Bedford Office Supply, Inc.  
Better Business Bureau  
Black Dog Deli & Catering  
Bluespring Caverns Park  
Brenda James Insurance  
Bubble Tea Barn  
Chastain Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
Chicago's Pizza  
City of Mitchell  
Crane Division, NSWC  
Danny Baker  
DNA Designs  
Don Caudell II  
Duke Energy  
Edwards Heating & Cooling  
El Compadre Mexican Restaurant  
Engleking RX, LLC  
Five Star Pro Construction  
Flynn & Sons Excavating & Paving INC.  
Foamcraft, Inc.  
Friends of Spring Mill State Park  
George James  
German American Bank  
Ginny Mc Minds  
Heidelberg Materials  
Hoosier Hills Credit Union  
Hoosier Uplands  
Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance  
Indiana Quilt Depot and Machine Service  
It's About Time Antiques and More  
JA Benefits, LLC  
James Insurance Agency, Inc.  
Jerry Miller  
Johnny Signs, Inc.  
King Family Dentistry  
Kirk Veterinary Service, Inc.

La-Or-Ma Shrine Club  
Larry "Bamm" Caudell  
LawCo Living LLC  
Lawrence County 4-H Clubs & Fair Association  
Lawrence County Cancer Patient Services  
Lawrence County Community Foundation  
Lawrence County Government  
Lawrence County Historical Society, Inc.  
Lawrence County Tourism Commission  
Living Well Home Care  
Lucas Indiana Realty & Home Services  
MaddieLee Creations  
Magical Vacation Planner  
Main Street Raceway  
Marion Township Trustee  
Mark Bryant  
Marlow Concrete LLC  
Marvin Davis VFW Post 9107  
Mid-Southern Savings Bank, FSB  
Mikels Signs LLC  
Mitchell Community Public Library  
Mitchell Community Schools  
Mitchell Grissom Kiwanis Club  
Mitchell Lions Club  
Mitchell Manor  
Mitchell Masonic Lodge #228  
Mitchell Opera House  
Mitchell Optical Co. Inc.  
Mitchell Senior Citizens INC  
Nancy Miller  
Nola Properties LLC  
Nolan & Associates, Inc.  
Phi Beta Psi Sorority  
Pro Tree Care  
Purdue Extension - Lawrence County  
Railroad Cafe' & Lounge  
Rainbow Printing  
Red Brick Bridal Barn  
ReGeneration; Capstone Ministries, Inc.  
Rogers Group Inc/Mitchell Crushed Stone  
Roots RV and Sales, Inc.  
Safe Haven Recovery Engagement Center  
Senior Insurance Services  
Smithville Indiana's Fastest Internet  
Sparklight  
Special Electronics, INC

# Members

Spring Mill Inn  
Spring Mill State Park  
St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church  
Stone Crest Golf Community  
Stone Gate Arts & Education Center, LLC  
Tri Kappa Gamma Epsilon Chapter  
Turpen & Deckard, LLC  
U-Pak Rentals  
United Way of South Central Indiana  
Vicky Schlegel  
Virgil I. Grissom Memorial, Inc.  
Visiting Angels  
WBIW / WQRK / WPHZ Radio Stations  
White River Humane Society  
Youth First INC.

# Past Festival Themes

## 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 Trimmed 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 Persimmon 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











# GENERAL REGULATIONS

## The City of Mitchell Bans

All pets: **EXCEPT** certified service animals, papers required

Skateboards, bikes, scooters, and skates

Smoking, vaping, and tobacco use: **Designated Areas Only**

**\*ALL LA**

**FORCED**

**2025  
Info  
Needed**

**Schedule YOUR**

**2025**

**Persimmon Festival**



Buy kids' wristbands



Watch Persimmon Idol



Go to the parade

**Festival FUN!**

# SATURDAY 20th

**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.

# SATURDAY 20th

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.

2 PM

## *Baby Contest*

**Burris School - 1755 Hancock Ave.**

Enter your sweet baby in the baby contest!  
0-3 months, 4-6 months, 7-12 months, 13-23 months, 2-3 years  
\$5 fee. \$2 admission fee.  
Call (812)-797-3037 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<sup>21st</sup>

**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)-797-7959 for more information.

**7 PM**

## *Vesper Service*

**Mitchell Opera House - 217 N 7th St.**

Sponsored by the Lawrence County Ministerial Alliance.  
Kick off the festival with a time of prayer and reflection.

# MONDAY <sup>22nd</sup>

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

## *BBQ Pork Dinner*

### **Main Street Food Tent – Behind Main Street Stage**

Come enjoy BBQ pulled pork dinner prepared by Jacob Finger Methodist Church. The proceeds will go to the Royal Family KIDS camp.

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 <sup>22nd</sup>

6 PM

*Mini, Little, Junior Miss  
Queen Crowning*

**Main Street Stage**

2025 Mitchell Persimmon Festival recognition of Queens  
and her court

7 PM

*Queen Crowning*

**Main Street Stage**

2025 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 23rd

9 AM  
- 8 PM

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4:30  
PM

## *Pulled Pork & Baked Potatoes*

### **Main Street Food Tent – Behind Main Street Stage**

Come by and enjoy a beef roast dinner served by the Mitchell Wrestling squad.

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<sup>23rd</sup>

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

## *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 and the Burris Bees*

**Main Street Stage**

It will be hard not to dance along while the Mitchell Junior High Dance Team and the Burris Bees are on stage!

7:30PM  
- 9:30PM

## *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 24th

9 AM  
- 5 PM

## *Art & Quilt Exhibit*

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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.

Call (812)-849-4457 for more information.

# WEDNESDAY 24th

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

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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!

5:30 PM  
- 6:30 PM

## *The Breeding Sisters*

**Main Street Stage**

Come out to the Main Street Stage and enjoy the sweet harmonies of The Breeding Sisters!

7:30 PM  
- 9:30 PM

## *Kirby Stailey*

**Main Street Stage**

Join us for an unforgettable evening of live gospel music with Kirby Stailey!

# THURSDAY<sup>25th</sup>

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 - 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<sup>25th</sup>

**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**

## *Malachi Parks Band*

### **Main Street Stage**

Listen to the Malachi Parks Band light up the stage with an unforgettable live set on the Main Street Stage!

**8 PM**

## *Flatline Band*

### **Main Street Stage**

Hang out by the main stage and enjoy a live performance by Flatline Band!

# FRIDAY <sup>26th</sup>

9 AM  
- 5 PM

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11 AM  
- 2 PM

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12 PM  
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4:30  
PM

## *Steak Dinner*

### **Main Street**

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

5 PM  
- 9 PM

## *Brats on the Deck*

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# FRIDAY<sup>26th</sup>

**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 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**

## *The Unnamed Band*

### **Main Street Stage**

Don't miss out on The Unnamed Band live!

**8 PM**

## *Vintage*

### **Main Street Stage**

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

# SATURDAY<sup>27th</sup>

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. Registration begins at 7:30 am. **\$20 admission.**

**Call (812)-508-4073 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!

**Call (812)-653-7705 for more information.**

9 AM  
- 2 PM

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# SATURDAY 27th

9:30 AM  
12:30 PM

## *Motorcycle Show*

**Railroad Cafe - 5th Street**

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

## *Chili Dinner*

**Main Street Food Tent – Behind Main Street Stage**

Come out to the Main Street Food Tent where the Mitchell Walking Club will be serving a chili dinner.

12 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!

1:30 PM

## *Grand Parade Opening Ceremonies*

**Main Street Stage**

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

2 PM

## *Grand Parade*

**Main Street**

Let's end the 2025 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!

# SATURDAY<sup>27th</sup>

**4 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.

**4:30 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!

**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**

## *Endless Summer Band*

### **Main Street Stage**

Don't miss an awesome live performance by Endless Summer Band to end the 2025 Persimmon Festival with a bang!



# Persimmon FOODIE

## MAIN STREET FOOD BOOTHS

### PHI BETA PSI SORORITY TENT

11 AM - 10 PM

NORTHEAST CORNER OF 6TH  
& MAIN STREET

### MITCHELL WESLEYAN CHURCH

11 AM - 10 PM

ON MAIN STREET

### KIWANIS PERSIMMON ICE CREAM

5 PM - 10 PM

NORTHEAST CORNER OF 6TH  
& MAIN STREET

### VARISITY CLUB FOOD TENT

5 PM - 10 PM

NORTHWEST CORNER OF 6TH  
MAIN STREET

## FOOD TRUCKS & PRIVATE VENDORS

Open Monday, September 22, 2025 – Saturday, September 27, 2025

Food Trucks open 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Food Stands open 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM

## MAIN STREET

### MONDAY

4:30 PM

### BBQ PORK DINNER

JACOB FINGER  
METHODIST CHURCH

### TUESDAY

4:30 PM

### PULLED PORK AND BAKED POTATOES

MITCHELL  
WRESTLING

### WEDNESDAY

4:30 PM

### ITALIAN DINNER

ST. MARY'S  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



# Festival FAVORITES



## SUPPORT OUR NONPROFITS

### DUTCH OVEN EXTRAVAGANZA

Mitchell City Park  
101 Tom Green Dr.

### PUDDIN' PAN

Jacob Finger Methodist Church  
139 N. 8th St.

### BRATS ON THE BACK DECK

American Legion Post 250  
404 Sheeks Drive

### MASONIC LODGE BREAKFAST

Mitchell Masonic Lodge  
309 N. 9th Street

### SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 20, 2025  
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

### MONDAY – FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 22-26, 2025  
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

### TUESDAY – FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 23-26, 2025  
5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

### SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 27, 2025  
7:00 AM – 10:00 AM

## FOOD TENT

### THURSDAY

4:30 PM

### MEXICAN DINNER

MHS STINGERZ  
DANCE TEAM

### FRIDAY

4:30 PM

### STEAK DINNER

LAWRENCE COUNTY  
CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

### SATURDAY

4:30 PM

### CHILI DINNER

MITCHELL  
WALKING CLUB



# THRILLS & CHILLS



## KIDDIE RIDES

### AMUSEMENT RIDE HOURS

**TUESDAY - FRIDAY**  
CARNIVAL OPENS AT 5 PM

**SATURDAY**  
CARNIVAL OPENS AT 12 PM

# Make Memories That Last A Lifetime!

# CARNIVAL EXCITEMENT



## FUN GAMES



## THRILL RIDES

## TICKET AND WRISTBAND INFO

### TICKETS

\$1.50 EACH OR 22 FOR \$30

RIDES TAKE 2 OR MORE TICKETS

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IDEAL RIDES

### WRISTBAND NIGHTS

TUES / WED / THURS / FRI

\$30 EACH

## ADVANCE SALE COUPONS

Redeem Your Coupon At Any Ticket Booth!

### YOUR CHOICE!

1 Wristband (Tue, Wed, Thurs Only)  
22 Ticket Sheet (Any Day)

### PRESALE LOCATIONS

- Ben Franklin/Ace Hardware
- Mitchell Chamber of Commerce
- Hoosier Hills Credit Union - Mitchell
- Mitchell City Hall
- Lawrence County Tourism
- Mitchell Marathon
- Mid-Southern Savings Bank

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# Featured Exhibits & Attractions

## MARKETS

101 Tom Green Dr.  
Saturday 20th  
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

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# Featured Exhibits & Attractions



## Arts & Quilts Exhibit

## Arts, Crafts, Photos



Mitchell Community  
Public Library  
Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd, and  
Thursday 25th  
9am-8pm  
Wednesday 24th and Friday 26th  
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 22nd  
2pm-6pm  
Tuesday 23rd- Friday 26th  
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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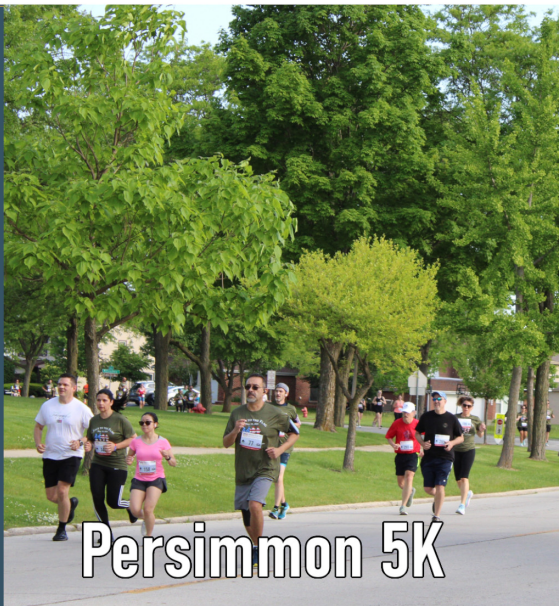


# Featured Exhibits & Attractions

## RACES

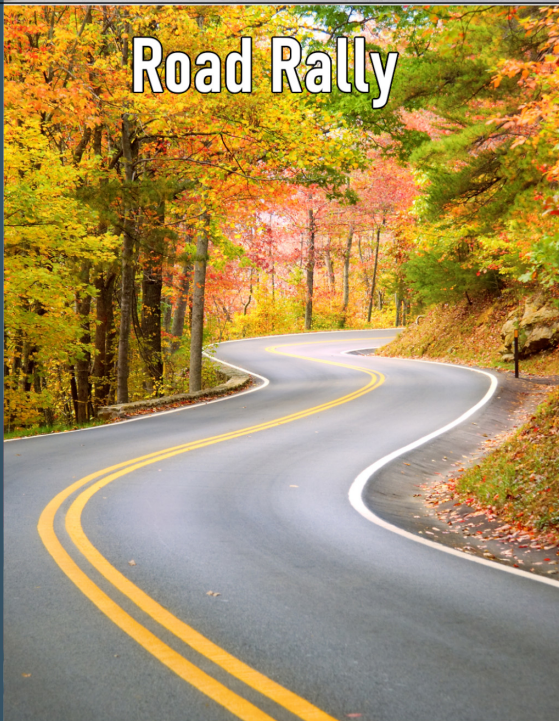
Front MHS Parking Lot  
Saturday 27th 8:30am

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.



Front Paking Lot  
Mitchell High School  
Sunday 21st  
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.



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# Featured Exhibits & Attractions



## Spring Mill Candlelight Tour

Spring Mill State Park  
Saturday 20th  
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 24th  
1pm - 7pm  
Saturday 27th  
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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# Featured Exhibits & Attractions

# MOTOR

Mitchell Opera House 217 N. 7th St.  
Saturday 27th  
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

5th Street by Railroad Cafe  
Saturday 27th  
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

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# Featured Exhibits & Attractions



## Tri-County Tractor and Equipment Show

Hoosier Uplands  
Back Parking Lot  
Saturday 27th  
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.



## EMS Day

MHS Soccer Field - Hancock Ave.  
Saturday 20th  
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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# *Main Street Stage Spotlights*

## **MONDAY** 22<sup>nd</sup>

**6 PM**

*Mini, Little, & Junior Miss  
Queen Crowning*

**7 PM**

*Persimmon Festival  
Queen Crowning*

## **TUESDAY** 23<sup>rd</sup>

**6 PM**

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

## **WEDNESDAY** 24<sup>th</sup>

**1 PM**

*Senior Citizen Day*

# *Main Street Stage Spotlights*

## **SATURDAY** 27<sup>th</sup>

**1:30 PM**

*Grand Parade  
Opening Ceremonies*

**2 PM**

*Grand Parade*

**4 PM**

*Persimmon Contest  
Winner Announcement*



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# HEADLINERS

FLATLINE



ROCK  
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THE PARTY STARTS NOW



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KIRBY STAILEY



Cody Ikerd  
& THE SIDEWINDERS



Headliners Perform On Main Stage

**TUESDAY**  
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM  
Cody Ikerd

23rd

**WEDNESDAY**  
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM  
Kirby Stailey

24th

**THURSDAY**  
8 PM  
Flatline Band

25th

**FRIDAY**  
8 PM  
Vintage

26th

**SATURDAY**  
8 PM  
Endless Summer  
Band

27th



## Monday 22nd

8:00pm



### 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 23rd

7:30pm



### 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 24th

5:30pm



### 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 24th

7:30pm



### 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 25th 6pm



### Malachi Parks Band

The Malachi Parks Band is a Southern Indiana group led by singer-songwriter Malachi Parks, known for blending original music with influences from gospel, country, and rock. He's joined by guitarist Dakota Winters, bassist and pianist Mark Oliver, and guitarist Glen Burden—each bringing years of experience and a deep passion for music. Together, they deliver heartfelt, high-energy performances rooted in faith, storytelling, and a genuine connection with their audience..

## Thursday 25th 8pm



### The Flatline Band

Flatline is a four-piece band from southern Indiana, delivering a powerful mix of rock and country hits from the '80s to today. They play the songs everyone knows and loves, the ones you forgot you missed, along with original tracks that carry a deeper emotional weight. While Flatline has always been rooted in good music and good times, the loss of a close friend brought a new sense of purpose to their journey. Writing and performing their own music became a heartfelt tribute and a way to keep the spirit of their beginnings alive. Featuring Jon Moon, Shawn Collingsworth, Mike Butterfield, and Carl Anderson, Flatline brings a high-energy blend of timeless favorites and meaningful originals to every performance—whether it's a rowdy bar night or a packed summer festival.

## Friday 26th 6pm



### The Un-named Band

Taking the stage on Friday, September 26th at 6 p.m., The Un-Named is a five-piece rock band that delivers an unforgettable live experience. With a lineup featuring Danny Kern on lead vocals, Dennis Kemper and Mike Adams on guitars and backing vocals, Ron Neely on bass and vocals, and Bud Jones on drums, the band is known for its energetic stage presence and tight musicianship. Their sound blends powerful vocals, driving guitar riffs, and rich harmonies, creating a performance that appeals to fans of both classic rock and modern hits. Whether you're hearing them for the first time or you're a returning fan, The Un-Named brings a fresh spark to every stage they play. Don't miss their set—it's sure to be a highlight of this year's Persimmon Festival.

## Friday 26th 8pm



### 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.

## Saturday 27th

4:30pm



### 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 27th

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 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.

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# Persimmon Festival Queen

Passing Of The Crown



*Elsi Arthur*

September 22nd, 2025 at 7 pm  
Main Street Stage



Brandee Perez   Avah Cooper   Lily Russell   Elsi Arthur   Marissa Blais   Kaylee McPherson   Emily Perez   Addy Fields

**2024 Persimmon Festival Queen And Court**

Judging/Crowning Sunday September 14th MHS Auditorium 2pm



# Young Hearts, Big Dreams

2024  
Junior Miss

Rhylee Blackwell  
Laney Wilder  
Alaina Cessna  
Queen Norah Isom  
Hazel Arnold  
Paisley Thompkins  
Harleigh Reeve



**Who's  
Next?**

2024  
Little Miss

*Front Row*  
Queen Madelyn Shaw

*Back Row*  
Aubree Davis  
Coda Jackson  
Sapphire Fintel  
Abigail Gratzner  
Zoey Maddox  
Araya Smith  
Marlee Cooper



2024  
Mini Miss

*Front Row*  
Queen Charlotte Stafford

*Back Row*  
Austin Cook  
Olivia Arnold  
Briley Hattabaugh  
Brynlee Thompkins  
Lydia Cessna  
Brezlyn Blake  
Hadlee Davis  
Maddie Terrell



**MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 22 | 6:00PM**

**MAIN STREET STAGE**

Judging Saturday, September 20th MHS Auditorium 2 PM  
Crowning Monday, September 22nd at 6 PM on the Main Stage

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# Past Festival Queens

## 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  
2024 - Elsi Arthur







# *Persimmon Pride*



**Where Tradition is the Recipe,  
and Pride is the Legacy**

# PERSIMMON

## *Pudding Contest*

**2nd  
Place  
\$300**



**3rd  
Place  
\$200**

# PERSIMMON

## *Novelty Contest*

**2nd  
Place  
\$75**



**3rd  
Place  
\$50**

### Persimmon Pudding & Novelty Dessert Contest Rules

#### Pudding Submission:

- Must be a 4x4 inch piece
- 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**

**Saturday September 27th, 8am - 11am  
Mitchell First Church of God 405 12th St.**

# 2024 Persimmon Pros

## Persimmon Pudding



**Susan Tumey**

### INGREDIENTS

2 CUPS PERSIMMON PULP  
2 CUPS SUGAR  
3 EGGS  
1 1/2 CUPS BUTTERMILK  
1 TSP. BAKING SODA  
1/4 CUP CREAM, HALF & HALF  
1/2 STICK MELTED MARGARINE/BUTTER  
1/4 TSP. VANILLA  
1 1/2 CUPS FLOUR  
1 TSP. BAKING POWDER  
1/4 TSP. SALT  
1/4 TSP. CINNAMON

### DIRECTIONS

1. Combine pulp, eggs, & sugar in a bowl.
2. In a separate bowl, combine buttermilk & soda, mix until it foams up a little.
3. Add buttermilk & soda mixture to pulp mixture.
4. Sift dry ingredients & add alternately with the milk.
5. Add butter & vanilla.
6. Coat a 9x13 inch baking dish or two 8x8 inch dishes with butter or margarine (melt the 1/2 stick butter or margarine in baking dish & then pour in the batter).
7. Bake at 350 for 45 minutes to 1 hour.

## Persimmon Novelty

### Persimmon Spice Caramels

#### INGREDIENTS

2 STICKS BUTTER  
1 1/2 CUPS SUGAR  
1/2 TSP. GROUND CINNAMON  
1/2 TSP. GROUND GINGER  
1/4 TSP. GROUND ALLSPICE  
1 CUP LIGHT CORN SYRUP  
14 OZ. CAN SWEETENED CONDENSED MILK  
3/4 CUP PERSIMMON PULP

#### DIRECTIONS

1. Prepare a 9-inch square pan by lightly buttering it or lining it with parchment paper.
2. In heavy 2 to 3-quart saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Add sugar and spices: thoroughly blend
3. Add corn syrup, sweetened condensed milk, and persimmon pulp – stirring well after each addition.
4. Continue to cook over medium heat, stirring frequently to prevent scorching, until the temperature of the mixture reaches 240° F (soft ball stage)
5. Remove from heat and pour mixture evenly into the prepared pan
6. When cool, turn candy out of pan and cut into 3/4 inch squares. Wrap individual pieces in 2 3/4 to 3-inch squares of waxed paper. Store in airtight container.



**Brittany Purlee**



# Past Persimmon Pros

## 1940's

1949 | Evelyn Godbey  
1948 | Murl 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 | Murl 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 | Philis Sears  
1984 | Sharon Bowden  
1983 | Trudie Dillman  
1982 | Thelma Brown  
1981 | Bessie Cooper  
1980 | Isa 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

## 2020'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

2024 | Susan Tumey  
2023 | Lee Purlee  
2022 | Susan Marlman  
2021 | Jane Root  
2020 | No Festival









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# PERSIMMON FESTIVAL PARADE



**Saturday, September 27, 2025**

**NEED 2025 INFO  
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**REGISTRATION**



**RULES**



# GRAND MARSHAL



## **Steve Dorsett**

We are proud to honor Steve Dorsett as the Grand Marshal of the 78th Persimmon Festival in Mitchell. A lifelong resident and 1971 graduate of Mitchell High School, Steve dedicated more than 40 years to local education—20 years as a Social Studies teacher at Mitchell Junior High and 19 years as Principal at Burris Elementary.

A graduate of Oakland City College with a master's degree and principal certification from Indiana University, Steve has been a steady, compassionate presence in the lives of countless Mitchell students and families. His passion for service continues through his work at Woodville Baptist Church and as a board member for Capstone Ministries, helping support community needs through the Regeneration Store.

Married to his wife, Teri, for 47 years, Steve raised two children, Matt and Katie (Paul) Price, and now enjoys time with his grandchildren, Drew and Emma. Whether gardening, golfing, reading, or cheering on the grandkids, Steve embodies the spirit of Mitchell in every way.

Please join us in celebrating Steve Dorsett as the Grand Marshal of the 78th Persimmon Festival!