

2026

# MITCHELL, IN

79th PERSIMMON FESTIVAL

September 19, 21 – 26



*George Bishop*  
Festival Founder  
— Est 1947 —

From Generation To Generation...  
Our Persimmon Roots  
Run Deep!





# Mayor's Welcome

It is my honor to welcome you to the 79th annual Mitchell Persimmon Festival. This cherished tradition has brought our community together in celebration of our heritage, our hospitality, and the enduring spirit that defines the City of Mitchell.

Each year, the festival serves as a homecoming for residents, visitors, and families who return to experience the sights, sounds, and flavors that make this event so special. From the aroma of festival food treats to the excitement of the grand parade, the festival reflects the pride we share in our community and the traditions we continue to uphold.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the festival chairwoman Katie Houchin and Co-chairs Jodi Clark and Mike Miller for their exceptional leadership and dedication. Their hard work along with the efforts of the Mitchell Chamber of Commerce, our volunteers, sponsors, civic organizations, and city staff-ensures the continued success of our festival celebration.

Whether you are a lifelong resident, visiting for the first time or returning for another year of memories, I hope you enjoy the events, stage entertainment, carnival midway, and fellowship that make the Persimmon Festival a highlight of our community.

Thank you for celebrating with us as we honor 79 years of tradition and community pride.

Don Caudell II  
Mayor, City of Mitchell



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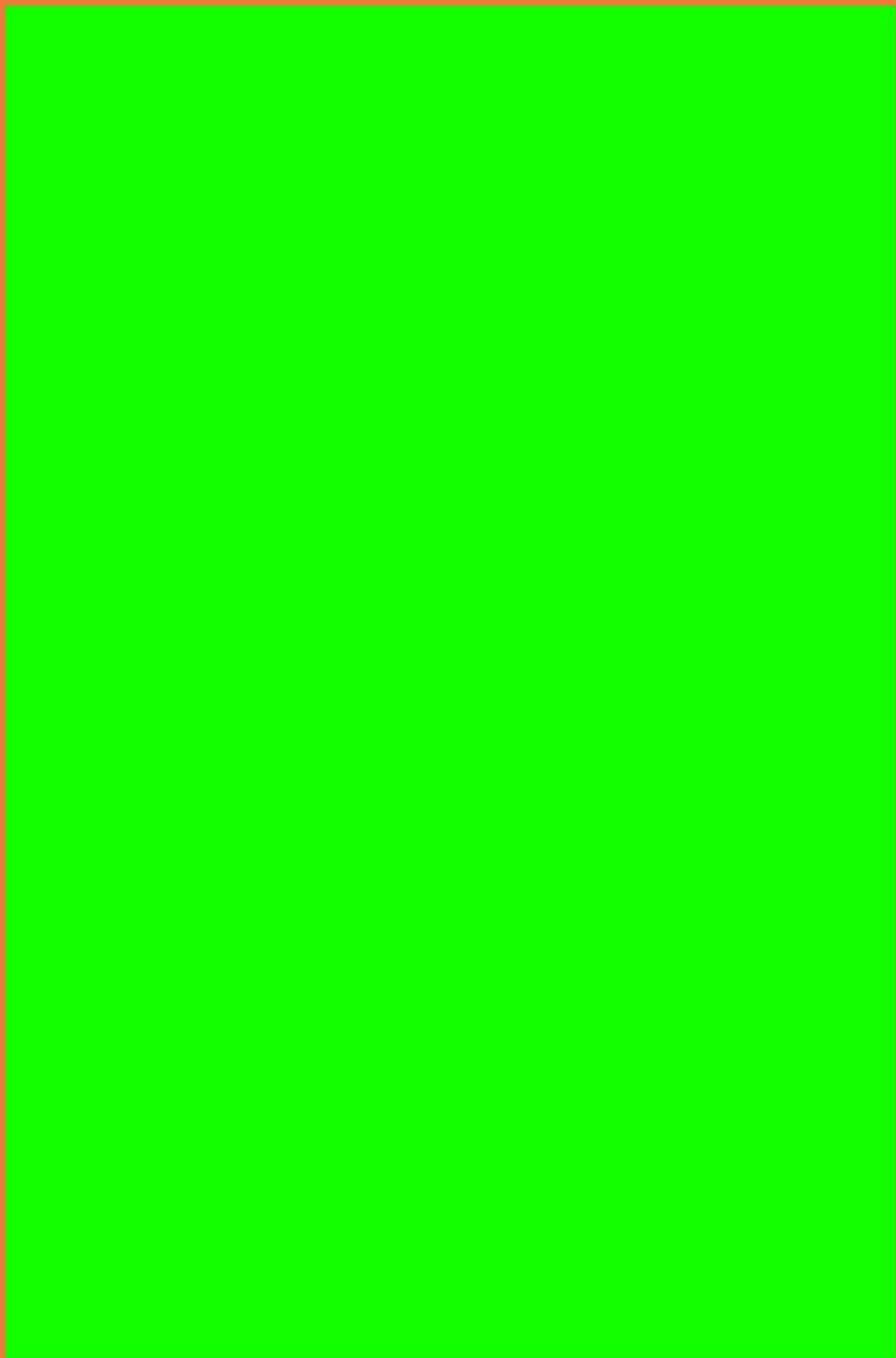
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# Welcome

**Hello from Persimmon Country and Welcome to the 79th Annual Mitchell Persimmon Festival!**

**My name is Katie Houchin, and I am honored to serve as the General Chairman for the 2026 Mitchell Persimmon Festival. As a lifelong resident of Mitchell, the last full week of September has always been something I have eagerly anticipated. Our festival is more than just an event- it is a cherished tradition that brings our community together and celebrates the spirit of who we are.**

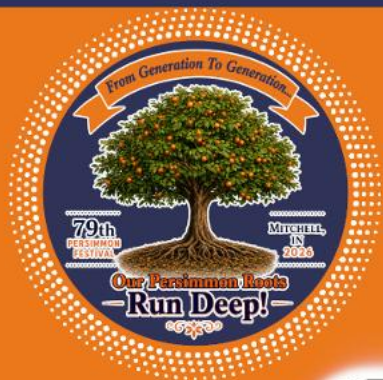
**This year's theme, "From Generation to Generation, Our Persimmon Roots Run Deep," reflects the heart of our festival. It honors the generations of volunteers whose dedication and passion have sustained this tradition for nearly eight decades and continues to shape its future. Alongside my chairman, Jodi Clark and Mike Miller, I am incredibly excited to share all that we have been planning over the past year. From entertainment and community events to the food and festivities we all know and love, there will truly be something for everyone to enjoy.**

**We sincerely hope you'll spend your evenings with us downtown-enjoying the entertainment, indulging in your favorite festival foods, and making memories that will last a lifetime.**

**We can't wait to celebrate with you on Main!**

**Katie Houchin**





# 2026 Persimmon Festival Chairpersons



## GENERAL CHAIRPERSON **Katie Houchin**

Katie Houchin serves as the General Chairman for the 2026 Mitchell Persimmon Festival. A lifelong resident of Mitchell, Katie has always cherished the tradition of spending time at the festival and celebrating all it brings to the community.

This year's festival theme, "From Generation to Generation, Our Persimmon Roots Run Deep," reflects Katie's desire to honor the generational volunteerism that has allowed the festival to thrive for nearly eight decades. Katie is proud to be a third generation festival volunteer. Her grandfather, Bill Harrison, served as Persimmon Pudding chairman in the 1960's and instilled in her the importance of community involvement and giving back. He also taught her how to appreciate a good persimmon pudding. Her mother, Drucy Burton and Aunt, Candy Isom, chaired the Phi Beta Psi Food tent in the 1980's; and her father, Chris Burton, was General Chairman in 1982. She served as Persimmon Festival Queen chair for 7 years before joining the festival committee. Katie, along with her co-chair, Jodi Clark, will also be the first former Festival Queens to serve as General Chairmen.

Katie is a 2010 graduate of Mitchell High School and earned her Bachelor of Science from Ball State University, followed by a Master's Degree in Speech-Language Pathology from Saint Mary's College at Notre Dame. She currently is employed as a SLP at a local skilled nursing facility.

Katie, and her husband, Daniel have been married for 10 years and are busy raising their three children: Rhett, Ryleigh, and Reagan. They reside just west of Mitchell.

Katie extends her sincere thanks to her co-chairs, Jodi Clark and Mike Miller, her family, and the Mitchell Chamber of Commerce for their continued support. She hopes everyone enjoys the festival and creates lasting memories on Main Street!!



# 2026 Persimmon

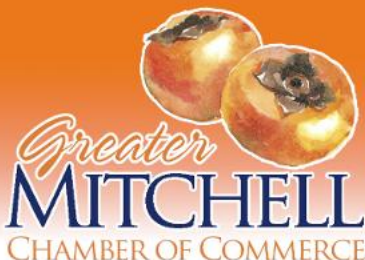


Co-Chair  
**Jodi Clark**

Jodi Clark is honored to serve as Co-Chair of the Persimmon festival, continuing her long standing commitment to this cherished community tradition. A lifelong Mitchell resident, Jodi has been involved with the festival for many years, including more than 18 years working the Phi Beta food booth as a member of the Phi Beta Phi Sorority. She also served as queen pageant chair and was crowned the 1991 Persimmon Festival Queen.

Professionally, Jodi is an insurance agent with Indiana Farm Bureau, where she builds strong community ties through personalized coverage solutions and currently serves on the board for the Mitchell Chamber of Commerce. Her dedication to the festival and to her community shines through in every role she takes on.

Jodi and her husband Terry, call Mitchell home and are blessed with a blended family. They are excited to make more memories with family and friends at this years Persimmon Festival.



## Executive Branch

Jodi Clark, Don Caudell II, and Toya Lamm

Chamber Office Manager and Secretary: Krissy Mundy

# Festival Chairpersons



Co-Chair  
**Mike Miller**

Michael Miller is proud to serve as the newest co-chair of the Mitchell Persimmon Festival and considers it an honor and privilege to take on this role. A resident of Mitchell since 2014, he relocated to the area to join the team at French Lick Resort, where he currently serves as Director of Table Games and Casino Food & Beverage. With more than 30 years of experience in the casino industry, primarily in Indiana, Michael brings a strong background in leadership, operations, and community engagement. Originally from a small town in Wisconsin, he values the close-knit feel of communities like Mitchell.

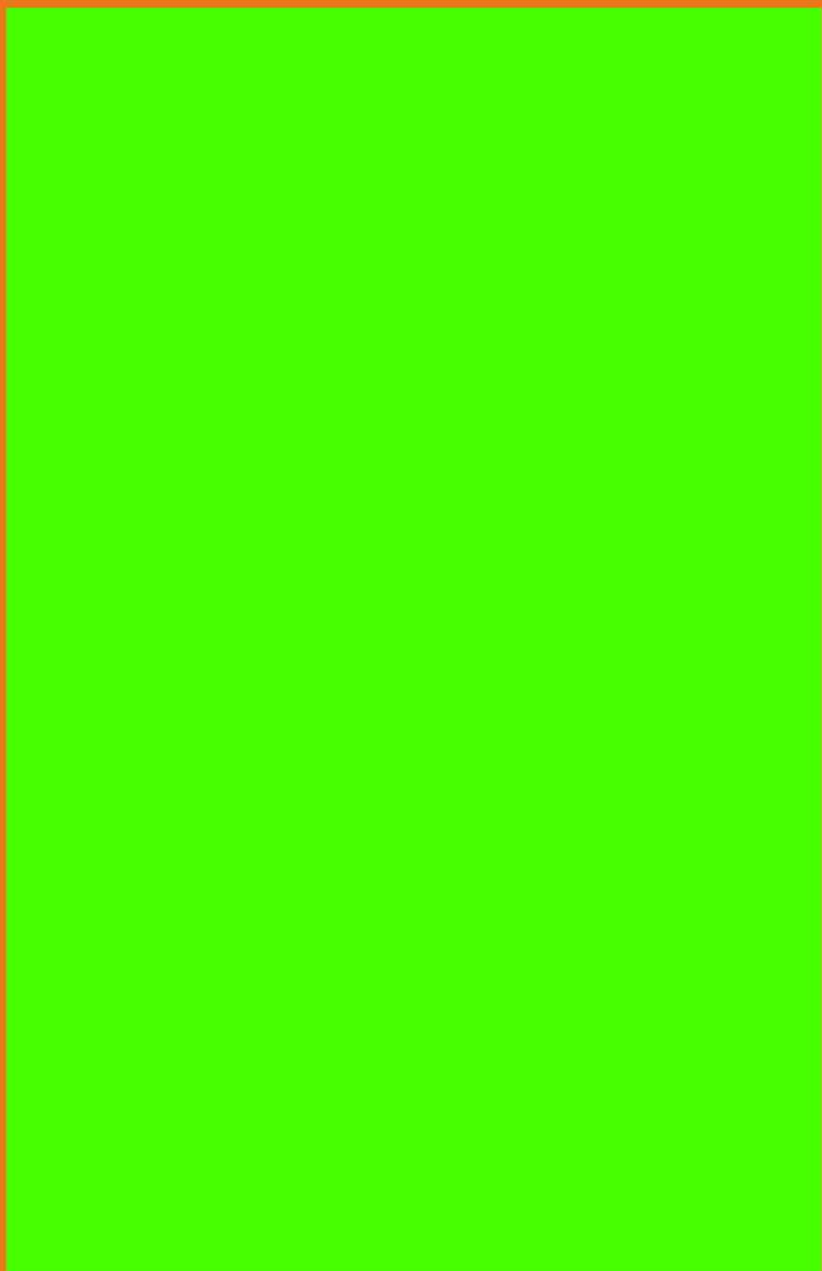
Michael has been married to his wife, Crystal, for 26 years. Crystal is originally from the Mitchell area and is a graduate of Bedford North Lawrence High School. Together they have two daughters, both graduates of Mitchell High School. Their daughter Haley is a teacher in the Mitchell school system and is married to Seth; they have a daughter, Lennon. Their daughter Paige works in the medical field in Indianapolis and is engaged to be married next year. Crystal is currently in the process of opening a new coffee shop, Heartbrew, in Mitchell.

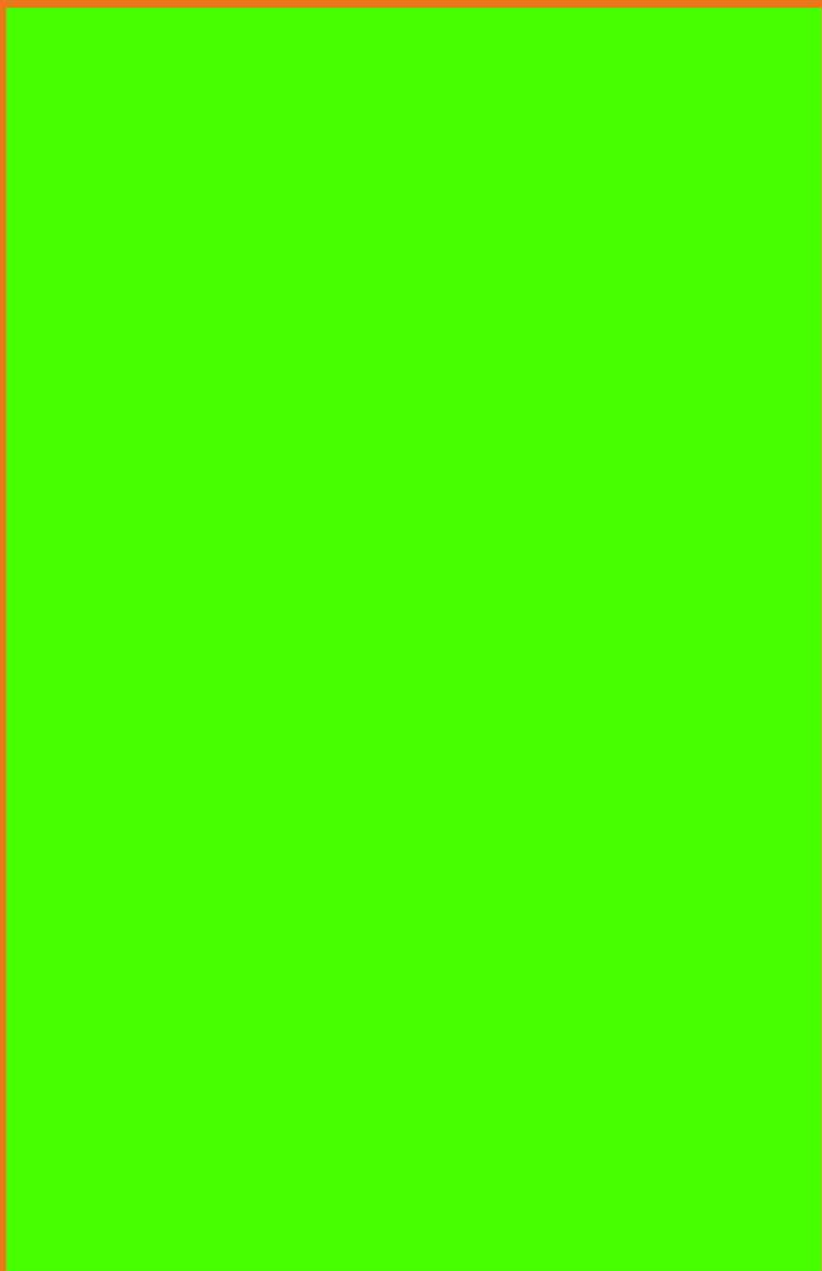
Deeply invested in the community, Michael has coached various Mitchell youth sports teams and enjoys sports and outdoor activities. He has especially enjoyed the Persimmon Festival since moving to Mitchell and believes it is a truly special event that brings the community together—creating opportunities to reconnect with old friends and giving everyone the chance to feel like a kid again.



## Board of Directors

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

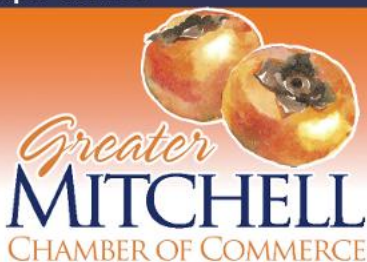






# 2026 Persimmon Festival Chairpersons

<b>Event</b>	<b>Committee Chair</b>	<b>Phone</b>
<b>General 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>Co-Chairperson</b>	<b>Mike Miller</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>Chamber Office</b>	<b>812-849-4441</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>Bingo</b>	<b>Carrie Ritchinson</b>	<b>812-583-9000</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>Cody Lamm</b>	<b>812-797-1707</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>Food Vendors</b>	<b>Maren Terrell</b>	<b>812-606-4492</b>
<b>Floats</b>	<b>Abby Karr and Mitch Reed</b>	<b>812-849-3663</b>
<b>Little, Mini, Jr. Miss Pageant</b>	<b>Bobbi Hunter</b>	<b>812-797-3037</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>Pickle Ball Tournament</b>	<b>Matt Sowders</b>	<b>812-583-8850</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>Living Well</b>	<b>812-849-6000</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>



## Check Out

<https://mitchellchamberofcommerce.org/>  
for member directory



# PAST

## Persimmon Festival

### Chairpersons

2025	Bryan Fountain	1991	Gerald Tolliver
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 Pruet
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 Pruet		
1994	Timothy Clouse		
1993	Brenda Dunbar		
1992	George James		



# 2026 Chamber

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

La Or Ma Shrine Club  
 Larry "Bamm" Caudell  
 Lawrence County 4-H Clubs & Fair Association INC  
 Lawrence County Cancer Patient Services  
 Lawrence County Community Foundation  
 Lawrence County Government  
 Lawrence County Historical Soc. INC  
 Lawrence County Tourism Commission  
 Living Well Home Care  
 Lucas Indiana Realty & Home Services  
 MaddieLee Creations  
 Magical Vacation  
 Marion Township Trustee  
 Mark Bryant  
 Marlow Concrete LLC  
 Marvin Davis VFW Post 9107  
 McDonald's  
 Mid-Southern Savings Bank, FSB  
 Mikel's 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  
 Nolan & Associates INC  
 Phi Beta Psi Sorority  
 Pro Tree Care  
 Purdue Extension Lawrence County  
 Railroad Café & Lounge  
 Rainbow Printing LLC  
 ReGeneration / Capstone Ministries  
 Rogers Group INC / Mitchell Crushed Stone  
 Root's RV and Sales INC  
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 Smithville Communications  
 Sparklight  
 Special Electronics INC

# Members

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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

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## 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

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- 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 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  
1982 | A Hoosier Holiday  
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

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## 1990s

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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

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## 2010s

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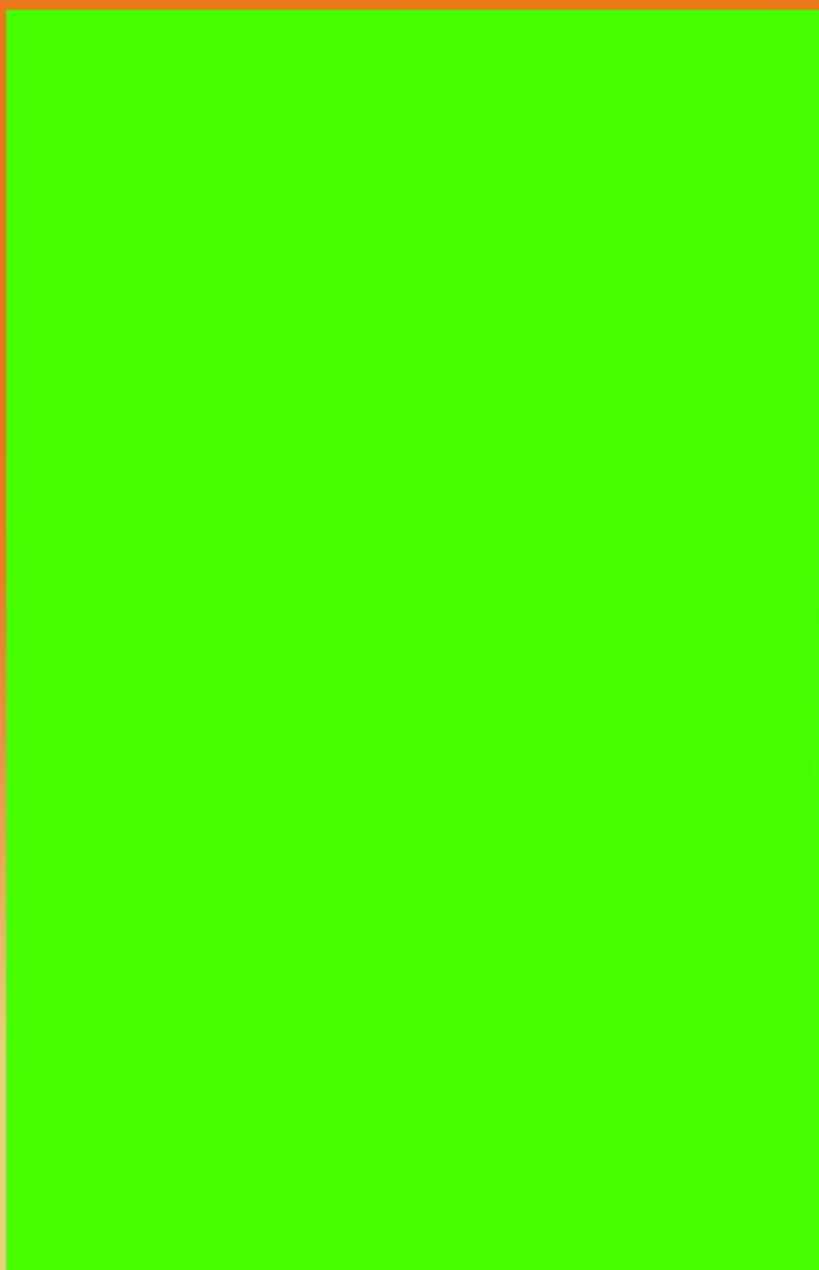
2010 | Generation After Generation  
2011 | Protect & Serve  
2012 | Small Town Proud  
2013 | Mitchell Athletics—Past, Present and Future  
2014 | Shop Local—Buy Mitchell  
2015 | Celebrating with the Sound of Music  
2016 | Healing Hands, Helping Hearts  
2017 | Persimmon City Harvest: Celebrating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

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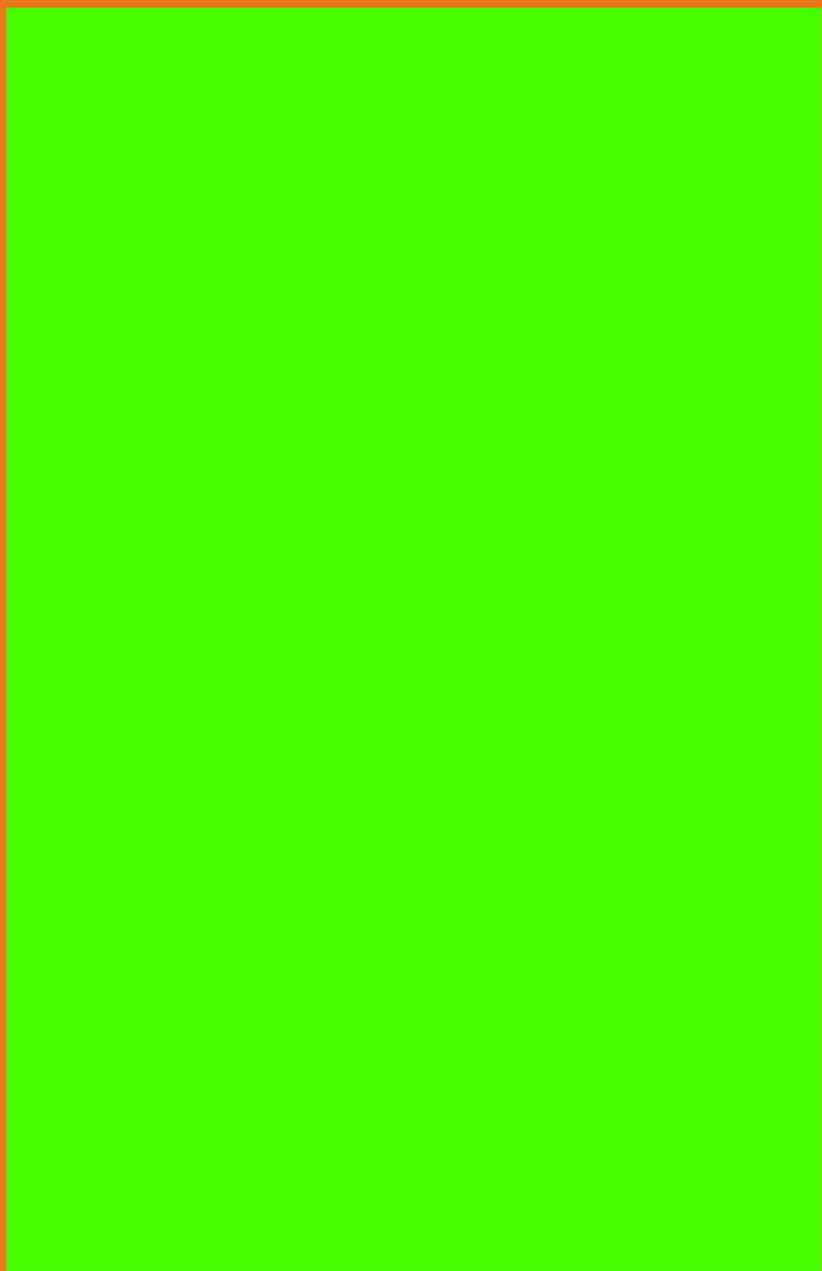
## 2020s

- 2021 | Investing in Mitchell
- 2022 | 75 Years of Persimmon Traditions
- 2023 | Art & Music – Our Students Our Future
- 2024 | Home Is Where The Persimmon Is
- 2025 | Persimmon Trees & Tomorrow's Dreams: Grounded in Tradition, Growing for the Future

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# Schedule YOUR

2026

## Persimmon Festival

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

**Festival FUN!**

# SATURDAY <sup>19th</sup>

**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 yard sale to the list.

**8 AM**

## *Pickle Ball Tournament*

### **Mitchell City Park - 101 Tom Green Dr.**

Registration for the 16+ mixed doubles tournament is from 8:00 to 8:45 AM with play starting at 9:00, and the entry fee is \$20 per team.

**9 AM**

## *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.

**- 2 PM**

**9 AM**

## *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!

**- 1 PM**

**9 AM**

## *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.

**- 2 PM**

# SATURDAY 19th

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.

3 PM

## *Mini, Little, JR Miss Judging*

**MHS Auditorium - 1000 Bishop Blvd.**

Celebrate the charm, confidence, and personality of our young festival royalty as these young ladies take the stage to showcase smiles, style, and hometown spirit. **\$5 Public Admission Fee**

Call (812) 865-0096 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>20th</sup>

**11 AM**

## *Baby Contest*

**Burriss 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 Participation Fee. \$5 Admission Fee.**

Call (812)-797-3037 for more information.

**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.

**3 PM**

## *Queen Contest*

**MHS Auditorium**

Join us for one of the Mitchell Persimmon Festival's most cherished traditions as contestants compete for the title of Festival Queen.

**\$5 Admission Fee.**

Call (812)-675-2361 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>21st</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.

5 PM

- 9 PM

## *Main Street Vendor Market*

**Main Street**

Stop by the Main Street Vendor Market Tent at Mimi's to explore a variety of local businesses, handmade items, and unique products from area vendors. It's a great opportunity to shop local, discover new services, and support members of our community. Call the Mitchell Chamber office for questions.

6 PM

## *Non-Profit Tent*

**N. 6th Street**

New this year, the Persimmon Festival is excited to introduce its inaugural Bingo event inside the Non-Profit Tent on Monday. Join the fun for a chance to win prizes while supporting local organizations and enjoying a new festival tradition in the making!

# MONDAY <sup>21st</sup>

**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**

## *Mini, Little, Junior Miss Queen Announcement*

### **Main Street Stage**

2026 Mitchell Persimmon Festival recognition of Queens and her court.

**7 PM**

## *Queen Announcement*

### **Main Street Stage**

2026 Mitchell Persimmon Festival Queen and court crowning.

**7:30  
PM**

## *The Dash*

### **Main Street Stage**

End your day with Gospel Night featuring The Dash, bringing uplifting music to the stage. It's the perfect way to enjoy a meaningful evening on Main Street.

# TUESDAY <sup>22nd</sup>

9 AM  
- 8 PM

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### **American Legion Post 250 - 404 Sheeks Drive**

View beautiful arts, crafts, and photography created by locals!  
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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>22nd</sup>

5 PM  
- 9 PM

## *Main Street Vendor Market*

**Main Street**

Stop by the Main Street Vendor Market Tent at Mimi's to explore a variety of local businesses, handmade items, and unique products from area vendors. It's a great opportunity to shop local, discover new services, and support members of our community. Call the Mitchell Chamber office for questions.

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

## *Burris Beez, MJHS, and MHS Dance*

**Main Street Stage**

It will be hard not to dance along while the Burris Beez, MJHS, and MHS dance teams are on stage!

7:30  
PM

## *Persimmon Idol*

**Main Street Stage**

Stick around after the school dance teams perform to enjoy a delightful singing showdown among the locals!

# WEDNESDAY <sup>23rd</sup>

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 - 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 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

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- 7 PM

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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 Living Well Home Care.

# WEDNESDAY 23rd

4:30  
PM

## *Non-Profit Tent*

**Main Street Food Tent – Behind Main Street Stage  
N. 6th Street**

St. Mary's serving its popular Italian Dinner, a Persimmon Festival favorite. Stop by and enjoy a delicious meal while supporting a local organization and its community efforts.

5 PM  
- 9 PM

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5 PM  
- 10 PM

## *Main Street Food Booths*

**Main Street**

Come hungry and stroll main street for a variety of food vendors serving up festival favorites

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

## *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!

7:30 PM

## *Flatline Band*

**Main Street Stage**

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

# THURSDAY <sup>24th</sup>

9 AM

- 8 PM

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**N. 6th Street**

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# THURSDAY <sup>24th</sup>

**5 PM**

## *Carnival Rides*

### **Main Street**

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**5 PM**

## *Main Street Vendor Market*

### **Main Street**

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**-10 PM**

**5 PM**

## *Main Street Food Booths*

### **Main Street**

Come hungry and stroll Main Street for a variety of food vendors serving up festival favorites and local treats.

**-10 PM**

**6 PM**

## *Backwoods Bluegrass*

### **Main Street Stage**

A Southern Indiana based traditional bluegrass gospel band, known for high-energy, traditional sounds and 90s country covers!

**7:30 PM**

## *Rockland Road*

### **Main Street Stage**

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

# FRIDAY <sup>25th</sup>

9 AM  
- 5 PM

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12 PM  
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4:30  
PM

## *Non-Profit Tent*

**Main Street**

Main & 6th

Cattleman's serving up their steak dinner. Stop by to enjoy a hearty meal while supporting a local organization during the Persimmon Festival.

5 PM  
- 9 PM

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# FRIDAY <sup>25th</sup>

**5 PM**

## *Carnival Rides*

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**5 PM  
- 10 PM**

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**5 PM  
- 10 PM**

## *Main Street Food Booths*

### **Main Street**

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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**

Come Celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Endless Summer Band performin gat the Persimmon Festival.

# SATURDAY <sup>26th</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*

**Solutions Center - 1490 W. Main St.**

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. Sponsored by Southern Indiana Old Iron. 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  
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# SATURDAY <sup>26th</sup>

**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.**

**10 AM**  
**- 8 PM**

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**11 AM**

## *Non-Profit Tent*

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

Main Street & 6th Steets

**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!

# SATURDAY <sup>26th</sup>

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*

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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

## *Non-Profit Tent*

**N. 6th Street**

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6 PM

## *45 Drive Band*

**Main Street Stage**

Enjoy the classic rock sounds of 45 Drive Band on the Main Street Stage!

8 PM

## *The Dynamics*

**Main Street Stage**

Don't miss an awesome live performance by "The Dynamics" to end the 2026 Persimmon Festival with a bang

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It is important to note that the *de jure* situation is not the situation that would obtain if the law were followed in all cases. It is the situation that would obtain if the law were followed in all cases that are relevant to the question at hand.

For example, if the law were followed in all cases, then the *de jure* situation would be that all cases of theft would be punished. But this is not the *de jure* situation, because the law is not followed in all cases.

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There are a number of reasons for this increase. One of the reasons is that the population is ageing. The number of people aged 65 and over has increased from 10.5 million in 1991 to 12.5 million in 1998 (Department of Health 1999). The number of people aged 65 and over with a disability has increased from 1.5 million in 1991 to 2.5 million in 1998 (Department of Health 1999).

Another reason for the increase is that the number of people with a disability who are living in the community has increased. In 1991, 1.5 million people with a disability were living in the community, compared with 1.2 million in 1981 (Department of Health 1999). This increase is due to a number of factors, including the development of new services and the availability of support.

The development of new services has been a major factor in the increase in the number of people with a disability living in the community. In the 1980s, the majority of people with a disability were living in residential care. However, in the 1990s, there has been a move towards community care, with the development of new services such as day care, respite care and supported living.

The availability of support has also been a major factor in the increase in the number of people with a disability living in the community. In the 1980s, there was a shortage of support services, and many people with a disability were unable to live in the community. However, in the 1990s, there has been a significant increase in the availability of support services, and many people with a disability are now able to live in the community.

The increase in the number of people with a disability living in the community has had a number of implications. One of the implications is that there has been a need for new services and support. In the 1990s, there has been a significant increase in the number of people with a disability who are living in the community, and this has led to a need for new services and support.

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# 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 21, 2026 – Saturday, September 26, 2026

Food Trucks open 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Food Stands open 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM

## MAIN STREET

TUESDAY

4:30 PM

PULLED PORK AND  
BAKED POTATOES

MITCHELL  
WRESTLING

WEDNESDAY

4:30 PM

ITALIAN  
DINNER

ST. MARY'S  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

FRIDAY

4:30 PM

STEAK  
DINNER

LAWRENCE COUNTY  
CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

# Festival FAVORITES



## SUPPORT OUR NONPROFITS

### DUTCH OVEN EXTRAVAGANZA

Mitchell City Park  
101 Tom Green Dr.

### SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 19, 2026  
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

### PUDDIN' PAN

Jacob Finger Methodist Church  
139 N. 8th St.

### MONDAY – FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 21-25, 2026  
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

### BRATS ON THE BACK DECK

American Legion Post 250  
404 Sheeks Drive

### TUESDAY – FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 22-25, 2026  
5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

### MASONIC LODGE BREAKFAST

Mitchell Masonic Lodge  
309 N. 9th Street

### SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 26, 2026  
7:00 AM – 10:00 AM

## FOOD TENT



GREAT FOOD.  
GOOD TIMES.



SUPPORT LOCAL  
STRENGTHEN  
COMMUNITY.

*Thanks*

FOR SUPPORTING

MITCHELL!



# 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



**WRISTBAND NIGHTS**  
TUES / WED / THURS / FRI  
\$30 EACH

#### ADVANCE SALE COUPONS

Redeem Your Coupon At Any Ticket Booth!

#### YOUR CHOICE!

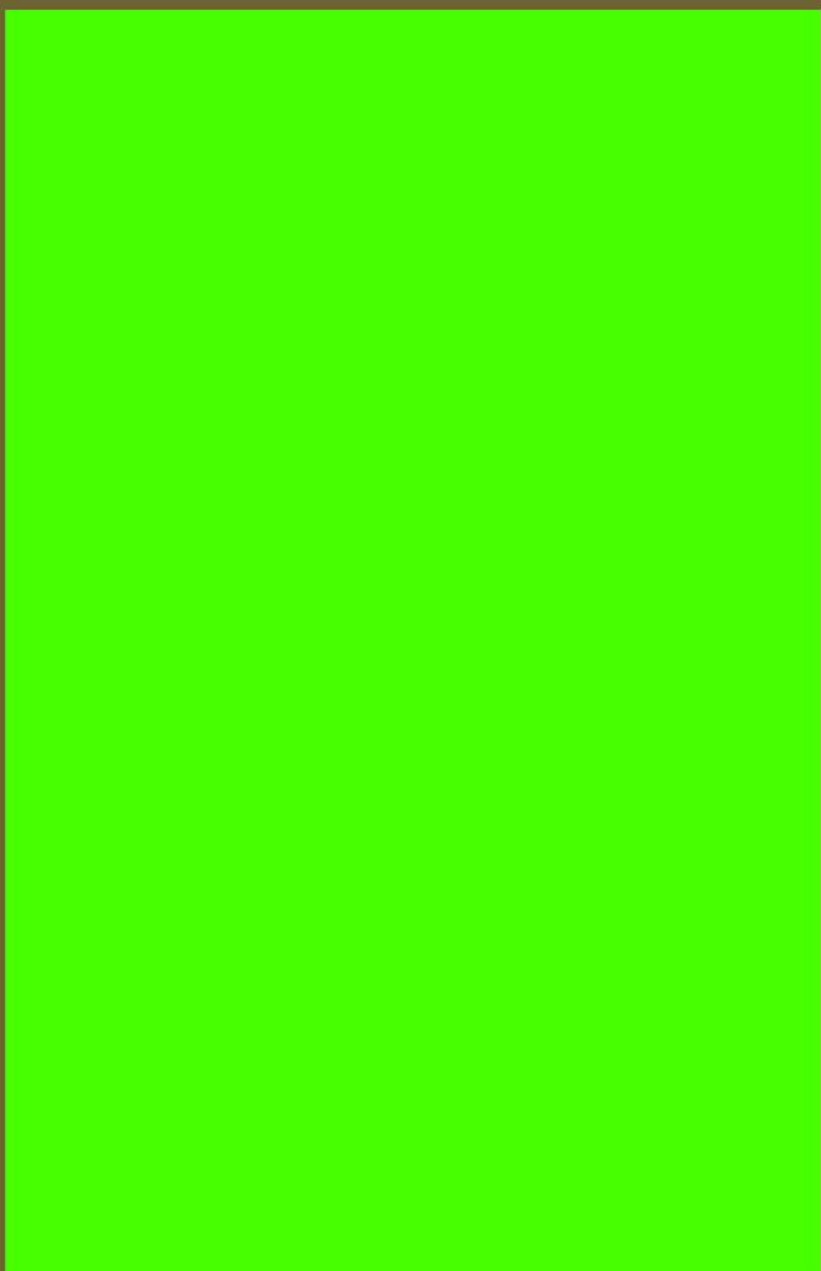
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22 Ticket Sheet (Any Day)

#### 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

**\$20**





# Featured Exhibits & Attractions

# M A R K E T S

101 Tom Green Dr.  
Saturday 19th  
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 21st, Tuesday 22nd, and  
Thursday 24th  
9am-8pm  
Wednesday 23rd and Friday 25th  
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 21st  
2pm-6pm  
Tuesday 22nd- Friday 25th  
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.

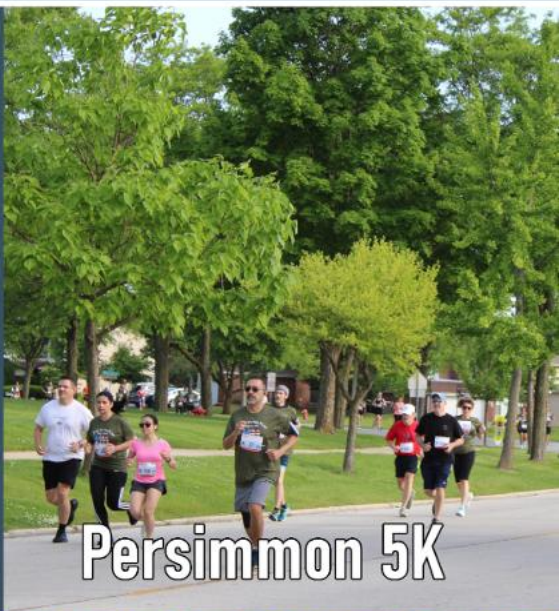
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# Featured Exhibits & Attractions

# R A C E S

Front MHS Parking Lot  
Saturday 26th 8:30am

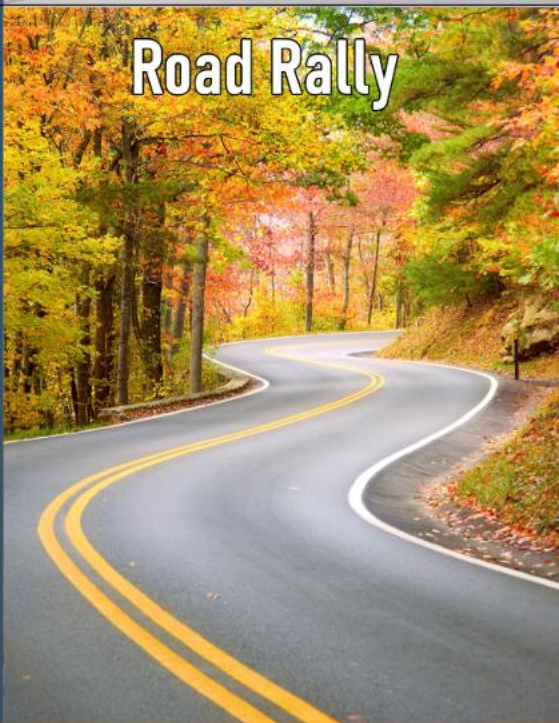
The Persimmon 5K is a vibrant and energizing event that draws runners of all levels to enjoy a scenic course through the heart of the community. Participants can challenge themselves with the 5K run or walk while soaking in the festival's lively atmosphere and beautiful autumn surroundings. The event 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 20th  
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

# Featured Exhibits & Attractions



## Spring Mill Candlelight Tour

Spring Mill State Park  
Saturday 19th  
4pm - 9pm

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 23rd  
1pm - 7pm  
Saturday 26th  
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

# M O T O R

Mitchell Opera House 217 N. 7th St.  
Saturday 26th  
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 26th  
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

Solutions Center - 1490 W Main St.  
Saturday 26th  
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 19th  
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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Visit [persimmonfestival.org](http://persimmonfestival.org) for more information **55**

# GENERAL REGULATIONS

★ THE CITY OF MITCHELL BANS ★



ALL PETS: **EXCEPT** certified service animals, papers required



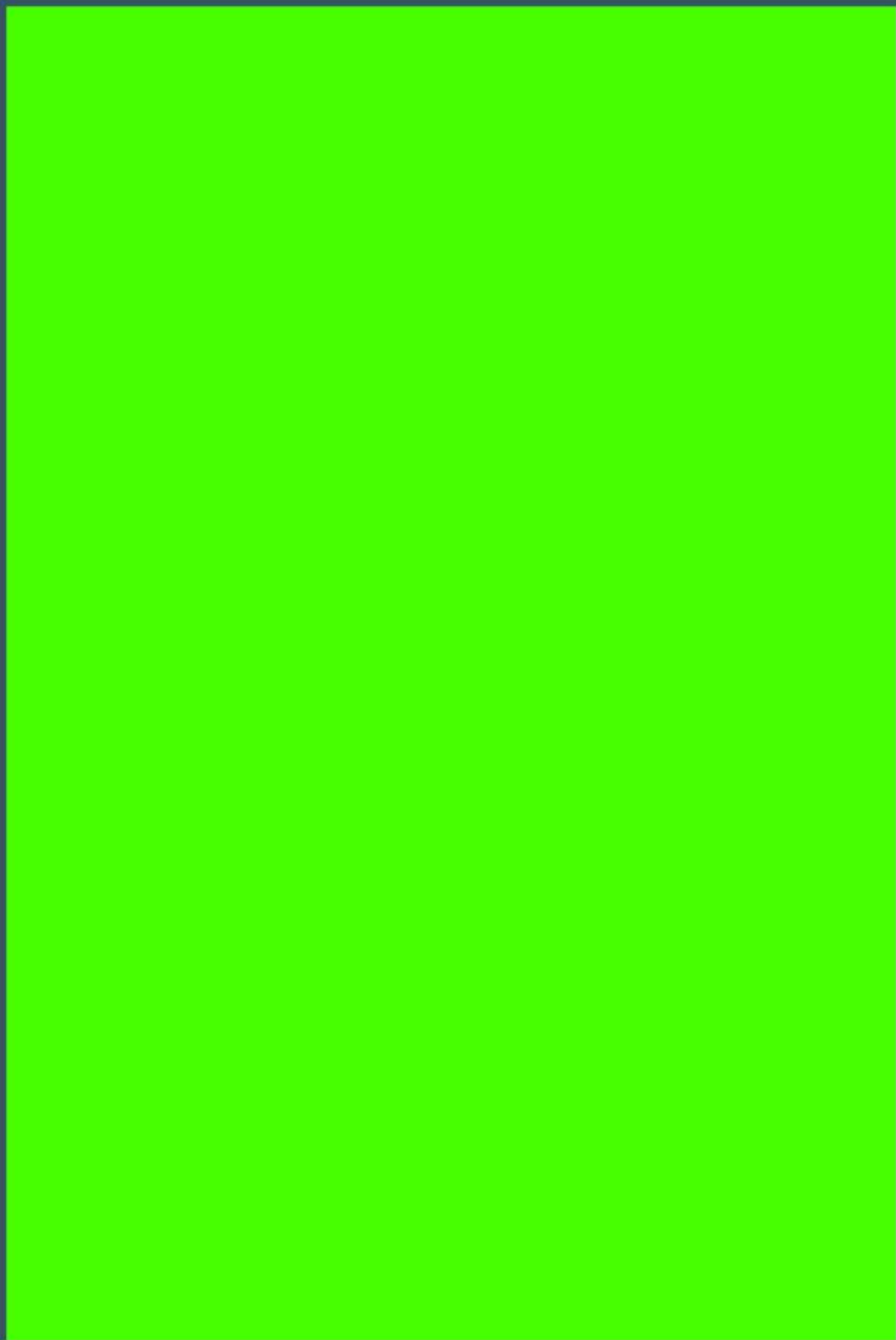
SKATEBOARDS, BIKES,  
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SMOKING, VAPING,  
AND TOBACCO USE: **DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY**



★ ALL LAWRENCE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT RULES ENFORCED ★



# *Main Street Stage Spotlights*

## **MONDAY** 21<sup>st</sup>

**6 PM**

*Mini, Little, & Junior Miss  
Queen Announcement*

**7 PM**

*Persimmon Festival  
Queen Announcement*

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

**6 PM**

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

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

**1 PM**

*Senior Citizen Day*

# *Main Street Stage Spotlights*

## **SATURDAY** 26th

**1:30 PM**

*Grand Parade  
Opening Ceremonies*

**2 PM**

*Grand Parade*

**4 PM**

*Persimmon Contest  
Winner Announcement*

# HEADLINERS

FLATLINE



The Dash



ESB  
THE PARTY STARTS NOW



CLASSICAL R&B - FUNK  
THE  
DYNAMICS



ROCKLAND  
ROAD



Headliners Perform On Main Stage

MONDAY  
7:30 PM  
The Dash

21st

WEDNESDAY  
7:30 PM  
Flatline Band

23rd

THURSDAY  
7:30PM  
Rockland Road

24th

FRIDAY  
8 PM  
Endless Summer  
Band  
25th

SATURDAY  
8 PM  
The Dynamics

26th

## Monday 21st 7:30pm



### The Dash

Join us at the Persimmon Festival for a special Gospel Night featuring uplifting gospel music from The Dash! Come enjoy an evening of faith, fellowship, and powerful music as we gather together for a night of inspiration and worship under the festival lights. Bring your family and friends and be part of a memorable night filled with joy, praise, and community!

## Tuesday 22nd 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.

## Wednesday 23rd 6pm



### Malachi Parks Band

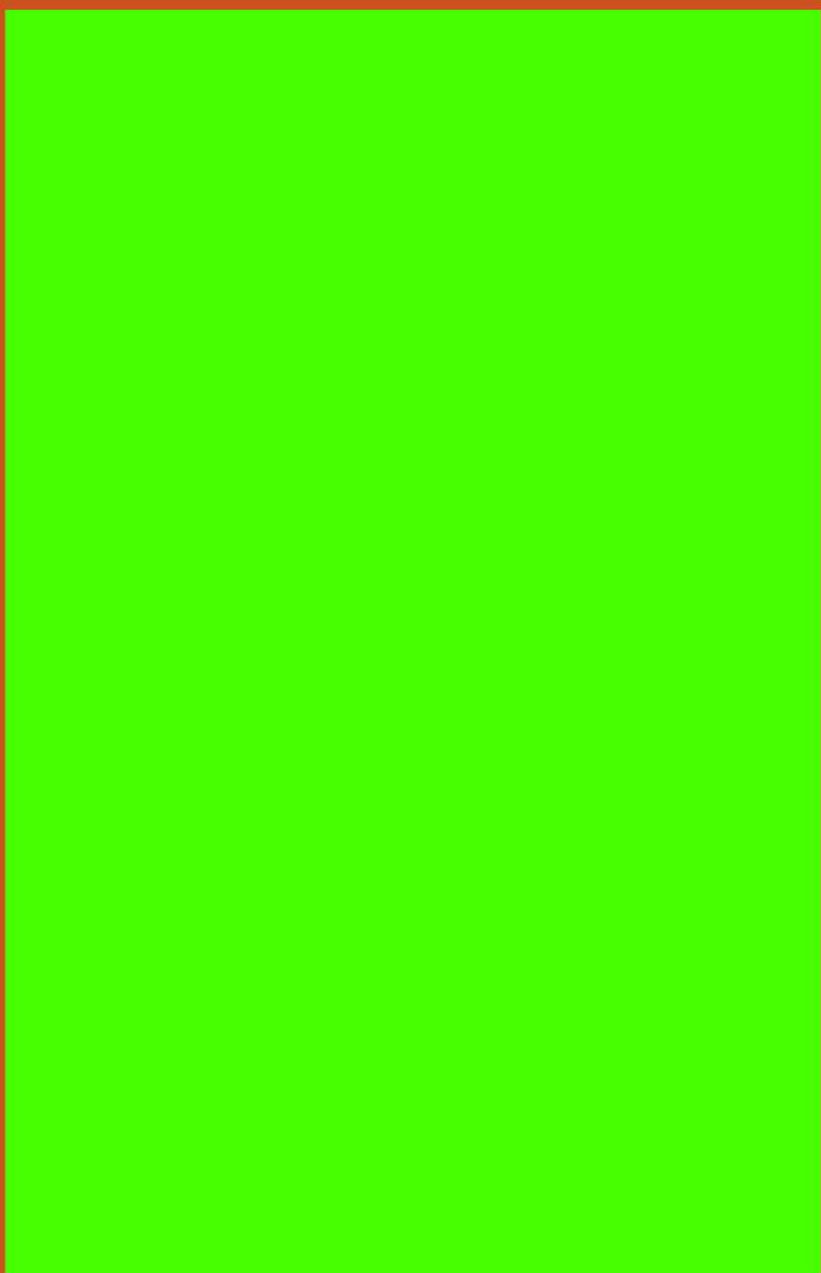
The Malachi Parks Band is a Southern Indiana group led by singer-songwriter Malachi Parks, known for blending original music with influences from gospel, country, and rock. He's joined by guitarist Dakota Winters, bassist and pianist Mark Oliver, and guitarist Glen Burden—each bringing years of experience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

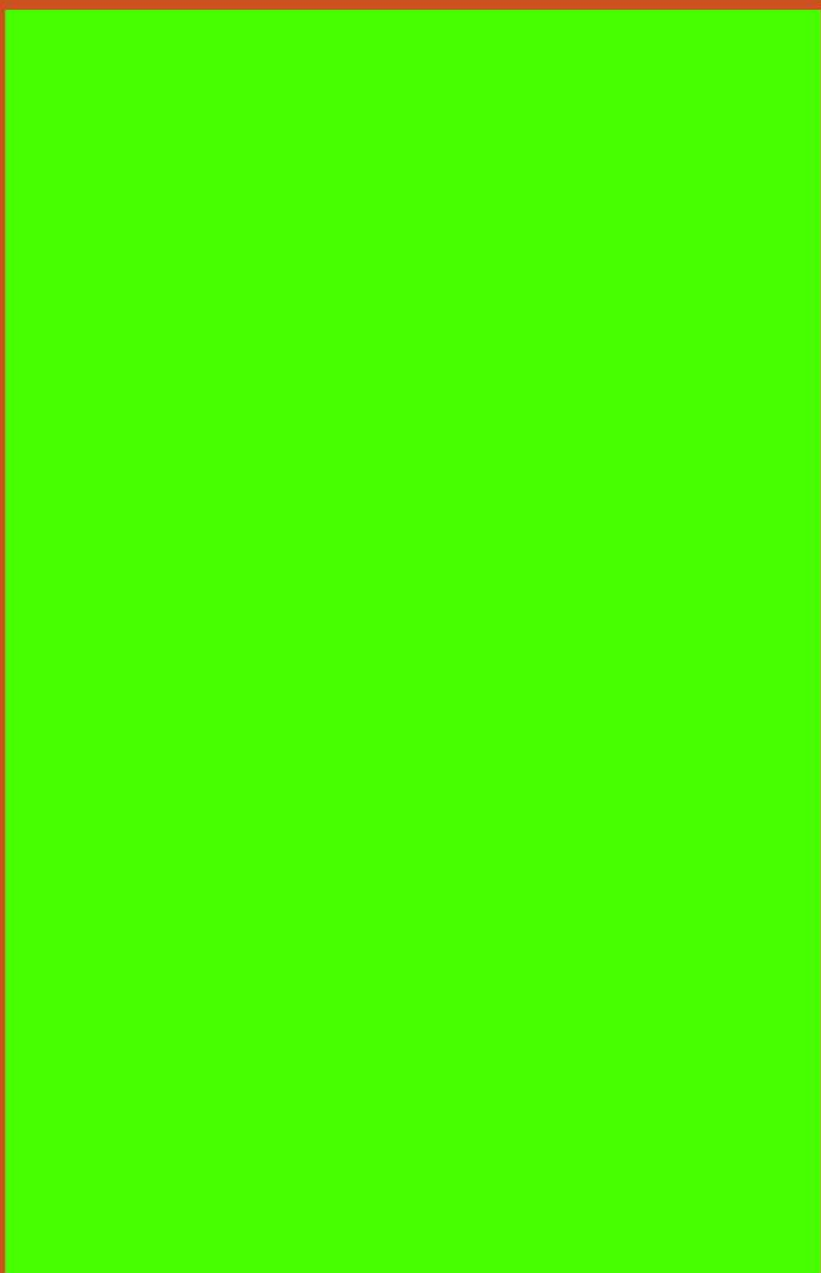
## Wednesday 23rd 7:30pm



### 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.





## Thursday 24th 6pm



### Backwoods Bluegrass

Join us for a special evening with Backwoods Bluegrass Gospel, bringing their signature blend of traditional bluegrass sound and uplifting gospel music to the stage! With heartfelt lyrics, rich harmonies, and energetic instrumentals, this talented group delivers a performance that audiences of all ages can enjoy. From classic gospel favorites to toe-tapping bluegrass tunes, their music is filled with faith, encouragement, and down-home charm. Gather your family and friends and come enjoy a night of great music, fellowship, and unforgettable entertainment with Backwoods Bluegrass Gospel!

## Thursday 24th 7:30pm



### Rockland Road

Rockland Road is a nationally recognized family band from Nashville made up of six members of the Martin family, carrying on a rich musical heritage that spans four generations. Their sound blends country, gospel, bluegrass, Americana, and classic influences into a style that is both timeless and uniquely their own. Known for their incredible family harmonies, talented musicianship, and heartfelt performances, Rockland Road has captivated audiences across the country with music that reflects faith, family, and authentic storytelling. Their live shows combine energy, warmth, and outstanding vocal talent, creating an unforgettable experience for music lovers of all ages.

## Friday 25th 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 25th 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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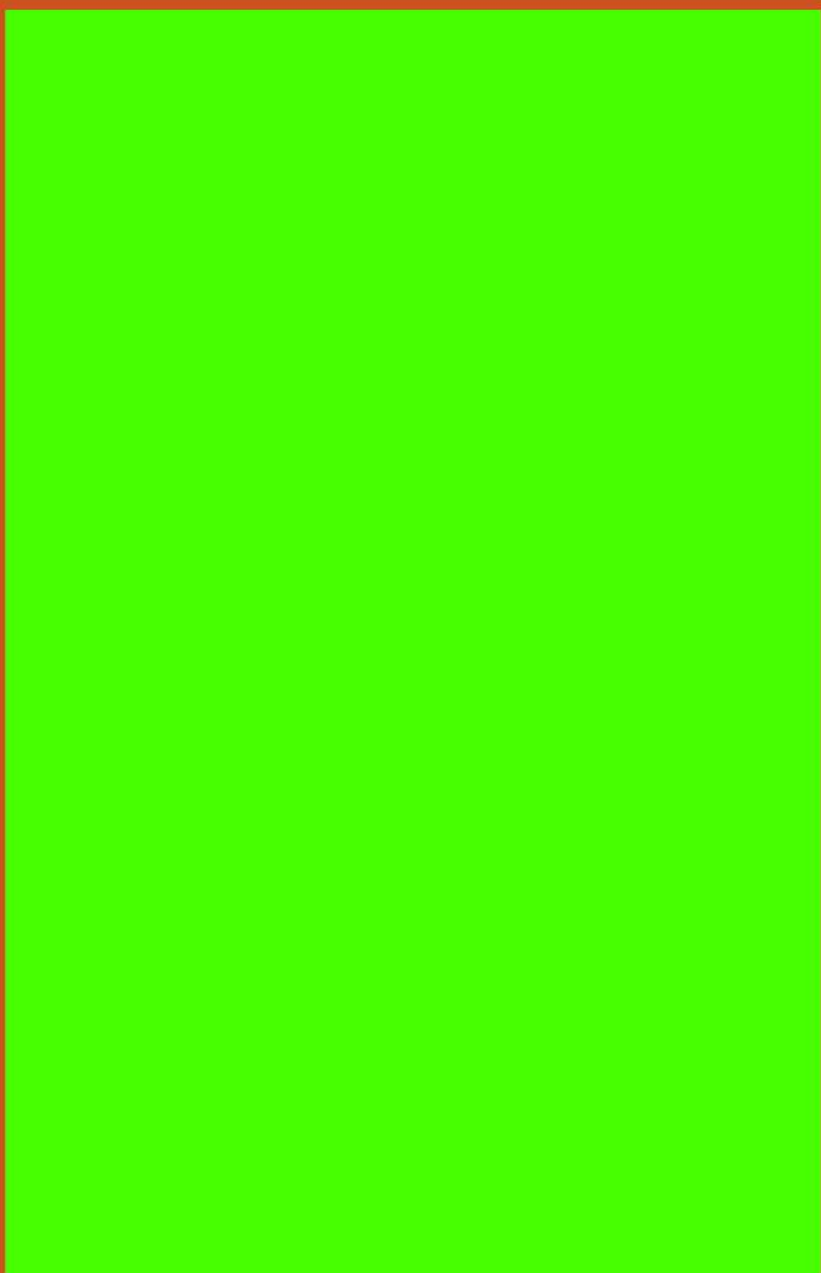
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## Saturday 26th 4:30pm



### **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 26th 6pm



### **45 Drive Band**

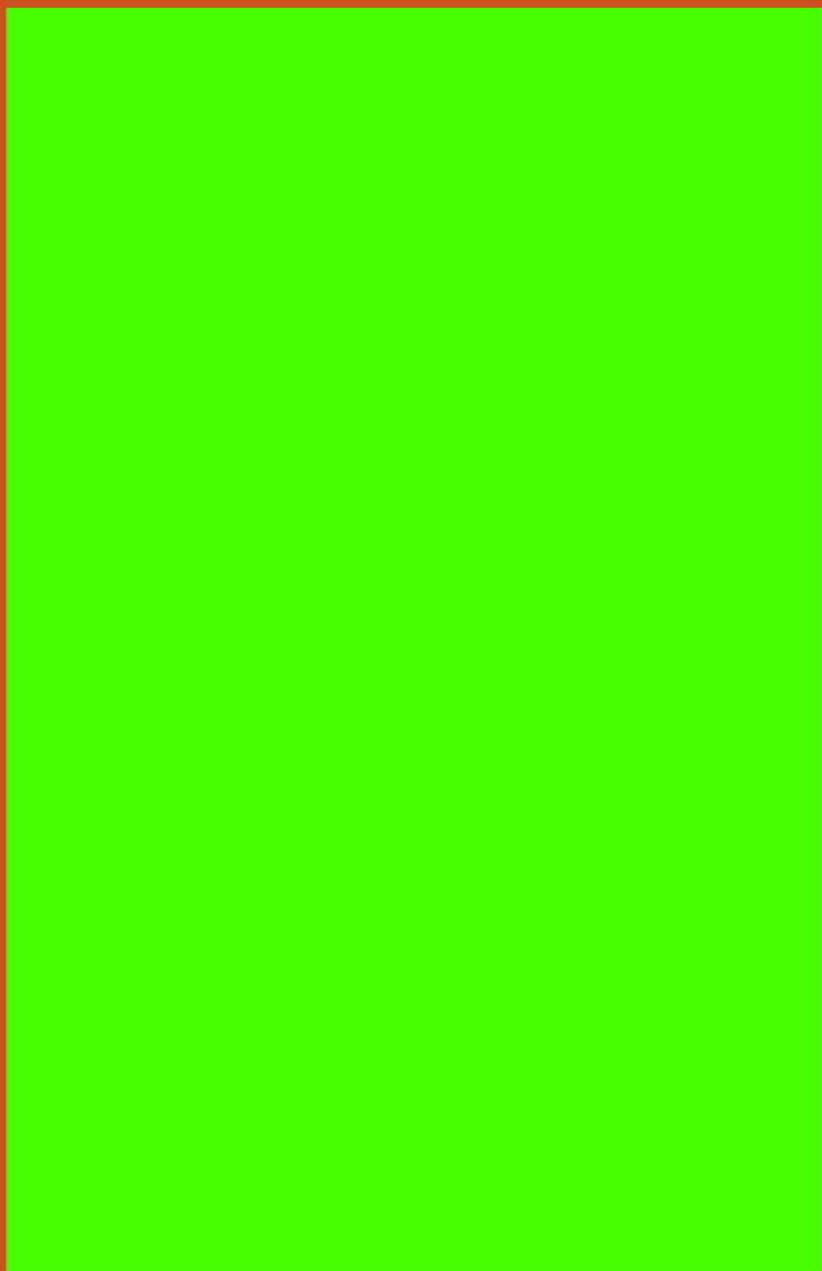
45 Drive Band brings an exciting mix of energy, musicianship, and crowd-favorite music to every performance. Known for their strong vocals, talented instrumentalists, and engaging stage presence, the band delivers a show that keeps audiences entertained from start to finish. Blending classic favorites with high-energy hits and rich harmonies, 45 Drive Band creates a fun, lively atmosphere that music fans of all ages can enjoy. Their passion for performing and connection with the crowd make every show a memorable experience filled with great music, good times, and nonstop entertainment.

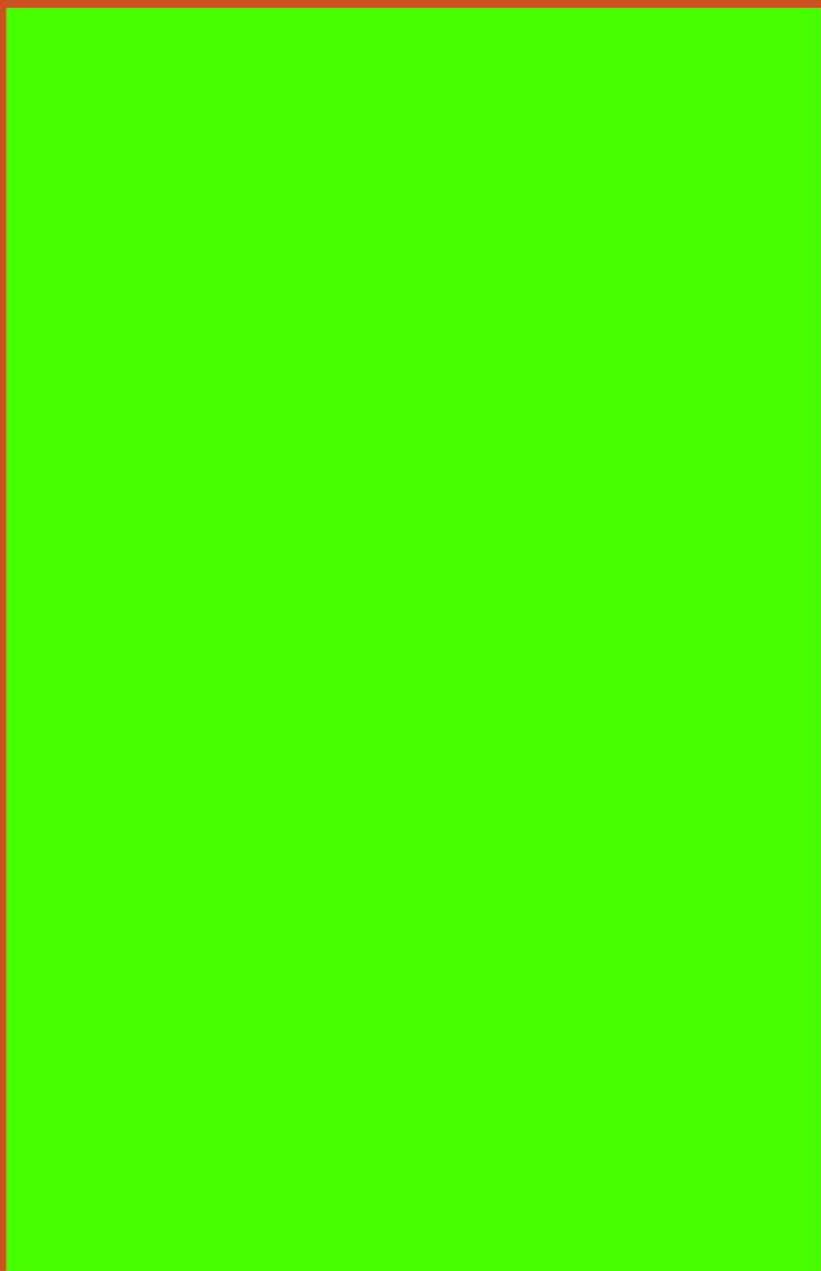
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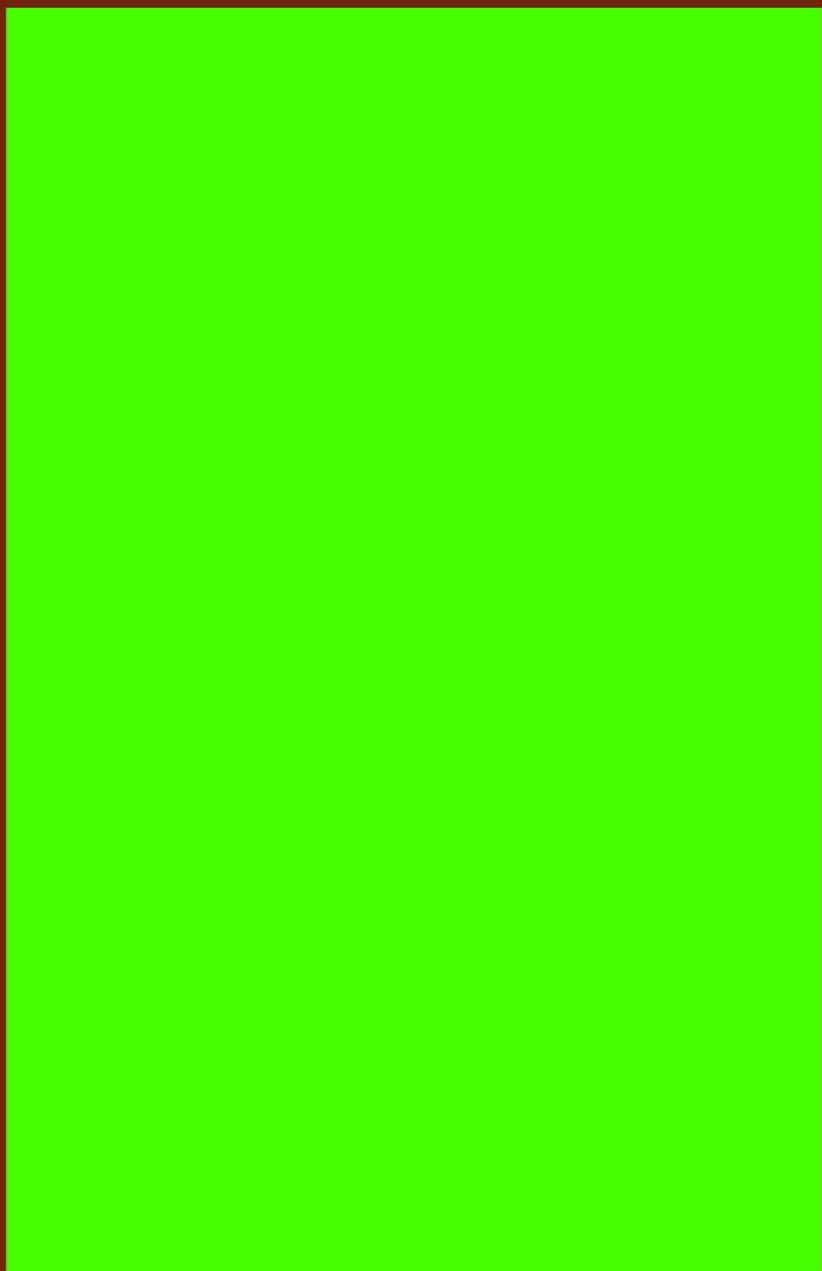


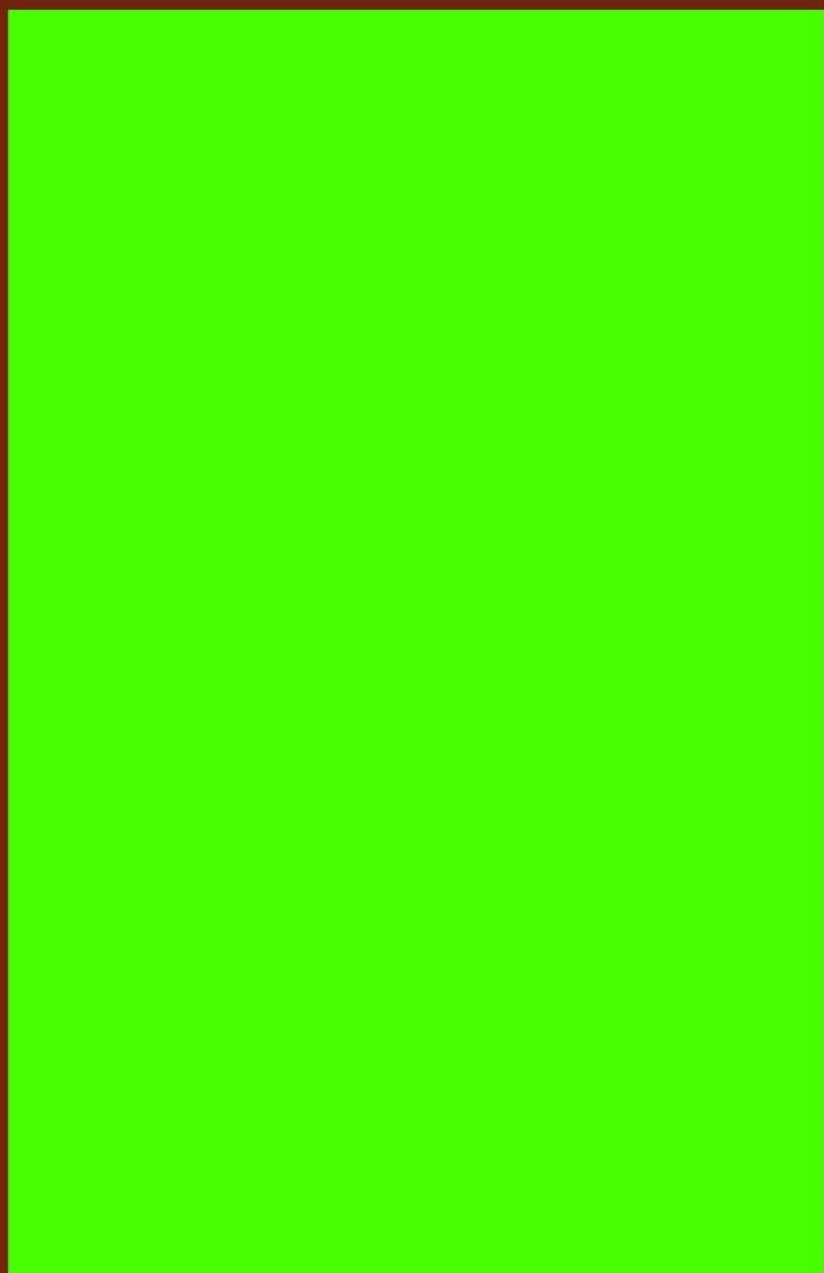
### **The Dynamics**

The Dynamics delivers a high-energy live music experience built around strong vocals, tight musicianship, and a versatile setlist that keeps crowds engaged from start to finish. Blending soul, R&B, and rock influences, they bring a sound that connects with audiences of all kinds and creates an atmosphere that feels both powerful and entertaining. Each performance is crafted to keep the energy flowing, the crowd involved, and the music resonating long after the final song.









# Persimmon Festival Queen

Passing Of The Crown



*Addy Fields*

September 21st, 2026 at 7 pm  
Main Street Stage



**Emily  
Brewer**

**Avah  
Cooper**

**Addy  
Fields**

**Marissa  
Blais**

**2025 Persimmon Festival Queen And Court**

Judging/Crowning Sunday September 20th MHS Auditorium 3pm

# Young Hearts, Big Dreams

2025  
Junior Miss

**Front Row**

Queen Laney Wilder

**Back Row**

Rhylee Blackwell

Violet Stanley

Kennlyn Baker

Abigail Gratzler

Not pictured: Hazel Arnold



**Who's  
Next?**

## 2025 Little Miss

**Front Row**

Queen Pailynn Bicketts

**Back Row**

Charlotte Isom

Marlee Cooper

Ella Burnette

Jincy Doub

Brylee Thompkins

Spencer Driver

Jersey Gullrie

(Not pictured: Kylee Roberts)



## 2025 Mini Miss

**Front Row**

Queen Austin Cook

**Back Row**

Briley Hattabaugh

Elsie Mullis

Jane Isbell

Lillian Arnold

Kaislee Wigley

Olivia Arnold

Valerie Applegate

Winley Lane



**MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 21 | 7:00PM**

**MAIN STREET STAGE**

Judging Sunday, September 20th MHS Auditorium 3 PM

Crowning Monday, September 21st at 7 PM on the Main Stage

# You're Next!

## *Persimmon Pageant Process*

### Queen Registration

Application Pick Up

Lawrence County Tourism Office  
533 W. Main Street Mitchell, IN

Available July 28 - August 7

Entry Fee — \$50



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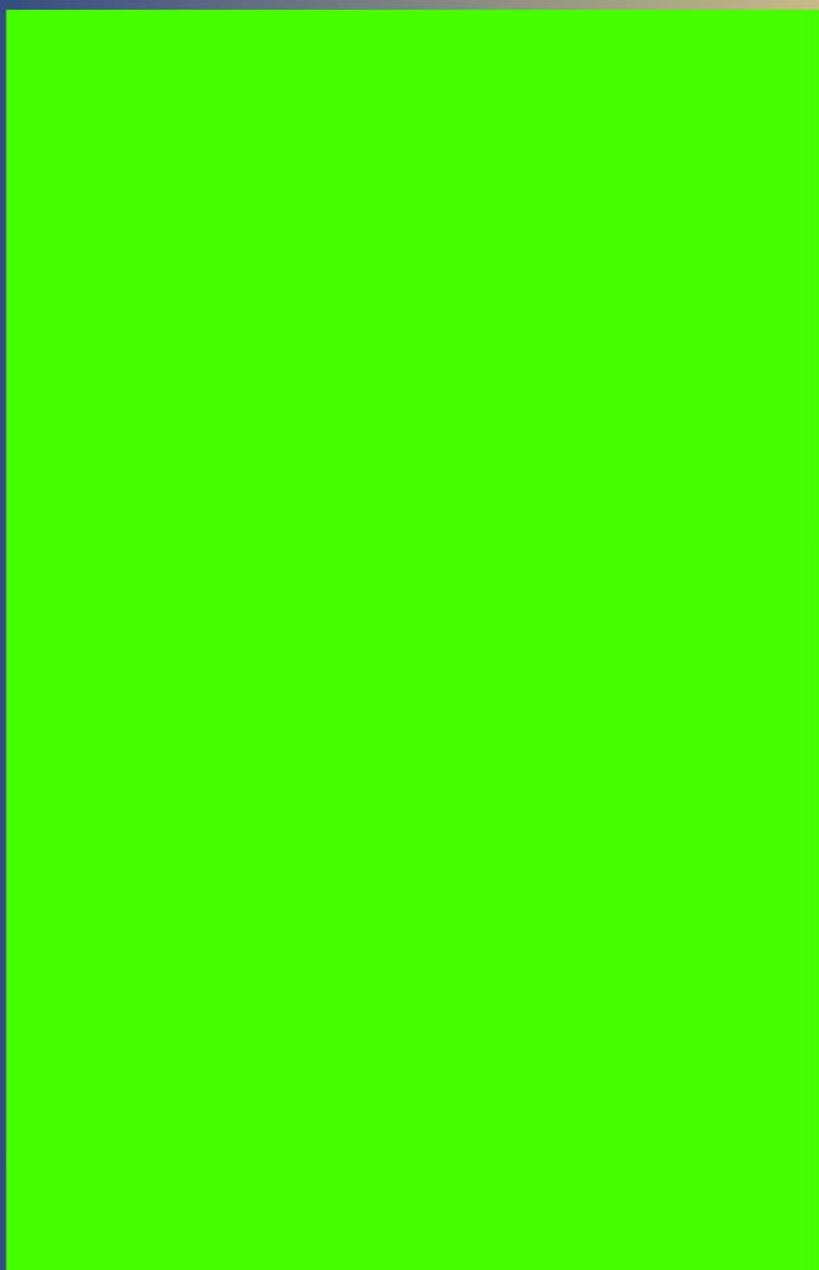
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There are a number of reasons for this increase. One of the main reasons is the increasing demand for health care services. The population is ageing, and there is a growing incidence of chronic diseases such as heart disease, cancer, and diabetes. This has led to a corresponding increase in the number of people who are employed in the public sector, particularly in the health care industry.

Another reason for the increase is the expansion of the public sector. The government has invested heavily in the public sector, particularly in the health care industry. This has led to the creation of new jobs and the expansion of existing ones. For example, the number of people employed in the health care industry has increased from 10.5 million in 1990 to 12.5 million in 2000.

There are also a number of other factors that have contributed to the increase in the number of people employed in the public sector. For example, the government has introduced a number of policies that have encouraged people to work in the public sector. These include the introduction of the public sector pay award, which has made public sector jobs more attractive, and the introduction of the public sector pension scheme, which has provided a more secure retirement for public sector employees.

Overall, the increase in the number of people employed in the public sector is a result of a combination of factors. The increasing demand for health care services, the expansion of the public sector, and the introduction of policies that have encouraged people to work in the public sector are all factors that have contributed to this increase.

There are a number of challenges that the public sector faces in the future. One of the main challenges is the increasing demand for health care services. The population is ageing, and there is a growing incidence of chronic diseases. This will lead to a corresponding increase in the number of people who are employed in the public sector, particularly in the health care industry.

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1956 - Jane Bruner  
1957 - Judy Kelly

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## 1960s

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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

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## 1980s

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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

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## 2000s

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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

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## 2020s

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2020 - No Festival  
2021 - Rylan Simpson  
2022 - Briley Dicks  
2023 - Jorja Lamm  
2024 - Elsi Arthur  
2025 - Addy Fields

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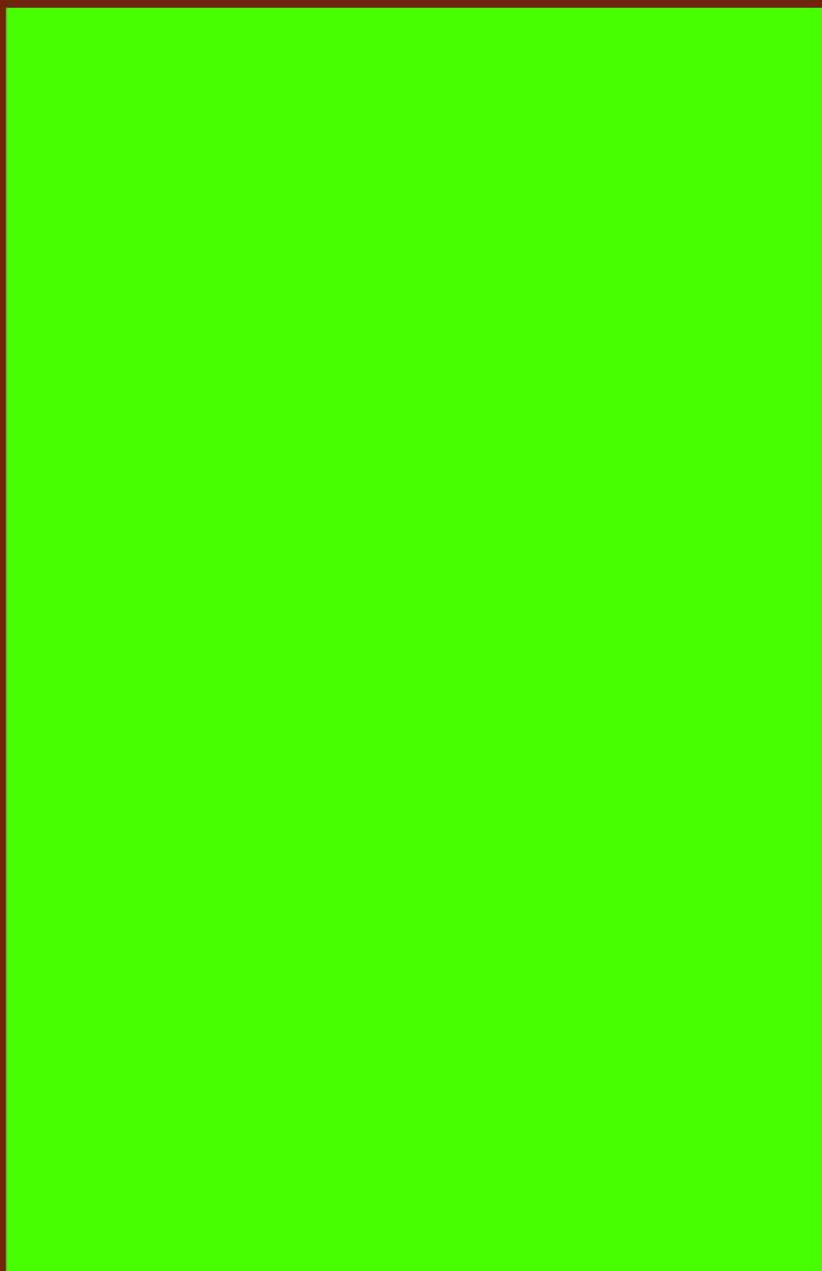
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*Persimmon*

*Pride*

**Rooted in Tradition,  
Grown through Generations**

# PERSIMMON

## *Pudding Contest*

**2<sup>nd</sup>  
Place**  
\$300



**3<sup>rd</sup>  
Place**  
\$200

# PERSIMMON

## *Novelty Contest*

**2<sup>nd</sup>  
Place**  
\$75



**3<sup>rd</sup>  
Place**  
\$50

### Persimmon Pudding & Novelty Dessert Contest Rules

#### Pudding Submission:

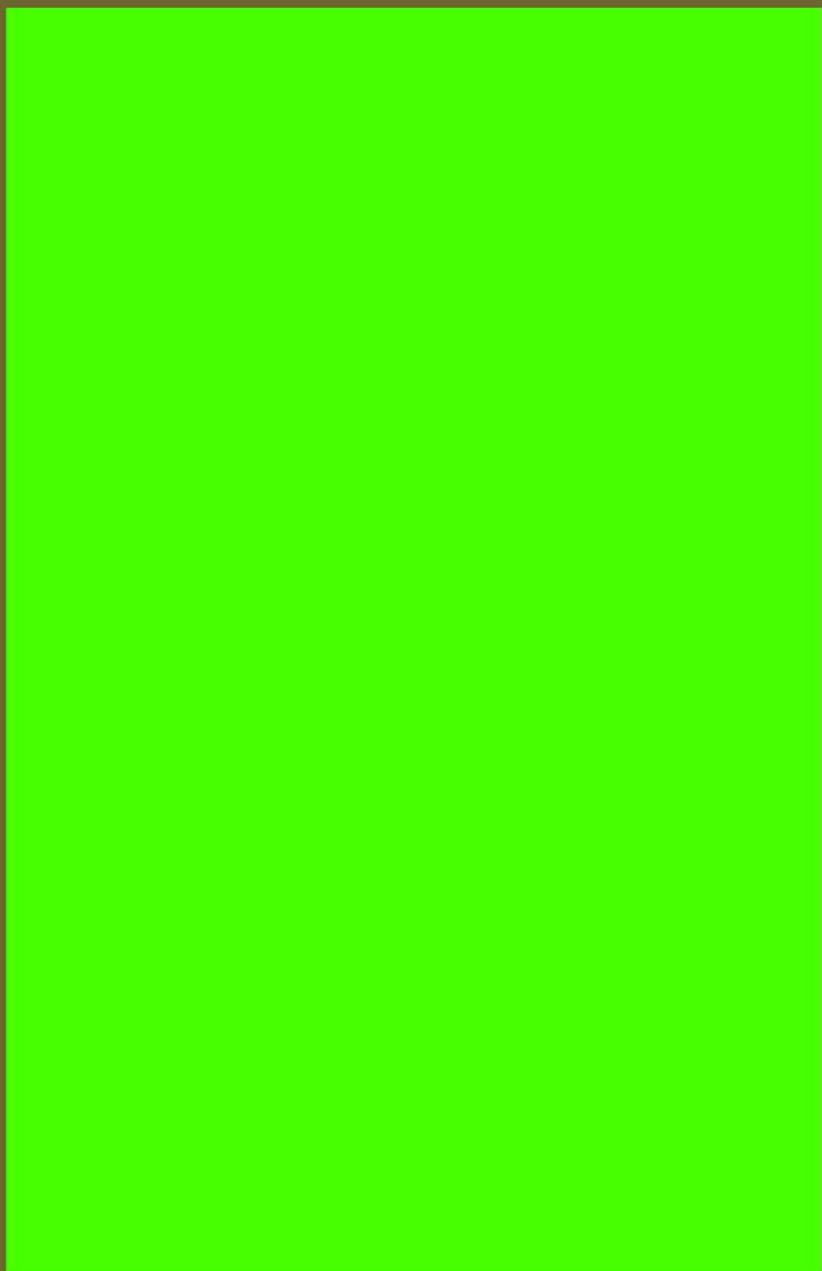
- Must be a 4x4 inch piece
- Must be on a plain 8 or 9 inch disposable plate
- Cover with wax paper or plastic wrap
- No toppings allowed
- Keep your recipe handy—it will be needed later
- Recipes must be on recipe cards (no sheets of paper)

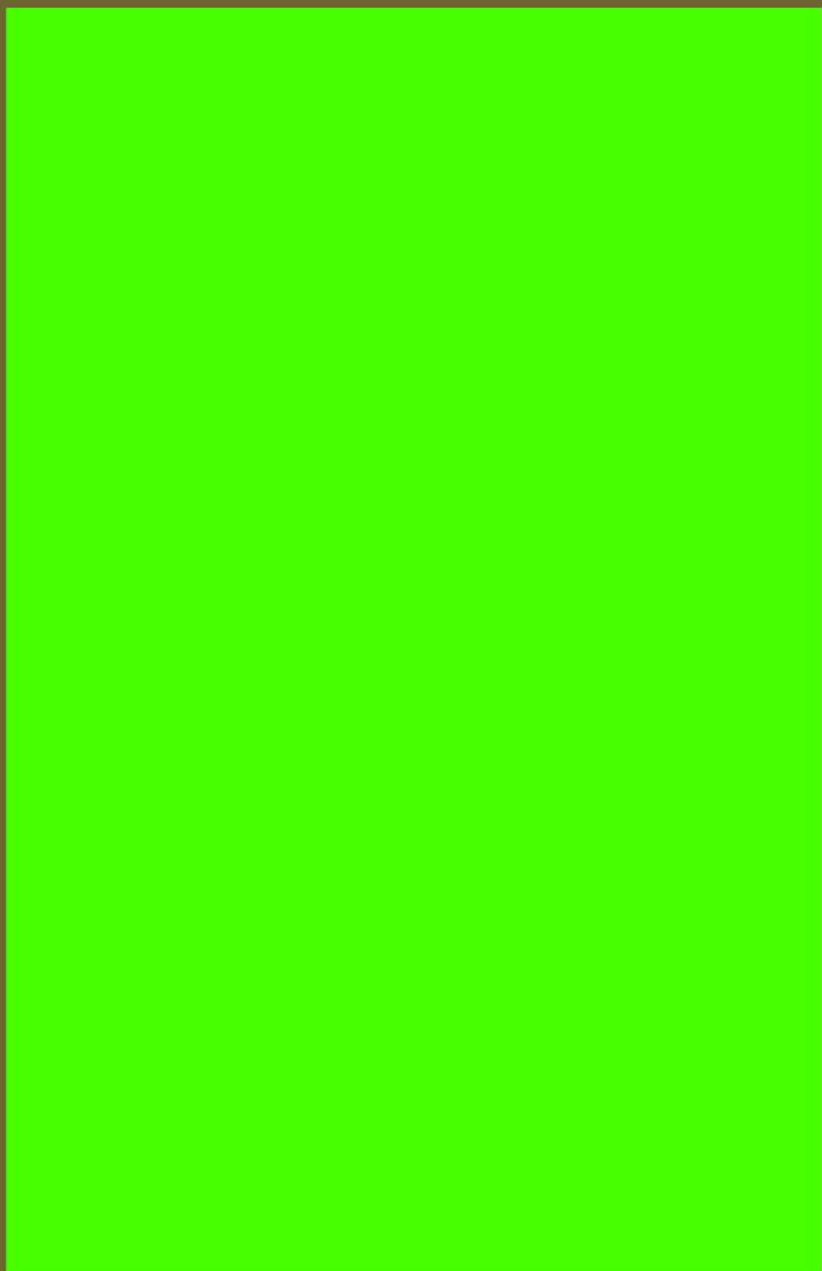
#### Novelty Dessert Submission:

- 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 26th, 8 am - 11 am**  
**Mitchell First Church of God 405 12th St.**





# 2025 Persimmon Pros

## Persimmon Pudding



### INGREDIENTS

2 CUPS PERSIMMON PULP  
2 CUPS SUGAR  
3 EGGS  
1 1/2 CUPS BUTTERMILK  
1 TSP. BAKING SODA  
1 1/2 CUPS FLOUR  
1 TSP. BAKING POWDER  
1/2 TSP. CINNAMON  
1 TSP. VANILLA  
1/4 CUP BUTTER  
1/4 CUP WHIPPING CREAM  
1/4 TSP. SALT

### DIRECTIONS

1. Combine pulp, eggs, & sugar in a bowl.
2. In a separate bowl, combine buttermilk & soda, mix until it foaming ceases.
3. Add buttermilk & soda mixture to pulp mixture.
4. Preheat oven to 325 and put pan in oven with butter in it to melt.
5. Stir dry ingredients together & add to plup mixture.
6. Add in vanilla, melted butter, and cream.
7. Bake until center stops jiggling.

## Persimmon Bars with Marshmallow Cream

### INGREDIENTS

1 13OZ MARSHMALLOW CREME  
3 CUPS PULP  
1 1/2 KRAFT CARAMEL BITS  
1 BOX SUPER MOIST SPICE CAKE MIX

### DIRECTIONS

1. In a large bowl, mix pulp, caramel bits, and the box of spice cake mix.
2. Pour into a greased 9 × 13-inch baking pan.
3. Bake for 20–22 minutes.
4. When done, let cool for 5 minutes.
5. Spread the 13 oz marshmallow creme over the top.
6. Broil until the marshmallow topping is lightly browned.
7. Remove and cool before cutting into bars.

## Persimmon Novelty



# 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 | 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

## 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

2025 | Suzanne Patton  
2024 | Susan Tumey  
2023 | Lee Purlee  
2022 | Susan Marlman  
2021 | Jane Root  
2020 | No Festival





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There are several reasons for this increase. One of the main reasons is the increase in the number of people who are unemployed. The number of unemployed people has increased from 1.2 million in 1990 to 2.0 million in 2000. Another reason is the increase in the number of people who are disabled. The number of disabled people has increased from 0.3 million in 1990 to 0.5 million in 2000.

The increase in the number of people in need of social security has led to a number of policy changes. One of the main changes is the introduction of the *Wet op de Arbeidsmarkttoelagen* (Wet-AMT) in 1997. This law introduced a number of new benefits for unemployed people, such as the *Wet op de Arbeidsmarkttoelagen* (Wet-AMT) and the *Wet op de Arbeidsmarkttoelagen* (Wet-AMT).

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# PERSIMMON FESTIVAL PARADE



**Saturday, September 26, 2026**

**2:00 PM**

### Registration

**OPTION 1. Scan and complete both QR codes**

**OPTION 2. Visit [persimmonfestival.org](https://persimmonfestival.org)**

**OPTION 3. Visit Mitchell Chamber of Commerce  
533 W Main, Mitchell, IN 47446**

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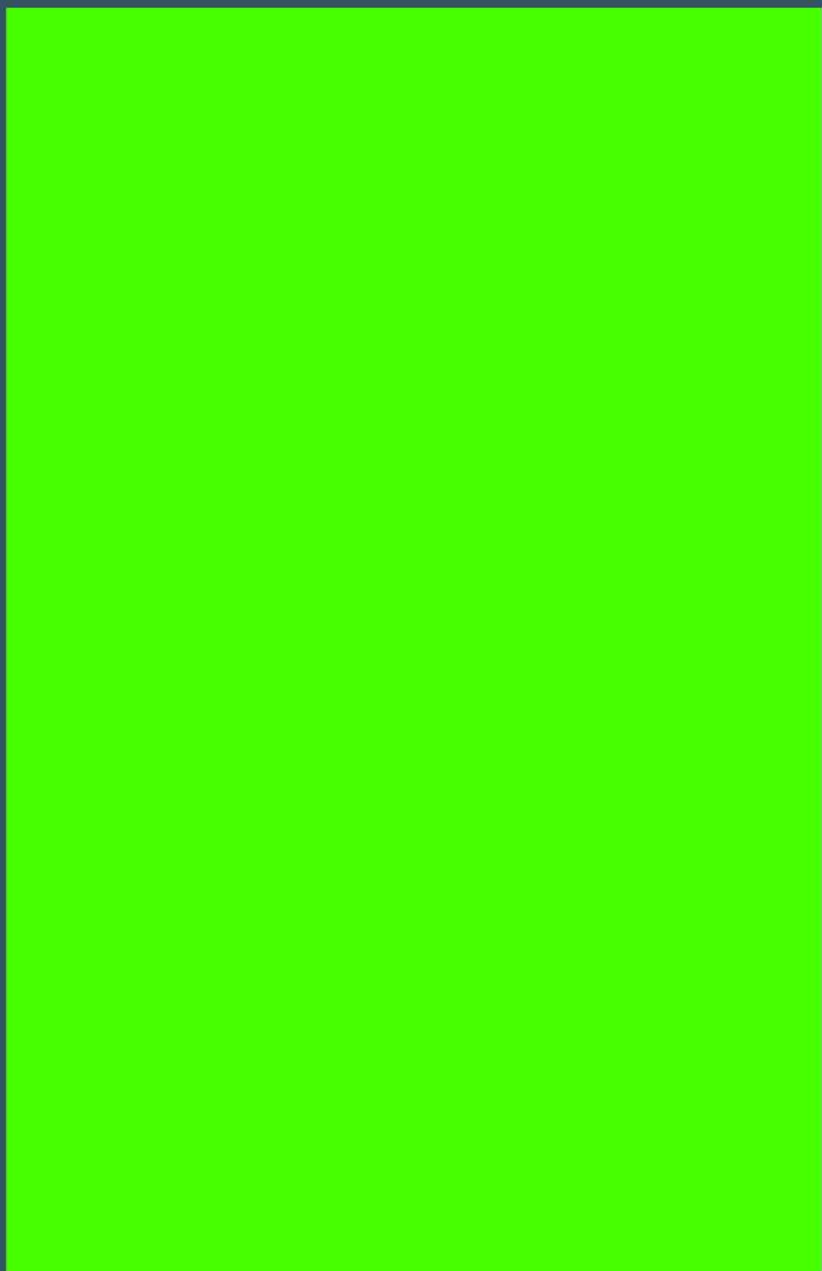
# GRAND MARSHALS



Albert and Tonya Chastain have been named Co-Grand Marshals of the 2026 Persimmon Festival Parade in recognition of their decades of dedication and service to the festival and the Mitchell community. Albert became involved with the festival as commercial tent chairman and later served four years as co-chairman before being appointed general chairman in 1971 and again in 1976. He also helped organize numerous festival parades and fondly recalls the volunteers who made them possible, saying, “It has been a privilege to be a volunteer in a community festival that is celebrating its 79th anniversary.”

Tonya’s involvement with the Persimmon Festival began at an early age through her family’s long-standing work with the Phi Beta Psi Persimmon Festival Food Stand. A past food stand chair and former Phi Beta Psi president, she co-chaired the festival in 1999 and 2000, served as festival chairperson in 2001, and helped lead the 75th Persimmon Festival in 2022. Her community service also includes work with the Greater Mitchell Chamber of Commerce and serving as director of Lawrence County Tourism.

Together, Albert and Tonya represent a legacy of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit that has helped shape the Persimmon Festival for generations.



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