King & Queen Candidates of the 120th Annual Versailles Pumpkin Show

Contest Starts at 7pm on Wednesday, September 27 on the Stage.



Jac-Cen-Del High School

Maria Meyer

Daughter of Laura & Vic Meyer

Hometown: Osgood

Activities:

Volleyball, Softball, Sunshine Society, Student Council

Future Plans:

To attend IU or Ball State for business and afterward go to law school.



Clark Dwenger Son of Melvin & Chelsa

Dwenger Hometown: Osgood Activities:

Basketball, showing livestock, spending time with family **Future Plans:** To attend Purdue University to study construction.



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South Ripley High School

Reese Obendorf

Daughter of



Wade Patton Son of BJ Patton



John & Julie Ann Obendorf

Activities:

Special Olympics, Four years varsity basketball, has rodeoed across the country, National Honors Society

Future Plans:

To attend Murray State and join the rodeo team

Activities:

Drama Club - three years, Welding at Southeastern Career Center

Future Plans:

To become a sniper in the Marine Corps



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East Central High School

Jorjia Ferguson

Daughter of Thereasa & Brent Ferguson

Hometown: St. Leon Activities:

Track & Field Team, NHS member, IHSAA SAC member, senior scholarship

Future Plans:

To attend college to get a bachelor's degree in Biology and run Track and Field



Stone Wilhelm

Son of Shawn & Andy Wilhelm

Hometown: West Harrison Activities:

East Central Golf Team, National Honor Society, Trojan Young Life, ECHS For The Kids, Volunteer at Sunman Food Pantry, Student Pilot **Future Plans:**

To attend a four year university to pursue a degree in Aviation/Professional Flight. Wants to be a pilot and travel the world





Lawrenceburg High School

Kaley Barnes Daughter of



Teagan Bennett Son of Marcy & Nathan Bennett



Kelly Barnes

Hometown: Lawrenceburg Activities:

Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Hope Squad Leader, Student Council VP, Flying Pig Volunteer, Girls on the Run, Varsity & Competitive Cheheerleader, hospital volunteer

Future Plans:

To attend the University of Central Florida to earn nursing degree and eventually become a midwife

Activities:

Football, Track & Field, Volunteer Work

Future Plans:

To attend college and continue football career. Undecided on a major at this point. It's an honor to represent Lawrenceburg High School at the Versailles Pumpkin Show. It's a special event that brings our community together.

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Milan High School

Kyleigh Bledsoe

Daughter of Tasha & Tony Bledsoe **Hometown:** Milan

Activities:

Soccer four-years, Cheer (Football & Basketball fouryears), JAG, and Track twoyears

Future Plans:

To become a certified CNA in Jan., then continue working while attending Good Samaritan College of Nursing. Plan to major in nursing and get bachelors and work at Good Samaritan Hospital as NICU Neonatal Nurse



Ethan Pierce

Son of Bob and Cindy Pierce

Hometown: Milan Activities:

Football, Basketball, Track, Gaming, Weight Lifting, and helps coach Peewee Football **Future Plans:**

To attend college and attempt to play football. Will major in business marketing and would love to become a professional athlete





Kenlee Martin



Carson Phillips



Daughter of Rodney & Kendra Martin

Hometown: Millhousen Activities:

Volleyball, Tennis, STUCO, NHS, Academy Ambassador, Academy Singer **Future Plans:**

To major in Social Work/ Minor in Gender Studies at Notre Dame, Valparaiso University, or Depauw University Son of Todd & Raegan Phillips

Hometown: Brookville Activities: Basketball, Baseball, Tennis,

STUCO, NHS Future Plans:

To major in Business at Purdue University or Miami University

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South Dearborn High School

Lucy Beshears

Daughter of Adam & Lauren Beshears Hometown: Aurora Activities:

Rep. of Student Government, Treasurer of senior class, Best Buddies, organizes/helps w/ senior activites, Attends Ivy Tech taking college credit classes, works two part-time jobs, lifeguarding and Kroger. **Future Plans:**

To attend Indiana University majoring in Accounting, Minor in Business



Dylon Wynn

Son of Edith Nichols & Mike Wynn Hometown: Aurora Activities:

Rep. of Student Government, National Honors Society, Best Buddies, Captain of Baseball & Football teams, attends Ivy Tech taking dual-credit classes, works at McDonalds, volunteers at school concessions for sports

Future Plans:

To become an RN through Ivy Tech, then Mount Saint Joseph for Bachelors in Nursing





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Switzerland County High School

Molly Anne Wrightsman



Ben Bovard-Roberts Son of Raschel Bovard-Springer & Jason Roberts



Daughter of Travis & Gayle Wrightsman **Activities:**

Volleyball Captain, Basketball, Business Professionals of America, Pep Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honoe Society, Future Farmers of American, Swtiz Co. Connectors, Mentoring Program, Prom Committee

Future Plans:

To attend a four-year University to major in Journalism

Activities:

Varsity Golfer, Business Professionals of America, Pep Club, Switz. Co. Connectors Mentoring Program

Future Plans:

To attend a four-year college to pursue a career in Civil Engineering



Southeastern Career Center

Audrey Brewington

Daughter of Melissa & Frank Minges

Hometown: Guilford Activities:

Student Council, National Honor Society, Member of FCCLA, Student Ambassador, Advisory Group, Coaching kids soccer, attends SCC Cosmetology 2 from East Central High School

Future Plans:

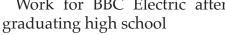
To attend Mount St. Joseph for Nursing Program

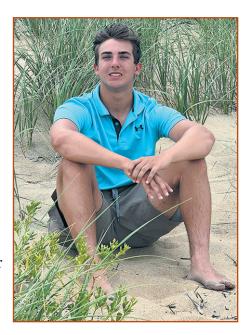


Tyler Bruner Son of Heather and Greg Bruner

Hometown: Bright Activities:

Student Council, Track, FCA, National Honor Society, likes to fish, attends SCC for Electrical 2 Program from East Central High School **Future Plans:** Work for BBC Electric after





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Rising Sun High School

Cloe Mae Ballard Daughter of Aimee Ballard



Nate Elliott



Hometown: Rising Sun Activities:

Volleyball, Cheer, Dance, Spanish Club, Prom Committee, National Honor Society, Assistant Cheer Coach, Project Get Together, SADD Club, and Pep Club

Future Plans:

To attend the University of Southern Indiana for the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program to become a traveling ultrasound technician Hometown: Rising Sun Activities: Golf, Basketball, Soccer, National Honor Society Future Plans:

Plans are to go to Butler and major in BioChemistry and apply to medical school in hopes of becoming an Orthopedic Surgeon

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Batesville High School

Josie Meyer

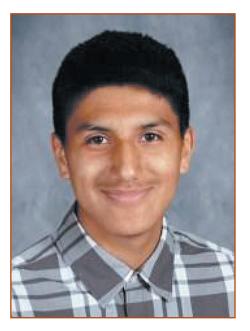
Daughter of Doug & Cortney Meyer

Hometown: Batesville Activities: Golf, National Honor Society Future Plans: Study Civil/Environmental Engineering



Luis Camarena Son of Luis Camarena and Maria Lewis

Hometown: Batesville Activities: Soccer Future Plans: Study Mechanical Engineering







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wishes all the King & Queen candidates good luck in the 2023 King & Queen Contest. Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Past Pumpkin Show Queens & Kings

The queen contest was first held in 1950 and was sponsored by Gannon's Jewelry Store.

The contest has become a most important feature of the annual fall show, and is sponsored by the Versailles Lions Club. The first girl to be crowned queen of the Pumpkin Show was Charlene Ward of Osgood.

In 1951 Mary Simmermeyer of Batesville was selected by the judges and Viola Schmaltz of Versailles in 1952; Joan Meyer of Napoleon in 1953; Libby Ann Kohlmeier of Milan in 1954; Margaret Ann Flick of Holton in 1955; Sharon Kay Witkemper of Napoleon in 1956; Joan Stute of Milan in 1957; Sarah Hook of Osgood in 1958; Judith Elliott of Batesville High School in 1959; Pattie Cook of Milan in 1960; Ann Eaton of Versailles in 1961; Janet White of Jac-Cen-Del in 1962; Anita Thole of Jac-Cen-Del in 1963; Linda Mergenthal of Sunman in 1964; Brenda Back of Cross Plains in 1965: Gege Lattire of Sunman in 1966; Kim Clarkson of South Riplev in 1967; Reggie Tyree of Milan in 1968; Glenna Isaacs of South Ripley in 1969; Nancy Ryle of Milan in 1970; Kathie Maple of Batesville in 1971; Sandra Gutzwiller of Sunman in 1972; Karen Comer of Jac-Cen-Del in 1973; and Debbie Nedderman of Sunman in 1974; Kim Prarat of South Ripley in 1975; Diana Mohr of Waldron in 1976; Nancy Ridenour of Milan in 1977; Donna Speer of South Ripley in 1978; Lisa Rullman of South Dearborn in 1979; Gretchen Daily of South Ripley in 1980; Cathi Bear of Switzerland County in 1981; Amy Koons of Rising Sun, representing the Vocational School in 1982; Yvonne

Newhart of Jac-Cen-Del in 1983; Rosemary Billman of Jac-Cen-Del in 1984; Kathy Metz of Greensburg High School in 1985; Lisa Green of the Southeastern Career Center in 1986; Jill Bloom of the Southeastern Career Center in 1987; Missy Smith of the Southeastern Career Center in 1988: Tina Chase of Switzerland County in 1989; Michelle Moll of Switzerland County High School in 1990; and Danielle Curtis representing the Southeastern Career Center in 1991; Kristi French of South Dearborn High School in 1992; Jolynda Gray of South Ripley High School in 1993; Spring Thomas of South Ripley High School in 1994; Krisha Wetzler of Jac-Cen-Del High School in 1995; Katie Riley of Switzerland County High School in 1996; Chrissy Copeland of South Ripley High School in 1997; Nicole Ahlrich of Jac-Cen-Del in 1998; Natasha Duke of Switzerland County High School in 1999; and Shannon Bowling of South Dearborn High School in 2000; April Asherman of South Ripley High School in 2001; Gina Decker of East Central High School in 2002; Kristi Adams of South Ripley High School in 2003; Brianne Martin of Switzerland County High School in 2004; Bridgette Adams of South Ripley High School in 2005; Kaitlin Hughes of Jac-Cen-Del High School in 2006; Sally Adams of South Ripley High School in 2007; Jordan Vinup of Southeastern Career Center in 2008; Sara Niles of North Decatur High School in 2009; Emily Barrett of South Dearborn High School in 2010; Jessica Foster of South Ripley High School in 2011; Stacie Koger of Southeastern Career Center in 2012; Tara West of South Dearborn High School in 2013; Erin Gloyd of South Ripley High School in 2014; Kylie Middleton of East Central High School in 2015; Haleigh Reed of Oldenburg Academy in 2016; Tori Thomas of South Dearborn High School in 2017; and Mariah Day of Jac-Cen-Del High School in 2018.

Past Pumpkin Show kings are as follows: Daryle Rohrig of Milan High School in 1993; Eric Sheets of South Ripley High School in 1994; Mike Stewart of South Dearborn High School in 1995; Aaron Ertel of Batesville High School in 1996; Nathan Jones of Switzerland County High School in 1997; Danny Hamilton of South Ripley High School in 1998; Brett Ramer of Greensburg High School in 1999; Josh South of Switzerland County High School in 2000; Cody Buchanan of South Ripley High School in 2001: Eric Volz of Batesville High School in 2002; Chris Bultman of Jac-Cen-Del High School in 2003; Jesse Beckley of South Dearborn High School in 2004; Justin Dahline of South Dearborn High School in 2005; Tucker Brown of Jac-Cen-Del in 2006; Erik Demaree of South Ripley High School in 2007; Thomas Welch of South Ripley High School in 2008; Jacob Waldron of South Ripley High School in 2009; Andrew De-Cilles of Oldenburg Academy in 2010; Thom Hoekzema of East Central High School in 2011; Luke Hountz of Cave Hill Christian Academy in 2012; Kerry Raab of South Dearborn High School in 2013; Tyler Wright of Cave Hill Christian Academy in 2014; Gabriel Clark of Southeastern Career Center in 2015; Josh Walston of Southeastern Career Center in 2016; Keegan Green of East Central High School in 2017; and Jared Tiemann of East Central High School in 2018.Sam Evans of South Ripley High School and Jessica Starkey of Milan High School

were 2019 royalty. There was Colton Roth, Lawrenceburg no Pumpkin Show in 2020 due to the Pandemic. Lanie Nicholson and Ben Miller. both of South Ripley High School were 2021 royalty.

and Avery Hammerle, Oldenburg, were King and Queen for 2022.

2022 Pumpkin Show Royalty



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Pictured above: King Colton Roth, Lawrenceburg High and Queen Avery Hammerle, Oldenburg, held their \$1,000 checks from Ivy Tech after being crowned.





Who will be the 2023 Versailles **Pumpkin Show King and Queen?**







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