

2023

**Elkhart County 4-H and Agricultural Exposition, Inc.
ELKHART COUNTY 4-H FAIR SENIOR QUEEN PAGEANT**

For those who have reached the Age of Elegance

Director - Sharon Edwards 574-596-0910

Senior Queen Committee - Marcia Krebs 2011 Senior Queen

ENTRY FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO THE ELKHART COUNTY 4-H FAIR OFFICE, 17746-D C.R. 34, GOSHEN, IN 46528 ON OR BEFORE **May 31, 2023.**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____
(STREET) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)

PHONE/CELL _____ E-MAIL _____

AGE _____ MARITAL STATUS _____ SPOUSE NAME _____

NUMBER OF CHILDREN _____ NUMBER OF GRANDCHILDREN _____

SPONSOR _____

CONTACT NAME _____ PHONE/CELL _____

SPONSOR'S ADDRESS _____
(STREET) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)

CANDIDATES HOBBIES/INTERESTS: _____

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: _____

CAREER PRIOR TO RETIREMENT: _____

MEMBERSHIP IN CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS: _____

***NOTE:** You may add additional pages to your application, which includes copies of newspaper clippings, copies of articles, photographs, or other volunteer information. Please limit this to no more than 2 pages.

****REQUIRED:** Please include a personal biography paragraph, written or typed on a separate sheet, as well as a recent photo (2x3). This biography and photo will be used for media purposes. Example of a personal biography can be found below.

I have read the rules and regulations of the Elkhart County 4-H Fair Senior Queen Pageant. My signature certifies that I meet the eligibility rules and have an understanding of the regulations. I agree to abide by all contest rules and regulations to the best of my ability.

DATE _____ SIGNATURE _____

Senior Queen Candidate #1 - Example of Personal Biography

Senior Queen Candidate #1 Susie Smith - Biography

Susie Smith, of Middlebury, is sponsored by Middlebury Chamber of Commerce. She is married to John Smith. They have three children and six grandchildren. Susie stays busy with her many interests, which include crocheting, knitting, crafts, and music. She also enjoys exercise classes and traveling. Susie has been a member of Kiwanis and Volunteers with various church activities. Before retiring, Susie was an elementary school teacher, working with Kindergarten and second grade students. Susie is a member of the Retired Teachers Association and enjoys singing in her Church Choir. Susie loves spending time with her grandchildren and participating in their activities.

2023 Elkhart County 4-H Fair
44th Annual Senior Queen Pageant, for those who have reached the
Age of Elegance
Friday, July 21, 2023

IMPORTANT MEETING DATES FOR CANDIDATES

June 16, 2023 - Friday - Time 10:30a.m. - Place: Greencroft Community Center
“Get Acquainted” brunch and meeting for the Senior Queen Candidates and their Sponsor Representative. Once we receive the list of candidates, invitations will be mailed to each candidate and her sponsor.

June 19, 2023 - Monday Evening - Time: 6:00p.m. - Place: ECCC Bldg. Fairgrounds
Candidates Rehearsal for the Queens Gala.

June 20, 2023 - Tuesday Evening - Time: 6:30p.m. - Place: ECCC Bldg. Fairgrounds
“Queens Gala” This is a style show by the Senior Queen Candidates and the Fair Queen Candidates. **(Candidates please arrive at 5:30p.m. for group photos)**
All Sponsors, Family, Friends and Fair Board are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be provided.

July 17, 2023 - Monday - Time: 6:30p.m. - Place: Heritage Park Stage
Walk through on the Park Stage.

July 21, 2023 - Friday - Time: 3:00p.m. - Place: Heritage Park Stage
Pageant Preliminaries will begin at 4:00p.m. Please be at the Heritage Park Stage at 3:00p.m. Interviews will start promptly at 4:00p.m. After your interview, we ask that you stay in the Park Stage dressing rooms until the pageant begins at 7:00p.m. We will provide snacks and drinks. You may bring another outfit for the pageant if you like, but you do not need to.

July 21, 2023 - Friday - Time: 7:00p.m. - Heritage Park Stage
Senior Queen Pageant will begin at 7:00p.m. at the Heritage Park Stage. During the pageant each candidate will be asked a question about themselves, which the candidate will answer. The judges will compile their scores with the preliminary judging scores for the results of a 2nd Runner-up, 1st Runner-up and the New 2023 Senior Queen. The 2022 Senior Queen, Maureen Kercher, will crown the new 2023 Senior Queen.

July 23, 2023 - Sunday - Time: 12:00p.m.(noon) - Parade

July 25, 2023 - Tuesday - Time 9:00a.m. - Heritage Park Stage Our help is needed to pass out door prizes.

**** PLEASE GIVE THESE RULES TO YOUR SENIOR QUEEN CANDIDATE****

CANDIDATES RULES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND JUDGING CRITERIA

1. **All candidates must be a female and at least 60 years of age before July 21, 2023** opening day of the fair. Each candidate must have a sponsor. **(If you cannot find a sponsor and need assistance please call the Director, Sharon, at 574-596-0910.)** The candidate must complete the application and return to the Fair Office, 17745-E CR 34, Goshen, IN 46528 by **May 31, 2023.**
2. Candidates must be an Indiana resident, a U.S. Citizen, and represent Elkhart County. She may reside in an adjoining Indiana County if the majority of her activities are in Elkhart County.
3. Candidates should attend all meetings and activities listed on the schedule in the application packet.
4. Candidates should read the responsibilities for the **“Newly Crowned 2023 Senior Queen”** which are included in the application packet. If chosen queen, she will be expected to follow these guidelines and fulfill to the best of her ability.
5. If for some reason, the 2023 Elkhart County 4-H Fair Senior Queen cannot fulfill her Queen responsibilities, the 1st Runner-up will become the reigning Senior Queen. The line of succession will then continue if the 1st Runner-up is unable to fulfill the responsibilities.
6. Judging Criteria - Senior Queen Candidates will be judged on the basis of Community Involvement, Ability to Converse/Public Speaking, Poise and Personality in the following areas:
 1. Involvement and achievement in community, church, charity and/or service club activities or other types of volunteer work
 2. Personal Interview with Judges during Preliminary Judging
 3. The “On Stage” Pageant Question and Answer
 4. Written Application
 5. Appearance
7. The 2023 Elkhart County 4-H Fair Senior Queen and all participants are expected to be present and assist throughout the Fair, when requested by the Fair Board.
 1. The Queen and all candidates are requested to be present for the 2nd Senior Citizens Day held on Tuesday, July 25, at Heritage Park. You will be introduced and help pass out door prizes.
8. The 2023 Elkhart County 4-H Fair Senior Queen is requested to ride in the 2023 Fair Parade. A unit is provided for the Queen. All other candidates are requested to ride in the Parade too. There will be a unit provided for the Runner-ups and candidates.

All events, dates, times, and places are subject to change.

SENIOR QUEEN PAGEANT PRIZES

Senior Queen: Title - 2023 Elkhart County 4-H Fair Senior Queen
Ride in Horse Drawn Carriage - Fair Parade - Provided by the Fair Board -
Directors of the Draft Horse Barn (Terry Shewmaker and Barney Beer)
Professional Photograph - Senior Queen Pageant Budget
Arm Bouquet - Senior Queen Pageant Budget
Crown, Pin, & storage box - Senior Queen Pageant Budget
Engraved Silver Tray - Sniders Jewelers
Plaque - Goshen City Mayor
\$100.00 Cash & Sashes - Senior Queen Pageant Budget
\$50.00 Gift Certificate - Woldruffs Shoes
2 Front row track seats Entertainment/Fair Passes/use of golf cart - Fair Board
Commemorative Tote Bag - Senior Queen Pageant Budget
Gift - Sorg Jewelers
Necklace Gift Set - In memory of Eleanor Morehouse 2001 Senior Queen

1st Runner-up: Title - 2023 Elkhart County 4-H Fair Senior Queen 1st Runner-up
Arm Bouquet - Senior Queen Pageant Budget
\$50.00 Cash & Sashes - Senior Queen Pageant Budget
Commemorative Tote Bag - Senior Queen Pageant Budget
Necklace Gift Set - In memory of Eleanor Morehouse 2001 Senior Queen
Fair Passes - Fair Board

2nd Runner-up: Title - 2023 Elkhart County 4-H Fair Senior Queen 2nd Runner-up
Arm Bouquet - Senior Queen Pageant Budget
Sash - Senior Queen Pageant Budget
Commemorative Tote Bag - Senior Queen Pageant Budget
Necklace Gift Set - In memory of Eleanor Morehouse 2001 Senior Queen
Fair Passes - Fair Board

Ms. Congeniality: Title - 2023 Elkhart County 4-H Fair Senior Queen Ms. Congeniality
Engraved Silver Tray - Sniders Jewelers
Sash - Senior Queen Pageant Budget

Community Service Award - In Memory of Eleanor Morehouse
2023 Elkhart County 4-H Fair Senior Queen Pageant Community Service Award

4-H Award - In Memory of Ginny Nichols
2023 Elkhart County 4-H Fair Senior Queen Pageant Memorial Award

All Candidates:
Commemorative Tote Bag - Senior Queen Pageant Budget
Fair Passes - Fair Board
Many Gifts - Area Merchants (a list will be provided)

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Important Dates for a Sponsor of a Senior Queen Candidate
(Please give to your Sponsor)

To Sponsor a Candidate, there is a \$35.00 entry fee, which covers the cost of a Sash for the Senior Queen Candidate. The sash will have your Sponsor's name on it and while being worn by the candidate, it allows her free admission the entire week of the fair. Sponsors must include the \$35.00 with the Candidates' application.

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Any questions please contact: **Sharon Edwards** - Cell 574-596-0910
Elkhart County 4-H Fair Board - Senior Queen Pageant Director

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RESPONSIBILITIES of the **“2023” SENIOR QUEEN**

44th Annual Senior Queen Pageant

It is an honor and a privilege to be chosen the

2023 Elkhart County 4-H Fair Senior Queen

The 2023 Senior Queen begins her duties after she is crowned the evening of Friday, July 21. We ask the 2022 Senior Queen, Maureen Kercher, to accompany the new 2023 Queen as needed the following day. This is very helpful to learn the duties of being Senior Queen.

The 2023 Senior Queen should plan to attend all morning Fair Board meetings during the week of the Fair and any 4-H Fair activities of each day. The Fair Board Directors will ask the Senior Queen to attend their events throughout each day of the Fair. The Senior Queen will be a guest on the Grandstand Stage each evening before the entertainment shows to talk and share briefly about her day at the Fair. We expect the Senior Queen to be kind, friendly, smile and welcome people along her way throughout each day. Remember, people at the Fair are our guests.

We expect the Senior Queen and the Fair Queen to be kind, respectable and compatible with each other. After all you will be spending a lot of the Fair week together. A Golf cart is usually provided for the Senior Queen and Fair Queen to ride and share together to make it easier and faster to get around the Fair. You both must use the cart in a responsible manner.

After the Fair, we do ask the Senior Queen to participate in the area town parades throughout the year as her schedule permits. This is to help promote the **Elkhart County 4-H Fair and the Senior Queen Pageant**. From time to time the Senior Queen is requested to be a special guest at civic group meetings to talk and share about her experiences as Senior Queen. She will reign until the 2024 Senior Queen is crowned.

If you have any questions regarding the Senior Queen Pageant, please contact the Elkhart County 4-H Fair Board Director, Sharon Edwards, at 574-596-0910.