

# 2019 Miss and Jr. Miss Moultrie-Douglas County Fair Queen Contestants

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Photo Above: 2019 Miss Moultrie-Douglas County Fair Queen contestants. Makenna Green, Arthur; Molly Mahannah, Arcola; Julia Kerkhoff, Tuscola; Claire Ring, Tuscola; Samantha Stevens, Camargo; 2018 Miss Moultrie-Douglas Ashley Mattingly; Sara Kremitzki, Tuscola; Kayla Hodge, Arthur; Faith Hardwick, Tuscola; and Kyla Carson, Arthur. Not pictured is Moranda Matheson, Bethany.

2019 Jr. Miss Moultrie-Douglas County Fair Queen contestants  
Katilyn Kirby, Sullivan; Chloe Alexander, Arthur; Lauren Woods, Tuscola; Reggan Smith, Tuscola; Andrea Dehart, 2018 Jr Miss Moultrie-Douglas; Regann Bowles, Tuscola; Mikayla Dunn, Tuscola; Jonika Nickles, Hindsboro; Ella Chupp, Arcola; and Kate Foltz,



Front Row – Kinsley Eads, Arthur; Cadence Vandeventer, Tuscola; Chloe Monts, Arthur; Miley Rennels, Tuscola; Little Miss Moultrie-Douglas 2018 Bentley Parsons, Hammond; Ellie Shain, Sullivan; Bailey Dyer, Tuscola; Reagan McCumber, Villa Grove; and Mia Espinoza, Arcola Back Row – Avery Lake, Villa Grove; Michaela Blickensderfer, Kirksville; Kaja McCall, Tuscola; Sophia Wilson, Arcola; Julianne Steffens, Tuscola; Asah Williams, Tuscola; Ellie Wiley, Tuscola; Miah Voegel, Sullivan; and Avery Cleland, Tuscola

## Hook, Line and Sinker With Tony Hooker

It's the second day of summer, so that seems like a great time to talk about....high school football.

After completing a 4-year career for Villa Grove Heritage, recent VGHS graduate Colton Little has had an opportunity this summer to participate in two all-star contests.

Last weekend, Little participated in the Illinois Football Coaches Association Shriner's All-star game in Bloomington, and next week, he'll be suiting up one more time, for the Order of the Eastern Star All-Star game, to be held at Maroa-Forsyth high school. Little recently took some time to talk about the experience.

1. How did gearing up feel?  
Gearing up again felt great. It seemed like a dream.

2. How much training did you do?  
I did a lot less training than I should have, but I did a decent amount.

3. What was your week like? Did you work out as

a team?  
My week was very busy. We had doubles every day other than the day we visited the Shriner's hospital. All of the practices and being together all week allowed the team to do a lot of bonding, and that allowed us to work well together.

4. There were some legit big boys at the game what was that like? You blocked Woodard before he went to Oklahoma State. Was it similar?  
Lining up across from those big boys was what I expected. Woodard was very similar to all of the linemen at the camp.

5. What was your least favorite memory of the experience?  
Sleeping in the dorm every night and then having to walk 5 minutes to breakfast.

6. How about your favorite memory?  
On Thursday, the team got to help the Miracle League.

7. What do you think is your strength as a player?  
My strength as a player is speed, because to the rest of linemen, I'm small.

8. For the next game, you get to suit up one more time with your guys from VGH, Austin Grimm, Cole Thomas, and Zach Champagne who will be part of the team but won't be able to play because of an injury. What's that going to be like?  
It's going to be like a playoff game all over again, win or lose, this will be my last game.

For Coach Wilson, these games serve as rewards for playing the game the right way during their playing career, and for Little especially. "Colton's greatest strength is his work ethic. He would do anything to win," Wilson said.

One more opportunity to suit up and play the game he loves. For those who have played sports, it's what we all dream about. For Little, Grimm, Thomas and their teammates and opponents, it's a reality.

celebrating the flag. We're celebrating America and Patriotism. Our band is all about that.

Tell me a little about your band. Who are the other two members?  
We've got Michael (Hallihan) on the bass and Kevin (Colravy) on the drums. They're the Geezers! <smiles> They're about twice my age, plus some. I'm really lucky to get to play with those guys.

How long have you been jamming with them?  
I've been playing with Michael for a couple of years, and Kevin joined about a year ago.

I've called your band's setlist "eclectic". Is that a pretty good description?  
Oh yeah. Country, Rock. It's all over the place.

Do you have a favorite genre?  
I love the 90's alternative stuff, but I also love the 70's stuff, the late 60's rock and roll.

Do you have any originals?  
Definitely. We're starting to craft an album, right now. There is some thought of putting together an album? Yes. Most definitely. Will it be like your set list and cover a lot of different types of musical genres? Sure. We have five or six originals right now, and they are all over the place. If you had to put it in a box, what would it be? I'd say it's a combination of Southern Rock and the grunge type of music. Are you the main song writer? I write the songs and walk in with an idea, and they sculpt them. What can folks expect to hear from you on July 7? A mean set! <laughs> It will be a good one. Are you putting together some sort of a patriotic montage? There's got to be some patriotism in there. Lou (DiBello) says he's got a wicked cover of the Na-

tional Anthem that he's going to break out on the crowd. Do you have something like that? I guess I'll have to work one up!

It's got to be special for you to be playing a part in Villa Grove's Independence Day celebration. When your mother and I were growing up here, the 4th of July was such a huge event here in town. Does it mean a lot to you to be a part of it? With my family, it's always a big deal. Do you have any numbers worked up to keep the rain away? That's what I'll be doing before the show, an anti-rain dance! <smiles> Is there anything that you want to add? I'm really excited to be doing something with Lou and those guys. They're super talented, and I think it's going to be a really good show. Hopefully we'll have a good turnout.

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# CELEBRATING FREEDOM 2019

*Firework Show provided by Melrose Pyrotechnics*

## Sunday, July 7th

### Richman Park in Villa Grove

**Fun For The Entire Family!**

- VFW Color Guard
- 3pm VG Fire Department Touch a Truck
- 2-4pm Home Run Derby
- 3pm Mr. Steve Balloons, Magic & More
- 3pm-Dusk Inflatables
- 4pm Bike Parade
- Bands Start at 5pm
- Kiddie Tractor Pull 5pm-6pm
- Fireworks at Dusk

**Concessions will be available at the event**

**Big Al's Shake-Ups**

**Buds BBQ Friday-Sunday**

**VG Chamber of Commerce: Pork Burger Booth**

**Villa Grove State Bank Ice Cream Booth**



**Garrett & The Geezers Performing 5pm-7pm**



**Lou DiBello Band 7pm-9pm**



**Bike Parade at Richman Park : 4pm**

(3) Grand Prizes will be drawn for:  
**Family 4 pack of tickets to Holiday World!**  
Decorate your bicycle and parade around the park!  
- Free event - Everyone is welcome to participate  
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**Mr. Steve: Balloons, Magic, and More! 3pm**



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