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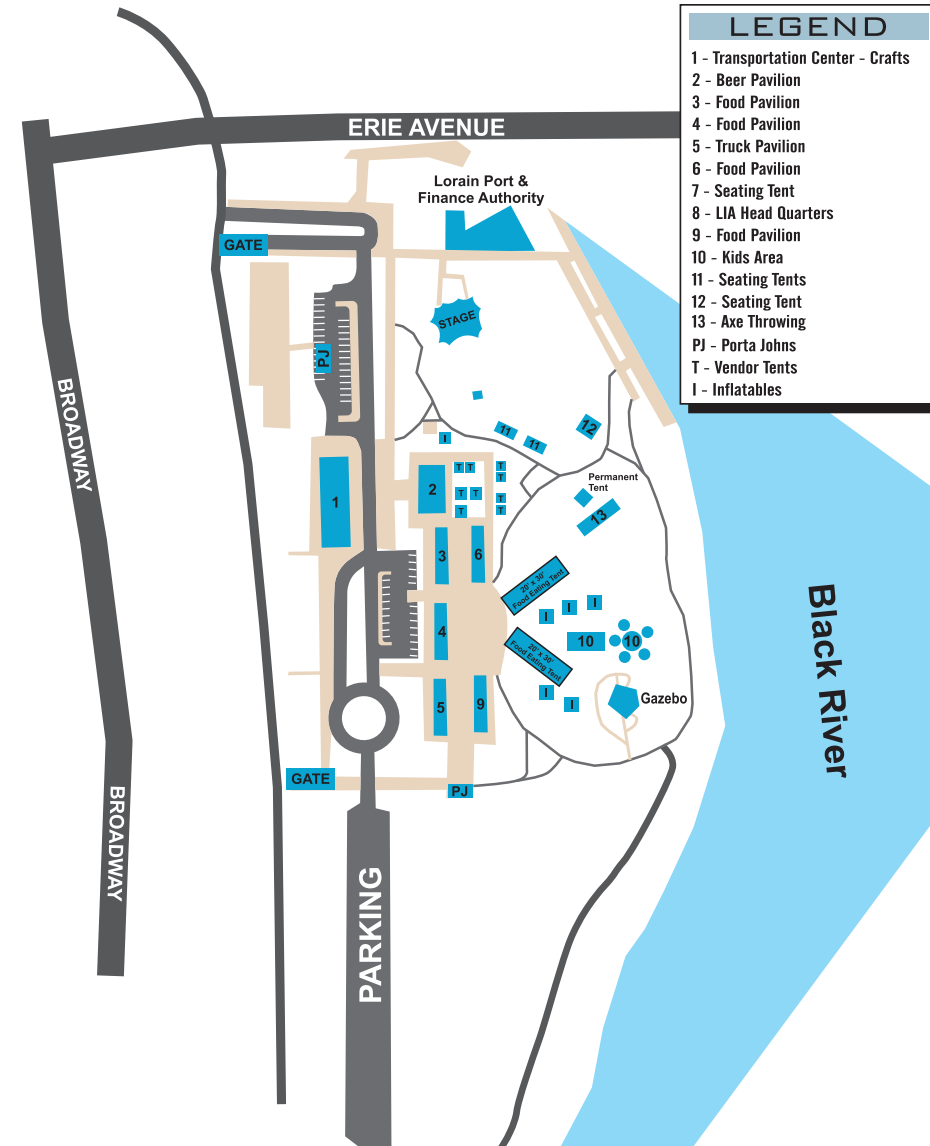
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Located at: Black River Landing Festival Site in Lorain Ohio

The week-long festival begins the last full week of June every year, with numerous separate events taking place mainly in downtown Lorain. Various nationalities, cultures and our community are celebrated with the sharing of gifts from our many homelands through food, music, costume and tradition.

The three day bazaar takes place along the scenic Black River Landing site, and features a multitude of foods with a wide variety of ethnic cuisine to sample. There is wonderful entertainment throughout the weekend including on-going live performances. Stop by the different cultural booths that feature crafts and items from many homelands. There are covered dining areas, paved walkways and free parking.

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WHEN
Wednesday, June 21st
5pm-9pm

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- 5:15 PM** Procession to the stage begins
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- 8:00 PM** Elektrik Circus

Saturday, June 24th

- 1:00 PM** Raks Shadan Dance Troupe
- 1:30 PM** African Royalty Dancers
- 2:00 PM** St. Demetrios Inner Circle Hellenic Dancers
- 2:30 PM** The Royal Descendants
- 3:00 PM** Lulu's Button Box Revue
- 3:30 PM** Alma de Mexico
- 4:00 PM** Chamberlain Irish Dancers
- 4:30 PM** Filipino American Foundation of Ohio
- 5:00 PM** Lorain Hungarian Dancers
- 6:00 PM** Opening Act TBD
- 8:00 PM** Not Fast Enuff

Sunday, June 25th

- 1:30 PM** Visiting Royalty Introductions
- 2:00 PM** ShoJoJi Japanese Dancers
- 2:30 PM** Reality Check
- 3:00 PM** Esencia Boricua Cultural de Lorain
- 3:30 PM** Danza Guadalupana
- 4:00 PM** African Royalty Dancers
- 4:30 PM** Lorain Hungarian Dancers
- 5:00 PM** Lorain Highland Dancers



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MAIN ACTS



Friday, June 23rd

Elektrik Circus
Arena Rock Tribute Band
8:00pm to 11:00pm



Saturday, June 24th

Not Fast Enuff
Party Rock/Pop Experience
8:00pm to 11:00pm

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Meet Our Princesses



Adrienne Clark
Age: 19
Nationality: Ukrainian
Sponsor: St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Church
Parents: Brian and Melissa Clark
University: Baldwin Wallace University Conservatory of Music
Future Plans: To be a music therapist and work with people in behavioral facilities and clients with developmental disabilities. I hope to one day release my own music.
Costume: I am wearing a folk costume representative of Central Ukraine. It also contains elements that are common throughout the country. It was handmade by my mother with traditional hand embroidery. The blouse (vyshyvanka) is the most recognizable part of my costume, containing symbols and amulets meant to protect the wearer from all harm. My crown (vinok), a symbol of the sun and represents purity, is worn only by unmarried girls. My necklace, or namysto, is made of red coral and serves as a protection from evil spirits and disease. Traditionally, Ukrainian woman would not be fully dressed without neck adornments or earrings. The number of strands and type of charms (coins, bells, crosses, amber) would indicate the wealth and status of the wearer. The final piece of my costume is a pair of traditional red boots.
Favorite tradition: Eating traditional Ukrainian food on holidays
Favorite dish: Deruny (potato pancakes)
Why I wanted to be a princess: My mother was a Ukrainian princess when she was in high school, and I wanted to carry on the tradition. Both of my parents have Ukrainian ancestry and I want to show how proud I am to be Ukrainian.



Kylee Krasienko
Age: 16
Nationality: Polish
Sponsor: Main Street Lorain
Parent: Deborah Krasienko
High School: Lorain High School
In my future I hope to one day become a mental health nurse practitioner to help people who can't help themselves. It is something that has always meant a great deal to me
Costume: My costume is an example of traditional folk clothing of the Old Country and is most often worn for important occasions such as ceremonies, festivals, and religious occasions.
Favorite Ethnic Tradition: On Easter my family gathers around the table and shares Polish ham, kielbasa, and other foods and spend time together
Favorite Native Dish: Pierogi and Polish ham
My heritage has always been something centered in my life and without it I don't believe I would be half the young woman I am today. Getting the chance to honor and share my culture with others is not only an opportunity for individual growth but for growth as a community. It is an opportunity and experience that I will cherish for the rest of my life with friends and family by my side.



Audrya Arroyo
Age: 16
Nationality: Mexican
Sponsor: The Mexican Mutual Society
Parent: Rashelle Thompson
High school: Lorain High School
Future plans: After graduating from high school, I will attend college to major in visual arts
Costume: My dress has two pieces. The top is a classic Mexican folklorico dress that is black with vibrant hand-embroidered flowers around the top and bottom. The inside of my dress is lined with satin to help me stay cool in the warmer temperatures.
Favorite Family tradition: My favorite family tradition is having dinner at my great aunt's house. This is because any time that I'm around my family at dinner time I just feel better.
Favorite native dish: Tamales
I am privileged to be able to represent my Mexican heritage in the Lorain International Festival. One of my greatest role models was my great-grandmother, who was so strong and nice. She had so much love for her family. I proudly wear my culture on my sleeve and I am proud to be a Mexican.



Lesia Leskovská
Age: 18
Nationality: Slovak
Sponsor: The Lorain Historical Society
Parents: Henrieta Urdzik, Stephen Urdzik
High School: Firelands High School
Future plans: I plan on attending Columbus College of Art and Design, majoring in Graphic design and minoring in Photography.
Costume: My kroj comes from from the Slovak village of Pohorelá. It appears to be from the second half of the 20th century. Younger ladies typically wore brighter colors, such as yellow, red and pink. This attire would have been appropriate for church or other celebratory occasions. On the neck and shoulders of my blouse are geometrical and floral embroidered designs. The indigo-dyed blue skirt ties at the waist and is constructed of all-natural fabric. It has pleats on the back and sides with a flat front panel made of patterned cotton that would be partially hidden by an intricate apron. The vest is composed of pink floral brocade and embellished with ribbons and sequin trimming. Due to its sharp tip, the cap is the garment from this area that stands out the most. Anybody could tell whether a woman was single, or married through the use of this garment.
Favorite family or ethnic tradition: My favorite ethnic tradition is decorating kraslice during Easter.
Favorite native dish: Bryndzové halušky
Why you wanted to be an International Princess: I chose to be the Lorain International Princess in order to connect with other young women who also appreciate their heritage. Additionally, I wanted to have a chance to represent my native country and showcase to the world the true beauty of Slovak customs.



Taylor Andamarie Whitfield
Age: 18
Sponsor: NCNW
Nationality: African American
Parents: Steve and Delores Whitfield
College: Xavier University
Future plans: double major in entrepreneurship and social work
Costume: My costume has come directly from Jamaica and is hand made by local residents. My outfit has yellow just like the Jamaican flag. The yellow color symbolizes the rich underground resources in the country and the beauty emitted by the sun's rays.
Favorite tradition: Juneteenth
Favorite native dish: Gumbo
Why you wanted to be an International Princess: I want to show little girls the true definition of a princess. Princess comments: You don't need a tiara to be a princess, just a kind heart and a beautiful smile.



Alexandra Schmidt

Age: 18
Nationality: Filipino
Sponsor: Filipino American Foundation of Ohio
Parents: John and Lanie Schmidt
College: Lorain County Community College
Future Plans: I plan on working in my family business for real estate, and hopefully own my own business one day.
Costume: The costume I will be wearing is called a Mestiza dress. It's a traditional Filipino dress that has evolved over time. It is a combination of indigenous and Spanish influences and is considered an elegant formal outfit for women. The dress has a shapely modernity with detailed embroidered silhouettes with delicate oversized lace bell-shaped sleeves. The term Mestiza means mixed because it came from a mix of the Spanish and Philippine heritage.
Favorite family or ethnic tradition: My favorite ethnic tradition is the Noche Buena, which is when relatives gather on the 24th of December and wait until midnight and have a meal to welcome the birth of Jesus on Christmas day.
Favorite native dish: Chicken adobo and lumpia

Why you wanted to be an International Princess: I would like to share my culture with the community. Ever since I was a little girl I have been going to these pageants and have always dreamt of being on that stage showing my Filipino heritage. Now I am proud to say that I am given the chance to represent the Filipino community.
Something that is special about representing your culture: Filipinos belong to the brown race and we are very proud of it. The Filipino culture is unique because of its diversity. The country is home to a variety of ethnic groups, including Tagalogs, Visayans, Ilocanos, Bicolanos, Capampangans, and more. This diversity is reflected in the country's food, music, dance and art. Filipino culture is also known for its

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Alissa Van Dress

Age: 20
Nationality: Hungarian
Sponsor: Lorain Community Music Theatre
Parents: Brenda Phillips and Mitchell Van Dress
College: John Carroll University
After graduation, I plan to pursue a career as a copywriter for advertisements, publish fiction novels, and continue my passions of theatre, music, and dance.
Costume: My white peasant dress was handmaid by a Lorain Hungarian woman and displays Hungary's national colors, red and green, around the bottom hemline. The burgundy velvet vest pairs with the dress as part of a folk-dance costume. I wear a flower headdress to symbolize health and youth, and an earring and necklace set that are literal Hungarian coins with the words, "Magyar Köztársaság," which translate to "The Republic of Hungary." My white apron has scallop edges and showcases the playful southern Hungarian, "Kalocsai" style. The apron's floral patterns consist mainly of red, which is said to evoke joy and passion. In Hungarian folklore, these patterns serve as protection from evil forces. Since Hungarian aprons were typically worn on special occasions, I am ecstatic to wear this piece during the Lorain International Princess Pageant!
Favorite ethnic tradition: Two summers ago, my grandmother, my mom, and I cooked chicken paprikash for the first time together. My grandma taught my mom and I her cooking tricks and she personally gave me her Hungarian recipe book that she received from a local Hungarian church many years ago. We created this new tradition in our family, and I hope to pass the delicious Hungarian recipes down to my future generations.
Favorite native dish: Goulash and Chicken Paprikash

I am on a quest to learn more about my Hungarian heritage. I have decided that

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Emmersyn Nazario

Age: 17
Nationality: Irish
Sponsor: The Elks Lodge
Parents: Jimmie and Courtney Nazario
High School: Lorain High School and LCCC
Future plans: After I graduate high school I plan to attend Kent State University. I will major in Fashion Merchandising, with a minor in business and marketing.
Costume: My costume is an old "peasant" style dress that was worn in Ireland. The green color represents one of the colors in the Irish flag. I am wearing an apron that my cousin wore when she won International Queen when she was my age.
Favorite Family Tradition: My favorite family tradition is when my family and my aunt's family spend Christmas together with my Grammie and Papa. We usually eat dinner and open presents a few days before our actual Christmas happens. We have been doing this for as long as I can remember. I love spending this time together where we can just have fun and enjoy each other.
Favorite native dish: My favorite native dish is Irish apple cake with a crumb topping.

Why I wanted to be an International Princess: I want to be an International Princess because I know it would be a good experience for me to get out of my shell, learn about my heritage, and even learn more about myself. I also know it is a great opportunity to get to know new people and make new friends. I have grown up going to the International Festival every year. Watching the princesses wave in the parade is a highlight of the festival. Now, being able to experience what I admired growing up feels like I've come full circle and I am truly grateful for this experience.



Hanna Lazoriv

Age: 18
Nationality: Ukrainian
Parents: Volodymyr and Iryna Lazoriv
High Schools: Swirz Lyceum School for Academic Excellence in Swirz, Ukraine
Future Plans: I am currently studying English as a Second Language through Lorain County Community College. In the Fall, I plan to enroll in studies towards a career in marketing and advertising, with a minor in art.
Costume: My outfit was sent to me by my cousin in Ukraine. Every detail in the Ukrainian costume has its own meaning. The Poltava, or shirt, has flowers embroidered to reflect the purity and prosperity of the people. The Plahta Pokut is the skirt which is hand-embroidered and signifies innocence. The belt, or Krayka, plays a big role in the costume by highlighting the silhouette of the young lady. The Chiltse is the headdress or crown which signifies the girl's wealth and beauty. The red bead necklace is worn with a variety of jewelry to complete the image. The more jewelry the women wears, the wealthier she is. This traditional outfit is worn by women at weddings or young girls at festivals and holidays.

Favorite family or ethnic tradition: My favorite tradition is the celebration of the Transfiguration, or end of summer, which is observed on August 19th. We celebrate the harvest by going to church and bless the fruits of the harvest. On the day of the Transfiguration, the fruits become tastier!
Favorite native dish: Potato pancakes, cheesecake and pyrohy (pierogi). My grandfather is a potato farmer in Ukraine. I've spent a lot of time with my grandmother and mother preparing these traditional dishes. Currently, I continue the tradition by volunteering my time with my mother and cousins making pyrohy at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church.

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Allison Olivia Loera

Age: 17
Nationality: Puerto Rican
Sponsor: Lorain Educational Association
Parents: Silvestre & Naomi Loera
High School: Lorain High School
Future Plans: After graduating from high school, my future plans include attending a four-year college to pursue a degree in Nursing.
Costume: I am wearing my sister's traditional plena costume. The Plena gown was designed for her when she was a Puerto Rican Princess in 2019. My costume is traditional plena flaring skirt, all white with a Maga Flor (hibiscus, the national flower of Puerto Rico) and a red belt. My gown also has a fitted off-the-shoulder top, which is typically worn at parties.
Favorite family or ethnic tradition: A tradition that I always look forward to is Los Tres Reyes Magos (Three Kings Day) on January 6th. This is the day I celebrate Christmas with my familia. The night before we put grass inside of an empty shoe box for the three camels. In return the Wise Men leave us presents. We also gather in the kitchen to eat a traditional Puerto Rican dinner: arroz con gandules, pasteles and pernil. I cherish this time with my family because it reminds me how close my family is.
Favorite native dish: Guineos en escabeche (green bananas, sautéed onions, and peppers with gizzards), served with red rice and pernil.
When I was growing up, I would attend the International Festival every summer. I saw all the diverse cultures. Seeing them made me think of my grandparents who migrated to Lorain from Puerto Rico in the 1970s. My grandparents worked and made sacrifices to have a better life. While living a new life in a new place, they made sure that they kept their Puerto Rican traditions and passed them to future generations.



Lily Sofia Kniahynyckyj

Age: 18
Nationality: Ukrainian
Sponsor: St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church
Parents: Roman Kniahynyckyj and Katie Van Dyke
College: Cleveland State University
Future Plans: I plan to graduate from Cleveland State University with a major in International Business and a minor in French. I hope to work for a global organization.
Costume: My costume is from the Poltava region of Ukraine and includes a long-sleeved blouse, known as a "vyshyvanka" which is embroidered in red and black colors. Over my blouse is a vest. Around my waist I have a traditional Ukrainian woman's garment known as a "plakhta". Over the plakhta is an apron. I am wearing a floral headpiece, commonly known as a "vinok," adorned with a beautiful array of multi-colored ribbons.
Favorite family or ethnic tradition: One of my favorite Christmas Eve traditions is honoring our departed loved ones by placing a plate face down on the dinner table.
Favorite Native Dish: Borscht (Beet Soup)
Why I wanted to be an International Princess: I wanted to be an International Princess because I thought it was a wonderful way to honor my heritage. I think that it is great to share my culture's traditions, foods and religion.
Princess Comments: I am honored and excited to embark on this International Princess journey and look forward to representing my Ukrainian culture that I love. I am so grateful that my Babcia (Grandmother) and Dzadzio (Grandfather) passed the Ukrainian culture and traditions on to me. I will continue to share them as I get older.

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Madaleine Sophia Lake

Age: 17
Nationality: African American
Sponsor: The Lorain Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club
Parents: Mallori Muraco, Carlos Bryant
High school/college attending: Lorain County Community College Early College High School
Future Plans: I am a member of the Young Scholars Program through Ohio State University. I will graduate high school in 2024 with an associate's degree, and then continue to Ohio State University to earn my bachelor's degree.
Costume: I'm wearing a traditional dashiki displaying the colors of the African Flag. The red in my dress represents the blood that unites us and that was shed for our freedom. The white represents our hope for a new beginning. The black represents the dark past that my people have faced, as well as our strength. Lastly, the yellow represents the bright future that is awaiting Africa. The colors of my dress are more than just decoration; they are symbols of pride, heritage, and hope
Favorite family tradition: Dancing. The rhythm of Africa runs through every aspect of African culture. We dance to celebrate, to mourn, and everything in between.
Favorite native dish: Ki Ngombo, aka Gumbo
Why you wanted to be an International Princess: I am so proud of my African American heritage, and I wanted to share my appreciation with all of the other nationalities represented here. My mother was a princess in 2003 and loved her experience. This is something we have always wanted to share together.
Comments: Representing my African American nationality is extremely important to me. We have worked so hard to bring equality into the world, have always

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Ana Fabanich MacDonald

Age: 19
Sponsor: American Croatian Club
Parents: Craig Roy MacDonald and Patricia Fabanich-MacDonald
College: Ohio University
Future Plans: I plan to graduate from Ohio University with a degree in Biology. After that, I plan to attend Optometry school for the next four years to graduate with a Doctor of Optometry degree.
Costume: This costume has been worn by my mother, aunt, and cousins when they have participated in this wonderful festival. It originally came from the village of Posavina, Croatia, where my great grandmother often traveled and brought back many artifacts. This off-white muslin costume consists of a blouse, skirt, and apron, which are all adorned with hand-embroidered vibrant red, green, yellow, and pink flowers. A coral necklace and traditional Croatian shoes, "opanci" in Croatian, completes this gorgeous look.
Favorite family or ethnic tradition: One of my favorite family traditions is the growing of winter wheat. Winter Wheat is a grass-like plant that many Croatian families plant on St. Lucy's Day or December 13th. The growing of this wheat is a symbol for how prosperous the new year will be. If your wheat is very thick, you will have a successful year, but if the growing isn't very successful, you should plan accordingly.
Favorite native dish: Janje na ražnju or lamb that is slow-cooked on a spit served with homemade bread and spring onions.
Why you wanted to be an International Princess: I am truly honored to be involved in the Lorain International Festival, because I have attended and participated in it since I was little. I want to inspire young girls to develop an interest in their ethnic backgrounds so that they can participate in the Lorain International Princess Pageant. I have been involved in

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Hope Dandrea

Age: 19
Nationality: Puerto Rican
Sponsor: The Coalition for Hispanic/Latino Issues and Progress
Parent: Leanora Dandrea
College: Hiram College
Future plans: Right now I plan to focus on my school work to figure out what I truly want to do and to eventually graduate.
Costume: My costume is a traditional Puerto Rican skirt and blouse. This style of dress is typically worn for Bomba. Bomba is a dance and music style that this type of style was worn for. It features skirts with bright colors, and it often has red and blue accent colors as seen in my outfit. I have always admired this style, and I am very proud to be wearing it.
Favorite family or ethnic tradition: My favorite tradition is leaving the Christmas decorations up for Three Kings Day, and then for the holiday my mother would give me and my siblings a small gift that is typically candy.
Favorite native dish: My favorite dish is Pasteles
Why you wanted to be an International Princess: When I was younger I remember being at the opening ceremonies of the festival and seeing all the beautiful princesses walking through the festival with the band. They walked on the stage and introduced themselves, and I remember thinking, "I want to do that one day."
Princess comments: I am honored for this opportunity to represent my Puerto Rican heritage. My grandparents moved to Lorain from Puerto Rico and sadly they passed when I was at a very young age. Whenever I do something related to my culture it makes me feel closer to my grandparents despite not getting to really know them. I hope to honor them through this experience.

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Milana Mukhanova

Age: 21
Nationality: Ukrainian
Sponsor: St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church
Parents: Sergiy and Natalia Mukhanov
College: Dnipro State College of Building and Mounting Technologies and Architecture
Future plans: I plan to keep going. No matter what. I want to develop, to learn as much as possible, support my relatives, and to be productive.
Costume: My costume is considered the national costume of Ukraine and is from the Poltava region. It is worn for holidays, festivals, and special occasions. The blouse or "vyshyvanka" is embroidered in cross-stitch with black and red floral motifs. Black and red threads symbolized the wisdom and courage of generations while the white blouse represents purity. This is worn under a wool vest with a slight peplum called a "kersetka." The woven holiday skirt or "plakhta" is worn over a slip with an embroidered hem known as a "spidnytsya." I wear an apron over my woven skirt that is called a "fartukh." On my head, I wear one of the oldest Ukrainian symbols, a "vinok," which displays poppies, daisies, and cornflowers that are found around Ukraine. Poppies are symbols of remembrance, cornflowers are symbolic of simplicity and modesty, and daisies represent peace and tenderness. The ribbons attached to the "vinok" represent ties to nature: green - beauty and youth, blue - sky and water for strength and health, crimson - truth and sincerity, and yellow - the sun. The "vinok" is a symbol of the purity of maiden youth. Worn around my neck is a necklace "namysto" of "koral" or red beads. Traditionally, only the wealthy could afford these "koral" and they provided protection from evil spirits. The more rows of beads, the more prosperous the family was.

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PRINCESSES CONTINUED

Alexandra Schmidt

hospitality. Above all, Filipinos are one in spirit thanking God for all the blessings they receive. The positive outlook, love for elders, persevering character, hard work, and recognizing God in the center of our lives make me say that I am proud to be Filipino and to represent the Philippines in this event.

Alissa Van Dress

becoming a Lorain International Princess would be heartfelt to serve the community and to honor my grandparents and great grandparents, most of which emigrated from Hungary on a boat to Ellis Island.

It is a privilege to represent my Hungarian nationality as a Lorain International Princess, and to spread festivity in the community that I call home. In this role, I hope to inspire children to be proud of their heritage. Since I lost my grandfather before I had the chance to learn more about my Hungarian roots from his personal account, I am working hard to learn through research and from my last living grandmother. I am determined to commemorate my ancestry by growing my connection to my heritage and by passing these traditions and knowledge onto my children.

Milana Mukhanova

Favorite family or ethnic tradition: Cheesefare Sunday (the Sunday before Lent) "Maslyana" - My Baba (grandmother) would always make the most delicious pancakes "mlyntsi" with special fillings!

Favorite native dish: Varenyky (pierogi) with sauerkraut or cherries and my Baba's homemade pickles

Why you wanted to be an International Princess: I wanted to become an International Princess for a couple of reasons. First, I want to represent my beautiful homeland and share it with my new community. Also, it has become very interesting to learn about local customs here in Lorain. Because we do not have something like this type of pageant in Ukraine, I am excited to be exposed to new people and cultures.

Princess comments: I was born and lived my whole life in Dnipro, Ukraine until everything changed on February 24, 2022 when Ukraine was invaded by war. That day, I had to leave my native land and start life over again. Every day, I carry hope for the future of my homeland - that everything will be rebuilt, that people will return to their relatives who remained in Ukraine, and that my country, culture, and people survive. I am proud of my beautiful and strong county, Ukraine.

Ana Fabanich MacDonald

many different organizations throughout high school and college, and I know this experience will help me to expand my social and professional network for my future.

Princess Comments: Representing my Croatian heritage is a great honor. I am very excited to fill that role in this year's Lorain International Princess Pageant. In addition, I am looking forward to learning about the many different cultures that make Lorain such a diverse city.

Hanna Lazoriv

Why you wanted to be an International Princess: Representing Ukraine at the International Festival is my duty. I want everyone to remember the soldiers and people who have died every day protecting Ukraine. If I have the opportunity to tell the people of Lorain, Ohio, about my country, I will do so!

Madaleine Sophia Lake

shown our strength throughout our fight, and have sacrificed so much. The African American culture is a beautiful and important one. I feel that my nationality should be shared with all the people who attend our festival as well as throughout the world to educate them on the importance of African American culture and history.



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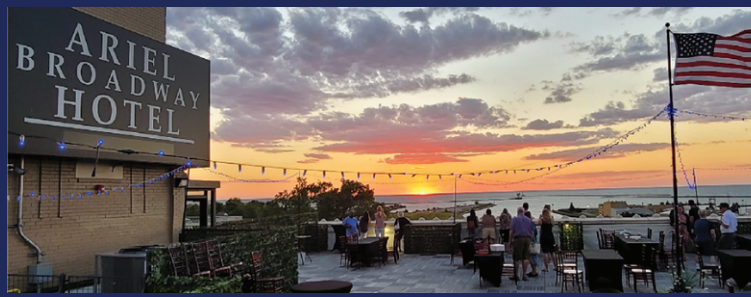
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JUNE
23-25

VENDORS

We have many cultural craft vendors and artisans. This year we will introduce new vendors to our list!

Check out our Transportation Center for our Spotlights' booths including the Lorain Historical Society's 'Through the Decades' exhibit and the Ukrainian Community's display!

Do Gutter Screens Really Work?

Jim Carbone

Over the 25 years in the gutter protection business the most common question we still get today is.... "Do these things actually work?" Fact is that the majority of our customers have already tried one or more different types of gutter screens or filters and are skeptical because nothing they tried seemed to do the job. Honestly, I don't blame them because it's a dangerous and sometimes very difficult job to install gutter protection correctly so when the first or second attempt fails, it can be beyond frustrating. Well, this is what we've seen and learned from our thousands of local customers and our experiences replacing many types of gutter protection since 1998.

First, lets simplify the gutter protection industry for a minute. The purpose of any successful gutter guard is to keep the debris out while still allowing the rainwater to flow through the clean gutter. If a ladder has to be climbed to maintain that function, the system has certainly FAILED. While no product is perfect, a successful gutter protection system is supposed to keep us off the ladder and be a permanent solution... not creating the new chore of cleaning the gutter screens, which can be more time consuming than cleaning an open gutter.

This goal sounds simple enough, but they're tons of different types of debris that are not all the same size. For example, this year has seen a tremendous amount of maple spinners or as my daughter calls them "helicopters" and we all can clearly see those pesky things accumulate on top of gutters and getting stuck in the screens. At first glance, that might give the impression that the screen is working but remember step 2 of the goal is to allow rainwater in and those spinners are clogging up the screen holes which forces the water to overflow onto the foundation. They then need maintenance which involves the ladder which defeats the purpose of installing it in the first place. Those that have tried different types of screens would mostly agree that they indeed are NOT a permanent solution.

These days we typically see stainless steel Microfilters advertised the most. While this design does a fine job preventing anything from entering the gutter, the filter may need regular cleanings to allow the rainwater to drain through it. A filter's job is to trap small organic debris and dirt and most filters in our lives (dryer, furnace, refrigerator, etc...) need to be cleaned or replaced at some point. Having a gutter filter installed on a notoriously filthy gutter can create a not so pleasant maintenance regimen. Many of these microscreen manufacturers recommend cleaning the filter with a brush and light dish soap solution. Imagine now having to climb a ladder with a bucket of soapy water and a brush! THAT SOUNDS WAY WORSE THAN CLEANING GUTTERS!

The Gutter Cover Company is celebrating our 25th year in business which make us one of the longest tenured gutter protection companies in the state. We've survived and thrived this long by

treating our customers with respect and installing what we feel is the most effective solution on the market still to this day...Gutter Topper. We still communicate with some of our customers from the 1990's and they STILL have the Gutter Topper and it STILL works!

The key to the success is in the strategically engineered self-shedding design. It has a smooth and sloped aluminum top which helps the debris that comes down the roof slide off the cover and not enter the gutter. This allows the rainwater to be directed into the clean gutter where it belongs. Works great for shedding maple spinners, pine needles, tassels, seed pods, shingle grit, and all the other tiny gutter cloggers that the screen usually struggle with. Manufactured right here in Ohio, Gutter Topper was built to thrive in our weather. Independent testing showed that it can handle 110mph winds and 300lbs of weight per foot in the winter. Other covers can bow under the weight of snow/ice and lose their shape and ability to function in the spring. Gutter Topper can also handle a tremendous amount of rain per hour without failing.

Gutter Topper is installed over existing gutters (new seamless gutters are also available if needed) and each installation starts with a free gutter tune-up that includes the following services:

- Check and clean out the existing gutters and downspouts to ground level, as needed
- Reseal any joints of gutters and end caps
- Check tightness and slope alignment of the gutter and adjust/tighten as needed

Once the job is done, a lifetime transferable warranty ensures that the gutters will be free flowing forever. It's available in 14 different colors and even has a patented "bird block" to keep the birds out.

For those that have a history of ice dams we offer a gutter heating product called Heater Cap. Last winter was unusually mild which often means a hard, snowy winter is coming this year and this is the best time to prepare your gutters to combat it. Heater Cap works great with Gutter Topper and is designed for problem areas so there's no need to install it on the entire house. It is a safe, reliable, and concealed self-regulating heat cable that is

encapsulated under an aluminum plate. The gentle heat spreads throughout the aluminum and continues inside the gutter and downspouts. We often heat roof valleys, open gutters, and many existing gutter guards. We are proud to have installed our Heater Cap on multiple local churches, school buildings, fire stations, and other businesses. We often remove those old zig-zag roof wires and our customers are amazed at the massive upgrade in performance and professional appearance. Heater Cap can also be added at a later date and controls are located inside the warmth of your home.

So which product might be best for YOUR home? Consider giving us a call at The Gutter Cover Company and schedule a free, informative, casual, and most importantly... no pressure estimate. Schedule a free estimate by 7/7/23 and receive a \$300 discount on the purchase of either Gutter Topper or Heater Cap by mentioning this offer. Additional discounts are available for Seniors, Veterans, First Responders, and Health Care Workers. Call 440-366-0688 today or check out our website at gutterguard1.com

Jim Carbone is owner of Gutter Cover Co.

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