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**66<sup>th</sup>  
King George  
Fall Festival**

**Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

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## **2025 King George Fall Festival Queens**

**Miss Paige Bowman | Teen Miss Kelly King**



## Welcome Letter from Your King George Fall Festival Committee:

King George County is ready to go “Back to Our Roots” of the King George Fall Festival! This year is the 66th Annual King George Fall Festival! This annual event really brings our community together. This year we celebrate the community organizations that started the Fall Festival to support the King George Volunteer Fire Department!

As the Fall Festival Committee continues to meet the 4th Thursday of each month (except December & January), we have planned an exciting list of activities and events for you and your family. Your King George Fall Festival starts with the Scarecrow Contest - get your business & organization involved with this! Watch for details on social media - and for the Little's Pageant on September 20th at King George Middle School. Our Teen and Queen winners are already in place and have been seen around King George at various events! Be sure to meet them at the Fall Festival. We also have partnered with the Virginia Cooperative 4-H Extension Agent for a 4-H County Fair to run on October 4 & 5, 2025 at the King George Citizens Center! Check this out!

Our main day events begin on Saturday, October 11, 2025 at King George High School (KGHS) with the Craft & Vendor Show & Fair from 10am-3pm - check out the Gym, Cafeteria, and student parking lot! Food Truck Alley will be in full swing in the student parking lot just in time for a morning cup of coffee and biscuits taking you right through the day with delicious lunch selections and treats! The Fall Festival Parade starts at 11am beginning at Smoot Library, making its way to King George High School. FREE rides and games will be set up and ready to go from 11am to 3pm at KGHS. There will be live entertainment for your listening enjoyment from 11am to 2pm. Take a seat under the tent with your lunch and enjoy the show! The Car Show will be in the KGHS Teacher parking lot. The KGHS Royal Regiment will perform their halftime show at 1:30pm in the KGHS Stadium. There is also a Corn Hole Tournament in the KGHS Stadium at 9am - pre-registration is required and on the [www.kgfallfestival.com](http://www.kgfallfestival.com) page.

Allow me to share something personal with you - as all of the Fall Festival Committee members have their own personal stories and connections with this event, here is mine: In 1963, my aunt, Dina Schoenthal, was crowned Miss King George Fall Festival Queen; 50 years later in 2013, my daughter, Kathryn Strauss, was crowned Miss King George Fall Festival Queen. Although I was never in the pageant, I remember being on floats in the parade; I watched many parades from the Mason's yard. I wasn't there the year that Elizabeth Taylor was there, but I heard all about it from my dad. We also ate lots of bar-b-que! My dad, William Taylor, helped with the bar-b-que including that special sauce and drove the little Shriner's trucks in the parade for many years. When I returned to King George with my family, we again watched parades and enjoyed the fair. Then I was asked to join the Committee with our KGHS DECA Chapter in 2002. This is truly “Back to Our Roots” for me, full of a lifetime of memories - You too can be part of this committee - bring your ideas and be ready to put them into action - we meet at the KG Citizens Center the 4th Thursday of the month at 6pm!  
Hope to see you there!

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# Parade Map



## Legend

- Parking
- Handicap Parking
- Porta-potty
- Bus Shuttle Pickup
- Bus Route BEFORE parade
- Parade Starting Point
- Parade Route
- Bus Route AFTER parade
- FESTIVAL/ GAMES/ ACTIVITIES
- Parade Float Judging Stand
- Walking Path Back to Vehicle

Route 3 is closed from Route 206 to Route 205 from 10:30 AM until the parade is over (about 2.5 hours)



# 66th Annual King George Fall Festival Schedule

Pageants, Parade, Car Show, Entertainment, Fun Rides, Fair  
Theme: "BACK TO OUR ROOTS!"

## Saturday, September 20th

<p>10:30 AM 12:00 PM 1:30 PM</p>	<p>Children's Pageant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wee Baby &amp; Tiny</li> <li>• Baby &amp; Young</li> <li>• Little &amp; Preteen</li> </ul>	<p>KGMS Auditorium</p>
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## Saturday, October 4th

<p>10:30 AM - 11:15 AM 6:00 PM</p>	<p>4-H County Fair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening Ceremony</li> <li>• Fair Closes</li> </ul>	<p>KGPR Citizens Center</p>
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## Sunday, October 5th

<p>8:00 AM - 11:15 AM 11:30 AM 4:30 PM - 5:15 PM 6:00 PM</p>	<p>4-H County Fair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Sunday Focus Activities</li> <li>• Fair Opens</li> <li>• Closing Ceremony</li> <li>• Fair Closes</li> </ul>	<p>KGPR Citizens Center</p>
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## Saturday, October 11th

<p>9:00 AM</p>	<p>Cornhole Tournament</p>	<p>KGHS Stadium</p>
<p>10:00 AM - 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Food Court Car Show Craft &amp; Vendor Show</p>	<p>KGHS Parking Lot KGHS Teachers Parking Lot KGHS Gymnasium</p>
<p>11:00 AM</p>	<p>Festival Parade down Rt 3 from</p>	<p>Courthouse to KGHS</p>
<p>12:00 PM - 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Fair &amp; Entertainment Featuring Goodtime Alibi</p>	<p>KGHS Parking Lot &amp; Field</p>
<p>1:30 PM</p>	<p>KGHS Royal Regiment Marching Band</p>	<p>KGHS Stadium</p>

### FREE ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES AT THE FAIR

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For more details & registration forms, visit [www.kgfallfestival.com](http://www.kgfallfestival.com)

If you are interested in being a food truck/vendor/crafter, go to the site!

## Back To Our Roots - A History

In 1957, two years prior to the first Fall Festival, King George (KG) County celebrated the commemoration of Jamestown, VA. The day's activities included a parade, football game, crowning of a festival queen (at the game's half time), a commemorative program consisting of Indian Dances, and heard an address by the Hon. J. H. M. Willis. The late Willard R. Garar was the Master of Ceremonies. The festivities closed with a dance held in the high school auditorium.

In 1959, the King George Fall Festival (KGFF) was created and organized from an idea by the KG Ruritan Club. This Club was quickly joined by seven (7) other community groups.

The purpose of the KGFF was originally three fold:

1. As a community service to King George County residents.
2. As a means to bring together in closer cooperation and understanding the various community service organizations in the County.
3. Most importantly: to assist the KG Volunteer Fire Department and the Dahlgren Rescue Squad to obtain much needed equipment and supplies.

The first Fall Festival followed the format of the Jamestown Festival with the addition of Pit cooked BBQ for sale—this paid off well and became a regular offering at the KGFF for the next 50 plus years.

Printed programs were compiled and sold for 15 cents each. Today, the program book is the main source of income for the KGFF. This is possible because of the generosity and support of local businesses, residents and others wanting to be a part of the book. Just at 3000 copies are printed and given out for the event. In 1959 there were 38 advertisers. We expect the 2025 program book to have 80 inside pages or more. The program book also contains KGFF queen highlights, activity map, and lists of participants and honorees of the last 65 years.

The KG Fall Festival has been instrumental in helping the volunteer emergency services departments grow and keep up with the times. In mid 70s, the new "old" Company 1 was built where the new Company 1 now stands. There was also Station 1, Dahlgren Rescue Squad. Equipment purchased included new (used) emergency vehicles, uniforms and air bottles, radios and eventually computer equipment. Training, community service, and other needed items not covered by the County administration were purchased with funds donated by the KGFF. The Community Support has been unbelievable. In many cases, funds from the KGFF made the difference in making a purchase or not.

Without the foresight of the Ruritans and residents of King George in 1959, the growth of the volunteer King George Fire Department and Dahlgren Rescue Squad might not have been able to keep abreast of new and improved equipment and safety issues.

Thanks go out to the original KGFF organizers and to the 2025 committee members for keeping the tradition alive and well. Volunteers for the committee are always welcome.

Resources: gathered this information from past King George Fall Festival minutes.



Original King George Firehouse and trucks.



Some of the early KGVFD firefighters and the first truck they assembled.



PROCEEDS FROM FIRST FALL FESTIVAL. John M. Hunter, chairman of the 1959 festival presents W.W. Clare, then president of the King George Volunteer Fire Department with the firemen's share.



King George Volunteer Fire Department Company 1 with trucks.



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## In Memoriam

### Judy Sullivan

Dahlgren Rescue Squad

### James Morgan, Jr.

KGVFD Co. 1

### Margaret Estelle Ellis

King George Fire Department

### Janet Jennings

KGVFD Ladies Auxiliary

Each year, the KG Fall Festival Committee honors volunteer emergency service providers who have passed away since the last year's Fall Festival. These volunteer members have been instrumental to the successful operation and presentation of the Fall Festival events over the years.

Listed above are those we honor this year. These volunteers go back years, even decades. They gave unselfishly of their time for training and aid, often going above and beyond what was required of them.

We, the KG Fall Festival Committee offer our thanks and gratitude for their service. And we give a big thank you to their family members who sacrificed family time for the community benefit.

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## 2025 Fall Festival Grand Marshall

### Marilyn Tolliver Johnson

Marilyn Tolliver Johnson is a lifelong resident of King George County. She is the daughter of Elmer and Brenda A. Tolliver and sister to Marvin, Martin (deceased), Maurice, and Arlene. Marilyn is the wife of Franklin "Frank" Johnson and mother of Shannon Thomas.

Marilyn attended the Head Start program at Ralph Bunche, KG Elementary, KG Middle (first class to go through grades 6-8) and KG High School, graduating in 1983. She was a KGHS field hockey fullback and they were 1982 Battlefield District Champions, undefeated 10-0. Along with her teammates, Marilyn was inducted into the KG Sports Hall of Fame on 9/6/2014.

In 1978, at the age of 13, Marilyn first visited the Sheriff's Office with her cousin Bill Morton and she was intrigued with all the duties of the Dispatchers and the Deputies. In 1981, she joined Explorer Post #1034 sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America and referred to as a Junior Deputy Program hosted by Sheriff Clarence W. Dobson. That was the start of a lifelong career at the King George Sheriff's Office.

On 12/1/1983, Sheriff Dobson hired her as a Dispatcher for fire/rescue and police calls. In 1985, she was sworn in as a Deputy Sheriff to assist with serving civil process and handling transports. In 1986, she and Sgt. Steve Dempsey started researching public safety vendors to bring automation to the office.

Marilyn worked in numerous capacities holding down 3 different positions. She was the Secretary, Dispatcher and a Deputy Sheriff and later added the roles of Computer Systems Manager, Jury Duty Clerk and Records Manager. In 1991, she was promoted to Administrative Staff Specialist. In 1993, she was recognized as Deputy Sheriff of the Year by Optimist International. In 2011, upon Sheriff Dobson's retirement, she continued in the role of Administrative Staff Specialist and Records Manager for Sheriff Dempsey. In 2020, she became the Executive Assistant and Records Manager for Sheriff Giles until her retirement on 1/1/2024. Upon her retirement, Marilyn had served the citizens of King George County with over 40 years of dedicated, committed and humble service.



Marilyn is a very active member of Antioch Baptist Church serving as church clerk & deaconess. She is a Youth Sunday School Teacher, member of the chorus, Women's, Natal Day, & Taste of Faith Ministries. Marilyn loves people in general and has never met a stranger. She loves to help others, and she cares daily for a centenarian resident in KG who is without family.

Marilyn reached her personal goal that she put in writing in her personnel file the first week she was hired. That goal was to work, bank, church and live in King George County for her entire career without any traffic tickets or accidents where she was the driver, and to take no daily prescribed medication. Marilyn is still giving back to and supporting her hometown of King George. She wants you to know that she gives God all the glory for the great things He has done in her life and continues to bless her with daily.

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## 2025 Fall Festival Guests of Honor

### Life Members and Volunteers of the King George Department of Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services

#### Back to Our Roots: Fire, Rescue & Community

Understanding the King George Department of Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services department as it exists today can only be accomplished by remembering its beginning and appreciating the efforts of those who came before us. The contributions of the brave men and women who established these organizations will never be diminished by the progression of time. The selfless dedication and personal sacrifice of those who came before us should be a template for every member of this organization to follow.

#### The First Fire Department in King George County

On August 7, 1946, residents gathered in the King George Courthouse auditorium to organize a fire department. With guidance from firemen in Falmouth and Fredericksburg, the importance of fire protection was made clear. A week later, on August 14, twenty-five community-minded individuals became the charter members of the King George Volunteer Fire Association, later renamed the King George Volunteer Fire Department (KGVFD). Frank T. Hudson was elected the first Fire Chief. The primary mission of this volunteer department was to provide fire protection for the citizens of King George County.

#### The Birth of the Dahlgren Rescue Squad

In 1954, the Dahlgren Rescue Squad (DRS) was created to provide emergency medical services to the community. DRS quickly became a regional leader—first to offer advanced life support, first to perform telemetry, and, by 1989, the first volunteer EMS agency in the region to hire career EMS providers to support daytime coverage.

#### Expanding Fire Protection in a Growing County

- Company 2, Dahlgren (1960s): Eight young men established fire protection for the growing Dahlgren community, originally operating from a bay at a Texaco station. By 1980, Company 2 merged into KGVFD.
- Fairview Beach (1966): KGVFD set up a substation in a converted boat shed that was purchased from Fred Slick and located on the site next to what is now Sam's Pizza and Subs. In 1972, that station became the Fairview Beach Volunteer Fire Department (FBVFD). Mack Frye was the first Fire Chief and Calvin Garner was the first Fire Captain. This department provided fire service until merging into KGVFD in 2000.

#### Transition to a County Department

By the 1970s, KGVFD hired its first career firefighter to support volunteers during daytime hours. In 1999, the Department of Emergency Services was created, bringing paid paramedics and firefighters under county administration. This marked the beginning of a shift toward a combined system of volunteer and career staff. In 2005, the Dahlgren Rescue Squad and King George Fire & Rescue merged, followed by a unification of all services in 2008, when the Board of Supervisors established the King George Department of Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services.

#### Today

In September of 2008, the King George County Board of Supervisors passed an ordinance establishing the King George Department of Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services as we know it today. This department unites the career and volunteer organizations into one operational entity with a clearly defined mission, line of authority & chain of command. At the time this ordinance was enacted, the County Fire/Rescue Chief was David W. Moody, who continues to serve as the current Fire/Rescue Chief and Fire Marshal.

Resource: <https://kinggeorgecountyva.gov/1149/Fire-Rescue>



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## KG Fall Festival Grand Marshalls & Guests of Honor

Year	Parade Marshal(s)	Guest(s) of Honor
1959	----	----
1960	Congressman Howard W. Smith	----
1961	----	----
1962	Hon. Robert Button (Attorney General, VA)	----
1963	Senator Blake Newton	----
1964	Capt. W. A. Hasler, Commander NWL	----
1965	T. Benton Gayle, Retired School Superintendent	----
1966	Capt. W. A. Hasler	----
1967	Senator Paul Manns	----
1968	Admiral John J. Ballentine	----
1969	Capt. S. N. Anastasion, Commander NWL	----
1970	J. Sargeant Reynolds (Lieutenant Governor, VA)	----
1971	(chosen but too ill to participate) Dr. Arnold Wintala, President GCC	----
1972	James. D. Hudson, Sr.	----
1973	Horace A. Revercomb, Sr	----
1974	Andrew P. Miller (Attorney General, VA)	----
1975	Capt. C. J. Rorie, Commander NSWC	----
1976	Henry Howell (LT. Governor, VA)	Al Bumbry
1977	Henry Tenenbaum (Channel 9 CBS)	---
1978	Joan C. Owens	----
1979	Raymond Rock	----
1980	John Hunter	----
1981	Gordon Cartwright	----
1982	Ann Newton	John Shaw
1983	George and Delia Hall	John Allen, WFLS
1984	Brian Strobel, WFLS	Walter Gallahan
1985	W. W. Saft	Dr. Clarence Scranage
1986	Rev. Guy Mattox	James C. Roberson
1987	Rev. Joseph Toliver	Benjamin Madison & Judith Lysher
1988	Aubrey Zorn	Madison T. Benton Gayle & Larry Roller
1989	Benjamin Franklin, III	Ed Jones & Henry (Hank) Van DeWeert
1990	Rufus Howland	Lucy Burgess



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# KG Fall Festival Grand Marshalls & Guests of Honor

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Year	Parade Marshal(s)	Guest(s) of Honor
1991	John H. Davis, Jr.	----
1992	Mary Sue Terry (Attorney General, VA)	Pete Sullivan
1993	Anna Gaborow	Caroline Taylor & Sheila Quinn, WFLS
1994	Rev. Ted Reynolds	Robert Walters
1995	Topper Shutt (Channel 9 CBS)	Phyllis Brown Ashton
1996	Larry Stephenson	KGVFD Lifetime Members
1997	Susan Sablon	Howard & Jeanette Yarus
1998	Schiavone McGee	Former Festival Chairs
1999	Christopher Ferguson (Lt. DR. USN)	James Mullen
2000	Grant Paulsen	Elizabeth Lee
2001	Honorable Tayloe Murphy	Homer & Virginia Kline
2002	Ronald McDonald	Gov. Mark Warner
2003	Hometown Heroes	Cedell Brooks & Ursula Osterwinter
2004	Anthony Campbell	Dahlgren Rescue Squad
2005	Frank Herzog	Clarence "Moose" Dobson
2006	----	Gene Clift & Fred Clodius
2007	Honorary Joan Owens & Dutch Clare	Fall Festival Committee
2008	Gertrude Ferrell	U.S. Congressman Rob Wittman, State Senator Richard Stuart, & Delegate Albert Pollard
2009	Kevin McDonald	Leola Dennison
2010	Wesley Berry - JUNIOR GRAND MARSHAL Ruth Herrink	----
2011	Aldyn Abell - JUNIOR GRAND MARSHAL "Buddy" Fines	----
2012	"Vic" and Christine Mason	----
2013	Bob & Darlene Wernsman	Jamie Willett
2014	Aubrey Mitchell	Leslie Smith
2015	Sue Coleman	Grant Paulsen
2016	Tommy Burrell, Jr.	Patsy Godley
2017	Bob & Carol Sparbel	Gary Butler
2018	Ira & Gladys West	Christina Dempsey
2019	Lloyd Adams	Elsie and George Ferrell
2020	Event Cancelled	Event Cancelled
2021	Steve Dempsey	Stephanie Young
2022	Captain Todd P. Copeland	American Legion Posts 89 & 329 SGT Nicholas C. Mason Memorial VFW Post 12202
2023	Tommy & Sandy Berry	Barney Reiley
2024	John Mikszewski	Carrol E. Keys & James R. Morgan, Jr.



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## KG Fall Festival Past Themes & Contest Winners

Year	Theme	Contest Winners
1959	Halloween	FF Committee
1960	Civil War	FF Committee
1961	Historic King George	FF Committee
1962	Roarin' Twenties	FF Committee
1963	Things to Come	P. A. Kyle
1964	Things Forgotten	June Clift
1965	American Heritage	Lillian Newton
1966	World of Fantasy	Kenneth Clift
1967	Far Away Places	Nick Burrell
1968	Funtime	Thelma Clare
1969	America the Beautiful	Brodie Fitzhugh
1970	250 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of King George County Old in Years – Young in Spirit	Dottie Bundick
1971	Mardi Gras – Country Style	Dottie Bundick
1972	Harvest Time	Amelia Coates
1973	SOAR – Save Our American Resources	Mrs. R. D. Zink
1974	Holidays for All	FF Committee
1975	Good Ole Days	Maureen Fredette
1976	America – Something for Everyone	Sue Coleman
1977	Say It with Music	Mrs. Leland Riffle
1978	Happiness Is _____	Mrs. Dean Sawdy
1979	Hollywood	Donna Shea
1980	Lest We Forget	Mary Potts Williams
1981	The Country Way USA	Barbara Davies
1982	The Four Seasons	Francis Volante
1983	Friends Helping Friends	Penny Dooley
1984	It's a Family Affair	Carolyn Dudley
1985	We Are the People of the World	Anna Williams, O. C. Jacobson, & Tammy Clark
1986	King George – Almost Heaven	John Nelson
1987	Life on the Potomac and Rappahannock	Barbara Ferrell
1988	We're Country and Proud of It	Linda Yancey
1989	Our Flag – A Treasured Heritage	Anne Zink
1990	Weren't We Nifty in the Fifties	Pat Clift & Anna McDonald



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1991	Working Together – Making a Difference	KG NAACP
1992	Great Discoveries	Bonnie Finck
1993	One Moment in Time	Barbara Wisdom
1994	A Festival of Colors	Ruth Loving
1995	Come Alive in '95	Marlene Therrien
1996	People Power	Mary Melber & Mildred Rollins
1997	Our Pride, Our Future, Our Kids	Betty Pearson
1998	Fall Festival 40 Years	FF Committee
1999	Moving Forward & Looking Back	FF Committee
2000	The Beauty of King George	Debby Purks Straughn
2001	Share Your Heart – Volunteer	Janice Hill
2002	The Good Life	Pete Peregory
2003	Celebrate Our Hometown Heroes	J. L. Huff
2004	Three Cheers for the Red, White & Blue	Jean Graham
2005	King George – We're the Best	FF Committee
2006	King George – Something for Everyone	FF Committee
2007	King George – A Community of Volunteers	FF Committee
2008	Celebrate the Golden Year	FF Committee
2009	Sounds of Freedom	FF Committee
2010	Be A Star	Kristy Satterfield
2011	Pride of King George	FF Committee
2012	Livin' the Dream	Tangelz Customer
2013	55 Years of Tradition	FF Committee
2014	Keep'n It Country	Robert Bradley, Jr.
2015	It's a Celebration	FF Committee
2016	Where Your Adventure Begins	FF Committee
2017	There's No Place Like Home	Jen Crouch
2018	Dancing Through the Decades	Kelly Lewis
2019	Farm Life	Laura D Weedon
2020	Event Cancelled	Event Cancelled
2021	King George-Coming Together	FF Committee
2022	Peace and Liberty for All	FF Committee
2023	A Community of Traditions	FF Committee
2024	Cheers to 65 Years	FF Committee

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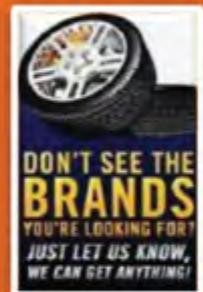


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## **Miss King George Fall Festival 2024 Lily Sanford**

I am Miss King George Fall Festival 2024, Lily Sanford. I am a 19 year old upcoming sophomore at James Madison University majoring in psychology with a pre-med minor. I am so grateful for my second opportunity to represent this title and community. Since the pageant in September, I have spent my year balancing an exciting freshman year of college, dancing my rookie year as a JMU Dukette, spreading my passion for dance as a Universal Dance Association staffer teaching youth at camps around the U.S., volunteering and advocating for American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and attending events in support of my Miss King George Fall Festival crown. I was honored to participate in the Fall Festival parade, Shiloh Baptist Church's Fall Festival and the McGinniss Barn Enchanted Christmas as Snow Queen. In my continued focus on bringing awareness to suicide prevention, I was on the planning committee and event staff for the Fredericksburg Out of the Darkness Walk. In January, I had the privilege to represent the King George Fall Festival at the Virginia Association of Fairs Scholarship Pageant. It has been an amazing year of new adventures, and I have loved being your Miss King George Fall Festival 2024. This year has been full of new adventures as I embarked on my college journey and I cannot express how thankful I have been always feeling welcomed to come back to King George County. Thank you for an amazing year and I have loved being your 2024 King George Fall Festival Queen.



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## Teen Miss King George Fall Festival 2024 Mallory Hesler

I am Mallory Hesler, your Teen Miss King George Fall Festival 2024. This year as Teen Miss has been such a fun journey! I attended the breast cancer walk in October, attended a horse show, went to VAF with our Miss, Lily Sanford, and volunteered at a free prom and formal attire giveaway, the Sealston Elementary School book fair, and the Sealston Elementary School field day. My favorite memory as Teen Miss was being able to connect with Lily during our four day stay at VAF. I will be going into my sophomore year this August and I intend to go to cosmetology school my junior and senior year. I am a competitive dancer and have been dancing for twelve years. I want to major in dance when I go to college. I have only done pageants since I was thirteen so winning Teen Miss was so big for me. My first ever King George Fall Festival pageant I was awarded the Bethany Dempsey Spirit of Pageantry award. That award means more to me than my crown and sash ever will. Thank you for everything, your 2024 Teen Miss King George Fall Festival, Mallory Hesler

# 2024 Miss King George Fall Festival Titleholders



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# Miss King George Fall Festival 2025

## Paige Bowman

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I am Paige Bowman, your 2025 Miss King George Fall Festival! I am an 18 year old rising freshman at Radford University planning to major in Social Work. My platform is to raise awareness for the chronic illness that affects both my everyday life and the lives of much of my family. Dysautonomia is an autonomic nervous system deficiency and dysfunction that causes your nervous system to not work properly or as a cohesive system. I am currently working to create a disability awareness based club at Radford. I have attended many wonderful events throughout the county including, The Independence Day Celebration, National Night Out, Open House for KGES, and fundraisers! While I may not have been born in KG, I adore being able to represent the place I've called home for almost 10 years! I cannot wait for the continuous adventures I will have as your representative for the county! Thank you for all the amazing support and love!

-Your Miss King George Fall Festival 2025, Paige Bowman

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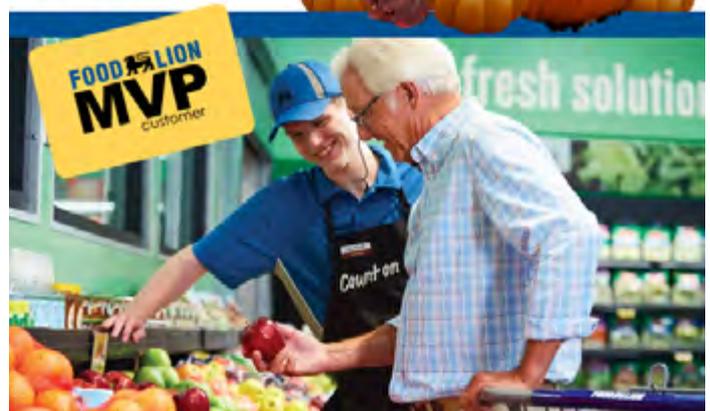
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# Teen Miss King George Fall Festival 2025 Kelly King

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I am Kelly King, a 15-year-old sophomore at King George High School. I've been dancing for 12 years, 8 of those years dancing competitively. Dance has taught me so much about discipline, creativity, and confidence. I am proud to represent my community and have enjoyed participating in county events like the Independence Day Fireworks and National Night Out. I am excited to continue my journey as a representative of King George and grateful for the chance to give back to the place I call home.



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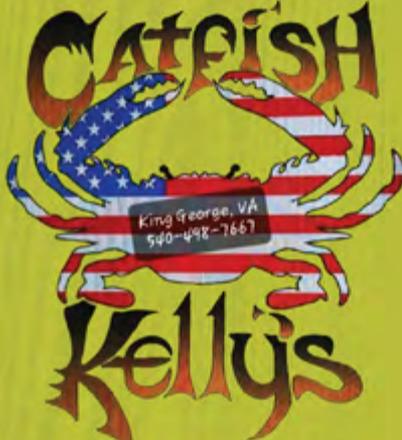
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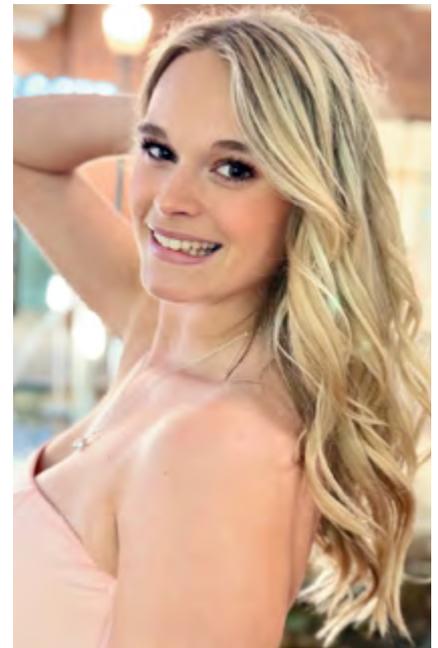
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1959	Ann Richardson	1993	Nathaline Nicole Swint
1960	Judy Griffith	1994	Sarah Brennan
1961	Linda Berry	1995	Diane Soto
1962	Sue Flaer	1996	Lorra Lee Pollard
1963	Dina Schoenthal	1997	Collette Wolfe
1964	Jane Vaughan	1998	Amy Barker
1965	Gay Griffith	1999	Christina Bogue
1966	Vickie Oesterheld	2000	LaShay Rose
1967	Susan Farmer	2001	Lucy Mears
1968	Loreena Hancock	2002	Martina Mitchell James
1969	Dale Ranson	2003	Samantha Taing
1970	Virginia Slusher	2004	Carleen Carey
1971	Wendy Jones	2005	Kateland Schlemn
1972	Debbie Braaten	2006	Brittany Harris
1973	Mary Lynne McGinniss	2007	Karisa Loy
1974	Rosemary Hales	2008	Christianna Haenlein
1975	Susan Shaw	2009	Allyson Gallamore
1976	Kathi Parsell	2010	Ray Celeste Tanner
1977	Diane Innis	2011	Amanda Lynn Short
1978	Lisa Budnick	2012	Victoria Bail
1979	Karen Childs	2013	Kathryn Strauss
1980	Jill Farren	2014	Samantha Roberts
1981	Theresa DeBenard	2015	Elena De La Rosa
1982	Karen Truslow	2016	Leona Gaither
1983	Sheryl Hall	2017	Briana Green
1984	Catherine Hudson	2018	Emily Bennett
1985	Sheri Millan	2019	Carter Wasser
1986	Beth Duffy	2020	Carter Wasser
1987	Shelly Ferrell	2021	Gillian Eshelman
1988	Cathy Burnley	2022	Lily Sanford
1989	Kathy Kent	2023	Kennedy Byrd
1990	Cassandra Lee	2024	Lily Sanford
1991	Aileen Sharp	2025	Paige Bowman
1992	Jackie Dunn		



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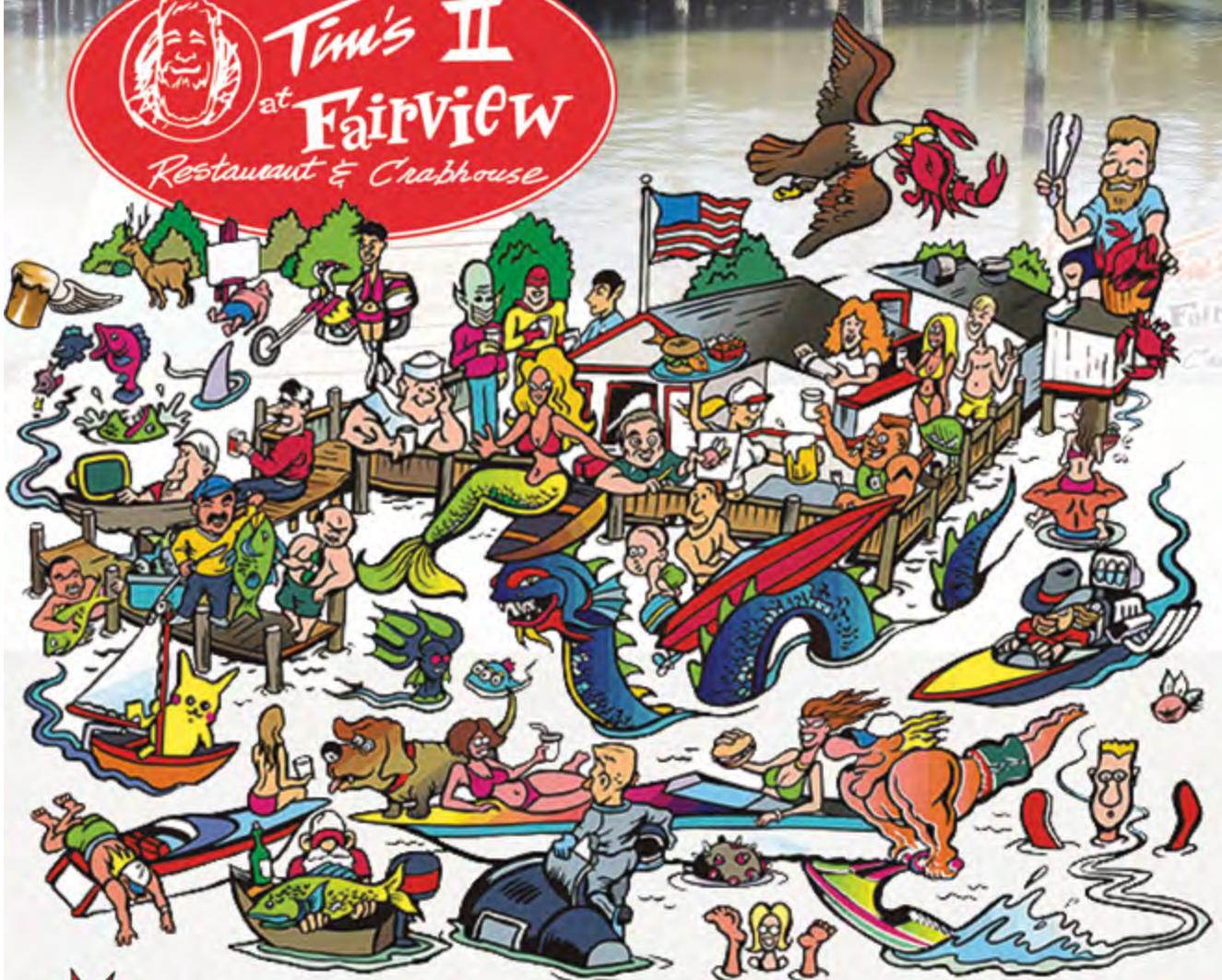
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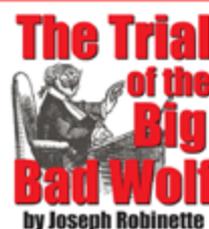
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KG DECA is open to all KGHS students in any Marketing class either semester of the school year. Join in August/September for a full year of Membership Privileges! Professional & Alumni memberships are also available! Our Chapter also hosts a variety of events and activities that involve the membership, the school, and the community. Keep up with us on our website - [www.kgdeca.org](http://www.kgdeca.org) or on all social media @kgdeca! KG DECA is also a member of the King George Fall Festival Committee and Y Street!

KGHS Chick-fil-A Leader Academy - Chick-fil-A Leader Academy at KGHS provides students an opportunity to make an impact in our community through the 1 million Book giveaway along with two other projects through the year to engage with students at our elementary and middle school. Membership is open to all KGHS students.

KGHS Y Street Team - Y Street is a youth advocacy organization that provides students with the tools to be advocates for a healthy Virginia. Membership is open to all KGHS students that complete the training.

### DECA:

Dee Strauss and AJ Addison, advisors | [dstrauss@kgcs.k12.va.us](mailto:dstrauss@kgcs.k12.va.us) | [aaddison@kgcs.k12.va.us](mailto:aaddison@kgcs.k12.va.us)

## Forensics

Forensics is a competitive speech/drama team - students choose from a variety of speech and drama events to prepare and take to competition through VHSL from the regional to state level.

### Forensics:

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## Health CTE Courses and Club

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Health CTE Courses and Club:

Lisa Tate | ltate@kgcs.k12.va.us

## Virginia Future Business Leaders of America

Virginia Future Business Leaders of America is an organization for secondary (FBLA) students enrolled in a Business or Information Technology subject related class. FBLA offers specialized business and leadership programs, competitive events, and co-curricular activities to complement academics while developing and enhancing a student's leadership skills. Virginia is one of the largest state FBLA chapters with over 14,000 students participating. FBLA participates in a wide variety of leadership development activities and conferences on the local, state, and national levels. FBLA High School helps high school students prepare for careers in business through academic competitions, leadership development, and educational programs.

FBLA:

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SkillsUSA:

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## French Club

The French Club aims to promote understanding and appreciation of the French language and francophone cultures through activities, crafts, events, and snacks! This spring, the French Club helped host the annual Foreign Food Market. We raised over two thousand dollars that went towards the World Language Scholarship. Many French Club members also had the opportunity to travel to France this summer with Mrs. Josemans.

French Club:

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The Future Farmers of America represents the growing diversity of agriculture. Today, over half a million student members are engaged in a wide range of agricultural education activities, leading to over 300 career opportunities in the food, fiber, and natural resources industry. Student success remains the primary mission of FFA. The King George FFA Chapter stays busy throughout the year with student competitions, VA State Fair, Spring Plant Sale at King George Farmer's Market, poinsettia sales at Christmas, a float in the Fall Festival Parade, King George Home Show, and the Farm Bureau Picnic.

Future Farmers of America:  
Stan Mitchell | smitchell@kgcs.k12.va.us

## Active Minds

Active Minds is a new club at KGHS that is a student led national organization. They focus on mental health awareness and wellbeing of students in schools, as well as work to create a positive impact in local communities.

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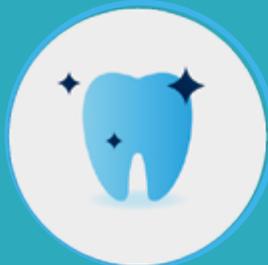
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Avery Artisans	King George Young Life	Rappahannock Community College
Carter Memorial Seventh-Day Adventist Church	L.E. Smoot Memorial Library	Rebecca Peacock
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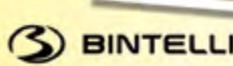
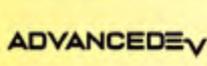
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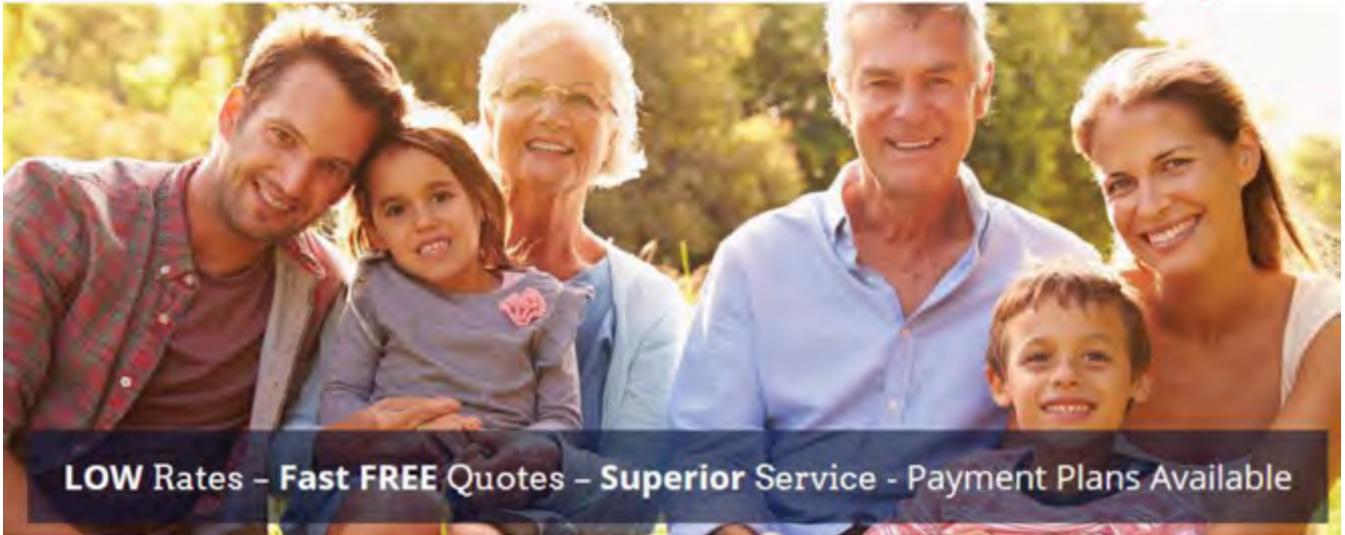
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<b>BEST COMMUNITY EVENT</b> KG FARMER'S MARKET	<b>BEST FOOD TRUCK</b> DENSON'S CHESAPEAKE BAY FARM-TO-TABLE FOOD TRUCK	<b>BEST AUTO REPAIR</b> CARROLL'S AUTOMOTIVE	<b>BEST LANDSCAPING</b> GREEN ACRES
<b>BEST ENTERTAINMENT ESTABLISHMENT</b> KGHS THEATRE DEPT	<b>BEST DENTAL PRACTICE</b> RICHARD COTTRELL, DDS & ASSOCIATES	<b>BEST BANK</b> TOPSIDE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION	<b>BEST PHOTOGRAPHER OR VIDEOGRAPHER</b> SARAH GRACE PHOTOGRAPHY
<b>BEST NON-PROFIT</b> THE OPP SHOP	<b>BEST PRIMARY/FAMILY MEDICAL CARE</b> MARY WASHINGTON PRIMARY CARE, KG	<b>BEST BARBER, HAIR SALON, OR NAIL SALON</b> SIMPLE BLISS SALON & SPA	<b>BEST REAL ESTATE BUSINESS</b> EXIT REALTY EXPERTISE (NOW KING GEORGE REALTY)
<b>BEST PARK OR OUTDOOR ACTIVITY SPACE</b> CALEDON STATE PARK	<b>BEST URGENT CARE</b> MARY WASHINGTON URGENT CARE, KG	<b>BEST CHILDCARE PROVIDER</b> FOUR SEASONS DAYCARE	<b>BEST TOWING SERVICE</b> MCDANIEL'S SERVICES
<b>BEST VENUE</b> BACKPORCH VINEYARD		<b>BEST ELECTRICIAN OR PLUMBER</b> R.K. PAYNE HEATING & AIR	

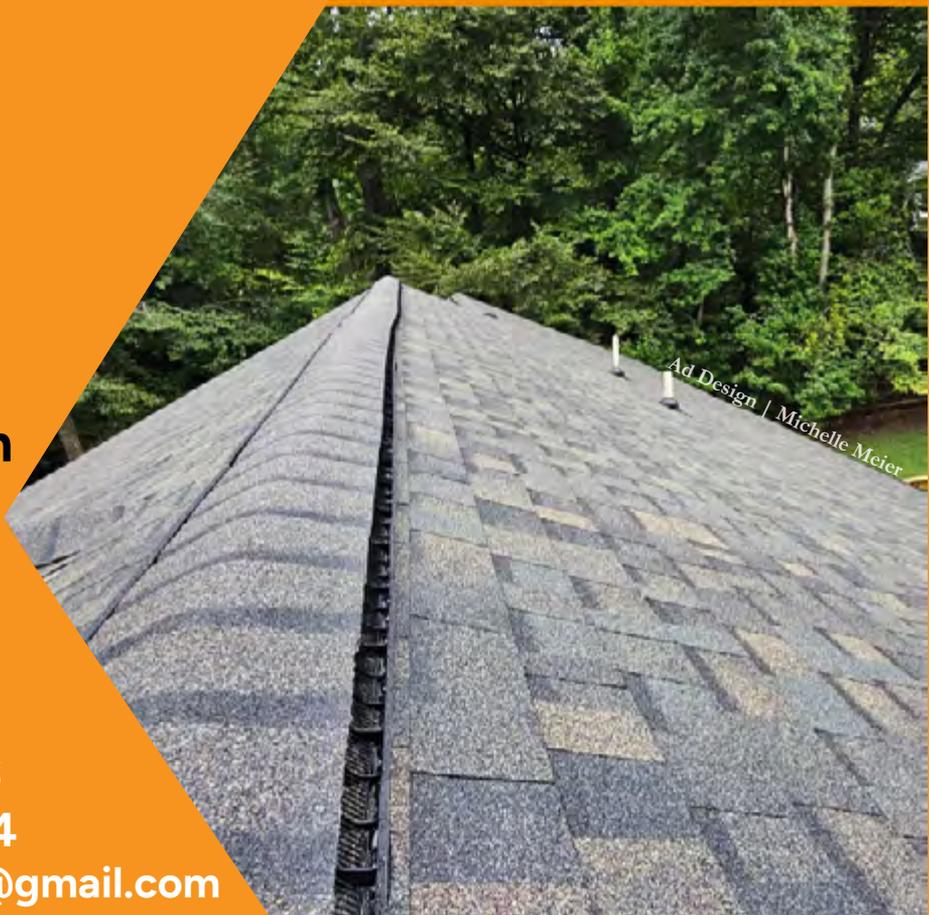


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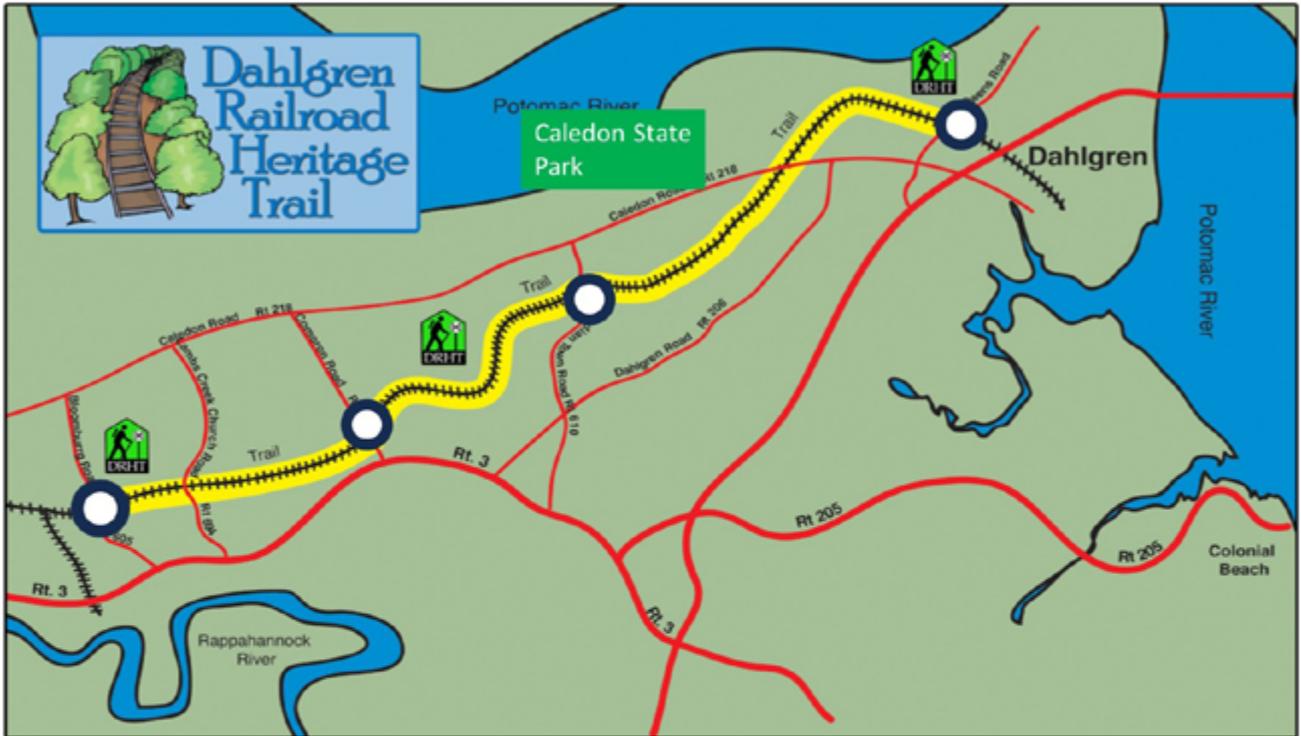
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# Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail

The vision... A 16-mile recreational and commuting trail across the northern tier of King George County, connecting to the thriving development area of the Dahlgren Base and Community, protected forever as an addition to Caledon State Park



○ Trailhead Parking: Rt 605, 609, 610, 624

A free permit is required to use the trail pending state park acquisition.  
[www.dahlgrentrail.org](http://www.dahlgrentrail.org)





## Thank You from the King George Fall Festival Committee

The Festival Committee extends its heartfelt thanks to all the individuals, organizations, and businesses whose dedication and hard work were instrumental in making this year's 66th Annual King George Fall Festival a success. This annual community event has grown into a cherished tradition for countless families, creating lasting memories and bringing the King George community closer together. While words can hardly express the depth of our gratitude, please know that your generous donations—whether monetary, material, or countless volunteer hours—have been deeply appreciated. Your continued support is the foundation of this festival's enduring success.

This year King George County is going **BACK TO OUR ROOTS** and thanking the founding organizations' spirit and dedication whose vision created the Fall Festival to support the King George Volunteer Fire Department. Help us celebrate the rich history, heart, and heritage of King George County! Let's celebrate where we've come from and the community that keeps us going. Let's make this year's festival one to remember — just like the very first one!

We can't wait to see you there - Saturday, October 11th!

Community • Tradition • Support

SAVE THE DATE -

**October 10, 2026**

If you would like to advertise in the  
2026 King George Fall Festival Guide  
just like these businesses have this year, send us an email to  
[kinggeorgeff@gmail.com](mailto:kinggeorgeff@gmail.com) and we will add you to our list!

Or simply aim your phone camera at the QR code below to be taken  
directly to [KGFallFestival.com!](http://KGFallFestival.com!)





Pictured: Life Members and Volunteer Members. Photo taken August 2025.

**Thank You,  
King George Fire & Rescue and  
King George County Department of Fire, Rescue, & Emergency Services**

The King George Fall Festival Committee proudly recognizes and extends our heartfelt gratitude to the men and women of King George Fire & Rescue and King George County Department of Fire, Rescue, & Emergency Services. Their unwavering dedication, courage, and professionalism play a vital role in protecting the health, safety, and well-being of our community.

From responding to emergencies at a moment's notice, to providing lifesaving medical care, fire suppression, rescue operations, and community education, their service goes far beyond the call of duty. These individuals exemplify the highest standards of public service, often putting themselves at risk to ensure the safety of others.

We are thankful not only for their rapid response in times of crisis, but also for their ongoing commitment to training, preparedness, and community outreach. Their efforts help create a safer and stronger King George for all of us. On behalf of the citizens of King George County, we say thank you for your courage, your sacrifice, and your dedication to keeping our community safe.





## LEGEND

- 1 Car Show
- 2 Live Band "Goodtime Alibi"
- 3 Craft & Vendor Show (Gym)
- 4 Petting Zoo
- 5 Rides/ Games/ Inflatables
- 6 Food Trucks
- 7 Outdoor Vendors
- 8 KGHS Marching Band
- 9 Cornhole Tournament

# Festival Map