

Thank you for joining us for the 23rd Annual Miss Texas Czech-Slovak Queen Pageant and 3rd Annual CHS Youth Royalty Pageant 2025 hosted by Ellis County Czech Heritage Society, with assistance from the McLennan-Hill CHS Chapter, at Sokol Hall in Ennis on July 12, 2025.

**Congratulations to all our royalty:**

**Queens:**

**Kyla Jupe**, CHS Miss Texas Czech-Slovak Queen 2025-2026; Private Interview, Talent, and Heritage Involvement Awards.

**Addison Crawford**, CHS Miss Texas Czech-Slovak Queen 1st Runner-Up 2025-2026; On-Stage Interview and Kroj Awards.

**Junior Queen:**

**Ashlyn Kaluza**, CHS Miss Texas Czech-Slovak Junior Queen 2025-2026; Kroj and Heritage Involvement Awards

**Pearl Gibson**, CHS Miss Texas Czech-Slovak Junior Queen Runner-Up 2025-2026; Private Interview and On-Stage Interview Awards.

**Little Princess:**

**Lillie Karstedt**, CHS Texas Czech-Slovak Little Princess 2025-2026; Private Interview Award

**Evelyn Dudik**, CHS Texas Czech-Slovak Little Princess Runner-Up 2025-2026

**Khloe Haygood**, CHS Texas Czech-Slovak Little Princess Runner-Up 2025-2026; Heritage Involvement Award

**June Kral**, CHS Texas Czech-Slovak Little Princess Runner-Up 2025-2026; On-Stage Interview and Kroj Awards

**Celeste Sefcik**, CHS Texas Czech-Slovak Little Princess Runner-Up 2025-2026

**Little Prince:**

**Ryker McDermott**, CHS Texas Czech-Slovak Little Prince 2025-2026; Private and On-Stage Interview, Kroj and Heritage Involvement Awards

**King:**

**Wyatt Holecek**, CHS Texas Czech-Slovak King 2025-2026; Private and On-Stage Interview, Kroj and Heritage Involvement Awards

All royalty are winners and will continue their titled reign with their state and chapter titles. The chapter titled royalty unable to attend the state pageant, will continue their titled reign: Kylee Aleksines, Travis-Williamson Queen; Ivanna Beebe, Ellis County Junior Queen; and Imrich Beebe, Ellis County Junior King.

Presentation of Colors, Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags, US National, Czech and Slovak Anthems, Invocation and lunch prayers were led by our CHS Texas Royalty. Our pageant enjoyed a beautiful Parade of Kroje led by Jana Vaculik, along with the performance of our Czech-Slovak Dancers of CHS and May Pole dance. Ennis Mayor Kameron Raburn presented a heritage proclamation to CHS Trustee James Steffek. Honored guests included: Aspen Hein, Miss Czech-Slovak US 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up 2024-2025; National Polka King and Queen, Corey and Samantha Mikula, with Prince Levi Lytle and Princess Eleanor Howell.

We are thankful to our judges: Cindy Gentry - Harris County CHS, CHS TX Secretary/Editor; Mike Kozelsky - Concho Valley CHS President; and Nina Marcussen - Victor Havel Czech School of Dallas, Czech Folk Singers. Thank you to our auditors: Johana Dickerson - Harris County CHS, Executive Director Czech Center Museum Houston; and Aspen Hein - Miss Czech-Slovak US 1st Runner-Up 2024-2025, from Oklahoma.

Thank you to our Master of Ceremonies John Gerik, McLennan-Hill CHS. As your CHS Pageant Affairs/Youth Directors - Kathy Podsednik and Lauren Gerik Castanon, we extend our sincere thank you for supporting the success of our royalty.

Special thanks are extended to

- Our Royalty attendees/assistants - Madelyn Karstedt, Karson Haygood, Arabella Chamberlin, John Buzek, Grace Moravec, Amberly Payne, Mabry Sustala, Lincoln Holecek, Madison Murphy, Jana Vaculik and Sarah Middlebrook Armor.
- Our committee/assistants with pageant preparations and during the pageant - Molly Gerik, Anita Murphy, Janis Hrnecir, Danny Hughes and Richard Skopik.
- Kyle Stuckly and the Ellis County Czech Heritage for all the work as our beautiful hosting facility for the pageant.

Thank you for the generous donations and gifts from our chapters and individuals for all of our successful royalty being honored for their hard work in preparations and continuing to serve as ambassadors for CHS of Texas Chapters. Please continue to invite our royalty to all your events in Texas and beyond.