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Florida Strawberry Festival crowns 87th queen

PLANT CITY, Fla. (Jan. 23, 2022) – Kenley Connell was crowned queen of the 87th Florida Strawberry Festival at tonight’s annual pageant in Plant City, Fla.

Connell was selected from a field of 24 contestants. Madison Davis was chosen first maid along with court members Chloe Hopper, Bailey Blanton and Tamia Williams.

“It’s amazing! I’m on cloud nine,” said Connell. “I’m most looking forward to spending 11-days with the beautiful ladies standing next to me.”

Connell is the daughter of Joel and Erika Connell. She is currently a junior at Plant City High School. Connell serves as a member of FFA, Interact Club and National Honors Society. She is also a member of the Tennis and Track Teams. She plans to attend a Florida university to attain a doctorate in psychology with a minor in criminology.

The Florida Strawberry Festival Queen’s Competition is organized by the Plant City Lions Club and is composed of five facets of competition: a personal interview, on-stage speaking, casual wear, evening wear and an impromptu question.

Throughout the year, the queen and court make over 80 appearances as they represent the Florida Strawberry Festival and the Plant City community. They can be seen at festival events throughout the grounds and at community events throughout the year.

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“Yet another year of five wonderful young ladies selected,” said Florida Strawberry Festival President Paul Davis. “I have no doubt they will represent us well this year.”

About the Florida Strawberry Festival

The Florida Strawberry Festival is an 11-day community event celebrating the strawberry harvest of Eastern Hillsborough County. Each year, over 500,000 visitors enjoy the festival’s headline entertainment, youth livestock shows, exhibits of commerce and, of course, its strawberry shortcake. The 2022 Florida Strawberry Festival takes place March 3-13 in Plant City, Fla. For more information, visit www.flstrawberryfestival.com, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (#berryfest22).

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