

2020-2021

Royalty

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CECILIA MINCHOW - QUEEN



Cecilia is a 19 year old from Lincoln, Nebraska. She is currently a sophomore double majoring in Psychology and Behavioral Sciences with minors in Music and Business at Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska.

She is the only daughter of Todd and Laura Minchow. Granddaughter of Ron and Susan Minchow and Gladys and the late Adolph Nemeec.

Cecilia stays active throughout the year with festivals, her studies, music, and her jobs as a photographer and a Resident Assistant at her University. She loves dancing, theater, watching sports, reading, painting, and embroidering.

"My faith, family, and heritage are three things I hold to the utmost importance and in an amazing way they all get to collide as I start this journey. Representing Prague, Nebraska as a cultural ambassador, and working to not only preserve but to fully experience this heritage and culture, is a dream come true. I feel so blessed to have this opportunity and look forward to all of the adventures it will bring my way. I am so excited for all of the dancing and parades, for the new faces and lessons, and for the chance to bond with my little royal court as we travel this year. A huge thank you to the Nebraska Czechs of Prague and to my family for all of your love and support!"

Hannah Strizek - Princess



Hannah is the daughter of Shawn and Kathy Strizek of Valparaiso. She is the granddaughter of Lucile and the late Eldon Strizek of Valparaiso. She is also the granddaughter of Marvine and the late Lumir Oborny of Bellwood. She has a little brother Simon too.

Hannah is 12 years old and is a 7th grader at East Butler. She is a dancer with Desiree's Dancers (clogging and hip hop) and Prague Czech Dancers. In junior high, Hannah is involved in band playing the tuba/sousaphone, Tigerbots (robotics), FFA, 4-H, volleyball, and track. Her hobbies include baking, reading, and spending time with animals including her dogs, chickens, and rabbit.

Hannah is honored to be a part of the Nebraska Czechs of Prague as it is her 2nd year representing Prague as the 2019-2020 princess and previously the 2018-2019 junior princess. She loves wearing her beautiful kroj which she designed and was handmade by her talented seamstress Debbie (Nemeec) Steager. She looks forward to the various Czech Festivals, parades, and the state and national queen pageants in hopes of one day becoming a Czech Queen.

Hannah's favorite things about the Czech culture are baking Houska, eating poppyseed kolache, Czech Dancing, listening to polka music, looking at the kroj of different regions of the Czech Republic, and learning about where her ancestors originated Znojmo in Moravia and Koryta, Dolni Branna, and Vsepadly in Bohemia. Hannah dearly loves her Czech Heritage and enjoys dancing her favorites the Maypole and the 7 step Polka.



Olivia Pierce - Jr. Princess

Olivia Pierce is 10 years old and is in 5th grade at St. John Nepomucene in Weston.

She is the daughter of Aaron and Katie Pierce of Valparaiso, the Granddaughter of Mike and Paula (Nemec) Masek of Valparaiso and Duane and Wendy Pierce of Brainard.

She stays active all year round in sporting activities with her Cavalry basketball and Volleyball teams and town softball team. She loves to draw, be outdoors on the farm and show animals at our local county fair!

Olivia is most excited about representing Prague and her small town love of her Czech heritage at many other celebrations!! She's looking forward to meeting new people and royalty at the surrounding festivals and being in the parades.



Maura Fitzpatrick - Little Sister

Maura is the daughter of Kevin and Kristina (Nemec) Fitzpatrick of Lincoln, NE; she's the granddaughter of Gladys and the late Adolph Nemec of Prague, NE, and the late Robert and Margaret Fitzpatrick of Milford, IA.

Maura is currently 8 years old and entering the 3rd grade at St. Teresa Catholic School in Lincoln, NE. She is a member of the Nebraska Czechs of Prague Czech Dancers and her hobbies include doing crafts and playing piano and violin. her favorite pastimes are swimming, cooking and baking, and playing with siblings or friends in the neighborhood.

Maura says she is excited to represent the Nebraska Czechs of Prague because she will represent her heritage, which is also the same heritage as her Czech ancestors and she loves her grandparents very much! As she attends the many festivals in 2020 she really looks forward to meeting new people, being a part of the parades and getting to know all the members of the royal court even better! Maura's favorite things about the Czech culture are dumplings, prune and cherry kolacy, and dancing to polka!

Cyline Covey - Little Sister

Cyline Covey is 9 years old. She is the daughter of Travis and Gwen (Nemec) Covey, and granddaughter of the late Cy and Evelyn Nemec and Larry and Glenda Covey of North Platte. She will be a 4th grader at North Platte Catholic Schools-McDaid Elementary.

Cyline plays piano; takes ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, lyrical, and pre-pointe dance classes; does swim team; plays golf with her daddy, and loves to do anything outside!

Cyline is so excited to learn more about her Czech heritage and she loves to dance. She's excited that she's a Little Sister to Cecilia and she can't wait to be in parades and to see her cousins at festivals. She loves to polka and cream cheese kolace! Finally, she thinks it's neat that she gets to represent Prague, which is where her Grandpa Cy was from.



Isaac Minchow - Prince

Isaac is 12 years old and is going into the 7th grade at St. Teresa's Catholic School in Lincoln, Nebraska. His parents are Todd and Laura (Nemec) Minchow. His grandparents are Adolph and Gladys Nemec and Ron and Susan Minchow.

Isaac is very excited to represent Prague, Nebraska as their Czech Prince. He says he is most excited to learn more about his heritage within the next year.

