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Miss Green & White Pageant winners are, from left, Lexi Little, the first runner-up; Queen Aminah Jackson; and Londyn Gaddy, the second runner-up.

NAU Crowns Little Miss Green & White Queen

The Wadesboro Branch of the National Association of University presented its annual Little Miss Green & White Scholarship Pageant at Morven Elementary School in late spring. Miss Aminah Jackson was crowned the queen of 2024.

The purpose of the Little Miss Green & White Pageant is: 1) to provide self-development, cultural enrichment, and leadership opportunities, 2) to allow young girls and boys the opportunity to interact in a positive environment, 3) to support the youth and encourage them to set realistic educational goals, and 4) to raise funds to provide educational scholarships to high school seniors in Anson County.

NAUW sponsored a pageant tea for the contestants to attend a tea that addressed a wide range of topics, including etiquette, self-esteem, culture and history, talent and the arts, and community service. As part of the culture and history, the contestants toured the Leavitt House Museum to learn about the history and culture of Anson County. Steve Bailey was the tour guide. The contestants and escorts were aged 5 to 11.

Positive involvement is critical to youth growth. The young ladies displayed their talents and were presented to the community in white pageant attire. Their talent included singing, dancing, and poetry. The young gentlemen participated in the pageant's fashion show, modeling their favorite outfits.

The Queen, Aminah Jackson, is the daughter of Taniqua Lindsey and Krashad Jackson. She was escorted by Jayceon Chambers and sponsored by Dr. Dionnya Pratt. Lexi Little was the first runner-up. She is the daughter of Charmaine Lindsey. She was escorted by Deonta Willoughby and sponsored by Sarah Dean. Londyn Gaddy was the second runner-up. She is the daughter of Areeba Liles and Gary Gaddy, Jr. She was escorted by Di Chon Hillian and sponsored by Jannie Liles.

Other contestants in the pageants were Ja'Kalah Elaine Burr, Shermiya Faulkner and Kinsley Honeycutt. The other escorts were Trenton Cole and Levi Thompson.

All contestants and escorts received trophies, gift certificates and gifts from their sponsors and NAUW.

NAUW 2nd Vice President Dr. Dionnya Pratt extended greetings. Dr. Danielle Blount and Mrs. Lorri Burns Bennett were the program MCs. Marlene Richardson provided decorations with the assistance of Ruby McLendon, Patricia Bennett and Heather Watkins. Mr. Leon Gatewood provided music.

The mission of the National Association of University Women is to serve women, youth, and the disadvantaged in our communities and developing countries by addressing educational issues, advancing the status of women's issues, and strategically partnering with allied organizations.

"We are excited that 2024 enables us to continue our tradition of sharing our determination to support our children as they strive to continue to reach a higher education level. Thanks for all the hard work and support you have given our contestants and their families in allowing the Wadesboro Branch of the National Association of University Women to remain true to its chapter goal," said Sarah Dean, president of NAUW.

Sarah Dean is the President of NAUW. Other members are Marlene Richardson, Dr. Dionnya Pratt, Hester Spencer, Lorri Bennett, Thomasina Montgomery, Bertha Hardin, Brenda Broadway-Calliste, Patricia Bennett, Dr. Danielle Blount, Claretta Little, Denise Cannon, Jannie Liles, Kellie Sturdivant, Heather Watkins, Sherika Staton, Crystal McLendon, Ruby McLendon, Ashley Cole and Patricia McGregor-Deberry.



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Advance Tickets on Sale Now for 2024 N.C. State Fair

Now is the time to save money and get a jump on planning your trip to the 2024 N.C. State Fair, happening Oct. 17-27 in Raleigh. Advance tickets can be purchased online now until Oct. 17. Tickets can also be purchased at the Dorton Arena kiosk on weekends, and walk-up tickets will be available Oct. 3-17.

"The fair is a great place to make cherished memories with your family and friends," said Kent Yelverton, N.C. State Fair director. "These prices are the best ticket offers you'll see this fair season, so be sure to buy your advance tickets today."

The advance ticket prices are as follows: Adults (ages 13-64) are \$10, youth (ages 6-12) and senior adult tickets are \$5 and children 5 and under are free. Group tickets are also available for groups of 40 people or more with prices at \$8 for adults and \$4 for youth.

Advance tickets for ride ticket cards, one-price ride wristbands, the State Fair Flyer and the State Fair SkyGazer are available until Oct. 17. These purchases do not include admission to the fair. The prices are \$10 for 18 ride tickets, \$30 per wristband, \$6 one-way or \$9 round-trip for the State Fair Flyer, and \$6 for the State Fair SkyGazer.

It is important to note that each wristband will be valid for one day only during the duration of the fair. There is an additional \$1 fee for all wristbands and ride ticket cards. Ride ticket cards and wristbands are not valid for the State Fair Flyer or the State Fair SkyGazer.

Additionally, the State Fair offers special-themed ticket packages:

- Dizzy Pass – 1 gate admission ticket and 1 unlimited ride wristband for \$38 (\$2 savings)
- Kegs & Cork Pass – One gate admission ticket, one N.C. Public House Beer + Wine ticket for \$17 (\$3 savings)
- State Fair Flyer Package – Two gate admission tickets and two round-trip State Fair Flyer tickets for \$34 (\$4 savings)
- State Fair SkyGazer – One gate admission ticket and one State Fair SkyGazer ticket for \$14 (\$2 savings)

For more information on tickets, check out the "Important Information for Carnival Ticketing" section under the "Buy Tickets Now" tab at ncagr.gov/state_fair.

Candle Making, Camping, Drawing and Oil Painting Classes

South Piedmont Community College is offering a new lineup of Personal Enrichment classes this fall.

"These classes are a great opportunity to learn new skills, make new connections, and just have a lot of fun," said Department Chair of Business, Education, and Social Sciences Stephanie Gilbert. **The new courses include:**

- **Drawing Figures, Landscapes, and Nature** Master the art of drawing figures, landscapes, and nature in this comprehensive course. Develop skills in human anatomy, perspective techniques, and animal drawing using various mediums. No previous experience required. August 12 to October 7, 2-5 p.m. on Mondays. (No class September 2.) OCH Main Campus. \$95 (material cost is included in cost of tuition)
- **Candle Making** Explore the art and science of candle making in this comprehensive course. Learn essential techniques, materials, and safety procedures to create professional-looking candles. No previous experience required. Minimum age 15. September 14, 12:00-2:30 p.m. OCH Main Campus. \$40. Second class is October 12, 12:00-2:30 p.m. OCH Main Campus. \$40
- **Camping, Hiking, and Backpacking** Discover essential outdoor skills for camping, hiking, and backpacking in this hands-on course. Learn about gear selection, wilderness safety, and navigation techniques to prepare for your own adventures. October 12, 8 a.m. - 12 noon. OCH Main Campus. \$80 (Includes material cost.)
- **Beginning Oil Painting** Learn the fundamentals of oil painting in this beginner-friendly course that covers color theory, brush techniques, and material selection. Practice painting still life, landscape, and portrait subjects while developing skills and confidence. No previous experience required. October 22 - December 12, 4:30-6 p.m. on Tuesdays & Thursdays. (No class November 26 & 28.) OCH Main Campus. \$171.40 (Includes material cost.)

- The registration deadline for each of these classes is two business days prior to the day the classes start.

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