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2025 NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL

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Little Miss Skipperville Mary Morgan Jackson, center, is the 2025 Little Miss National Peanut Festival. On the royal court are 1st Runner-Up Ansley Brooke Seale, Little Miss Dothan; 2nd Place Ella Casey, Little Miss Taylor; 3rd Place Mary Reese Lewis, Little Miss Cottonwood; and, 4th Place Millie Smith, Little Miss Geneva.

Royal court named ahead of festival

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Little Miss Skipperville Mary Morgan Jackson is the 2025 Little Miss National Peanut Festival.

Contestant No. 38 Jackson captured the crown in the pageant held at the Dothan Civic Center featuring 45 area queens from across the Wiregrass region.

Jackson will serve as a youth ambassador for the National Peanut Festival throughout the year, participating in parades, community events, and educational outreach that celebrate agriculture and community pride.

Royal court

■ 1st Runner-Up: No.15 Ansley Brooke

Seale, Little Miss Dothan;

■ 2nd Place: No. 41 Ella Casey, Little Miss Taylor;

■ 3rd Place: No. 9 Mary Reese Lewis, Little Miss Cottonwood; and,

■ 4th Place: No. 20 Millie Smith, Little Miss Geneva.

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Parade route set to run down Main Street

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The National Peanut Festival Parade is Saturday, Oct. 25, from 3 until 5:30 p.m. This year, the parade will return to its traditional route down Main Street in Dothan, renewing the familiar path that has been a staple of the community celebration for decades.

“Last year’s special 80th Anniversary route was a memorable tribute, but in 2025, we look forward to welcoming back the traditions that so many families and festival-goers know and love,” said National Peanut Festival Executive Director Tony Ellison. “This year, we’re excited to honor the 81st celebration with a return to the traditional route down Foster Street, a nostalgic change from the re-

cent east-west corridor of Main Street.

“The National Peanut Festival Parade is one of the largest and most beloved events in the Wiregrass area, featuring marching bands, colorful floats, local organizations, and special guests who come together to celebrate the peanut industry and the vibrant spirit of our community,” Ellison said. “We invite everyone to join us in downtown Dothan Oct. 25 for an afternoon of fun, pride, and pageantry as we kick off the 2025 National Peanut Festival.”

81st National Peanut Festival

On opening day, gates open at 4 p.m. On Saturday, Nov. 1, gates open at 10 a.m., and on Sunday, Nov. 2, at 1 p.m.

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Queens and floats roll along in 2024 National Peanut Festival Parade.

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