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What: 58th Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo
When: Thursday, February 9, and Friday, February 10
Where: Mississippi State Fairgrounds

Schedule of 58th Annual Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo Events Taking Place Today, Thursday, February 9, and Friday, February 10

STATE FAIRGROUNDS, Miss. – Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson invites everyone to attend the 58th annual Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo and announces the schedule of events taking place today, Thursday, February 9, and Friday, February 10, 2023. All events take place on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds.

The annual Sale of Junior Champions will take place today at 11:00 a.m. in the Trade Mart. A press conference will be held at 10:30 a.m. inside the Atrium of the Trade Mart as Commissioner Gipson kicks off this event. Commissioner Gipson will be joined Dr. Steve Martin, Interim Director of the Mississippi State University Extension Service; Gary Blair, Chairman of the Sale of Junior Champions Promotion Committee; two recipients of the Sale of Champions Scholarships, Emma Grace Koger from the Humphreys 4-H and Calden Ratliff from the Stone 4-H/Stone County FFA; Phillip Morgan, CEO of Southern AgCredit; and Rorey Lemmel of Harper & Morgan Rodeo.

The Sale of Junior Champions, one of the highlight traditions of the Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo, is a livestock auction where livestock exhibitors winning Champion and Reserve Champion in the Junior Round Up Market Divisions sell their animals and scholarships are awarded. Last year, the final Sale of Champions featured 46 champion market animals, including 15 hogs, 12 goats, 10 lambs and nine steers. The preliminary total sale was \$448,500, setting a new record over the 53-year history of the sale. Scholarships were awarded to 39 student participants of the 2022 Dixie National Junior Round Up Livestock Shows.

Also, the famous Dixie National Wagon Train will be rolling into Jackson today and tomorrow before joining in the procession of the 2023 Dixie National Parade, happening this Saturday, February 11, at 10:30 a.m. Spectators can catch a glimpse of the wagon trains making their trek to the Mississippi State Fairgrounds around lunchtime along Highway 80 and I-55 South on Frontage Road. The Dixie National Parade will feature an array of rodeo queens, marching groups, decorative floats, car and tractor clubs, riding groups, dignitaries,

the famous Dixie National Wagon Train and much more. The parade procession will start on Mississippi Street, circle the State Capitol, and finally take a left onto Amite Street before returning to the State Fairgrounds. Spectators are encouraged to watch from the Capitol grounds near President, High and West streets for the best views. Parking will be available at the Capitol grounds and surrounding parking lots.

Tomorrow officially kicks off rodeo competitions for the 2023 Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo, the largest rodeo east of the Mississippi River. Tomorrow's rodeo performance will begin at 7:00 p.m. inside the Mississippi Coliseum, featuring music artist Randy Houser. The Dixie National Afterparty will follow the rodeo and includes entertainment by Burnham Road. Tickets can be purchased at www.Ticketmaster.com.

Cowboy Corner presented by Noble Barber, a one-stop shop for all things cowboy, will be open in the Atrium of the Mississippi Trade Mart on Friday, February 10, and Saturday, February 11, from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Cowboy Corner will feature haircuts by Noble Barber, special made hats by Parker Thomas Custom Hats, Artifact Beard Oils, knives and knife sharpening by Rose and Leather Knives, seasonings and spices by Game Changer and pipe and tobacco cigars from the Country Squire.

In addition, the Dixie National Steakhouse is extending its operating hours. The steakhouse will continue to be open from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on weekdays and Sundays, and will now remain open from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The steakhouse will be closed to the public on Monday, February 13, and Tuesday, February 14.

Scheduled Activities & Events for Thursday, February 9, 2023:

- 11:00 a.m. – Sale of Junior Champions - Trade Mart
- 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Dixie National Steakhouse - Trade Mart

Scheduled Activities & Events for Friday, February 10, 2023:

- 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Dixie National Rodeo Days Expo - Trade Mart
- 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Cowboy Corner – Atrium of Trade Mart
- 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. – Dixie National Steakhouse - Trade Mart
- 5:00 p.m. – Deadline for arrival of Open Show Livestock
- 7:00 p.m. – Dixie National Rodeo with entertainment by Randy Houser - Coliseum
- 10:00 p.m. – Dixie National Afterparty with entertainment by Burnham Road - Trade Mart

Events of the 58th Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo run through Sunday, February 19, 2023. The Dixie National Rodeo, the largest rodeo east of the Mississippi River, takes place Friday, February 10, through Sunday, February 12, and again Wednesday, February 15, through Saturday, February 18, inside the Mississippi Coliseum at the State Fairgrounds.

Rodeo Entertainment:

Friday, February 10, at 7:00 p.m. – Randy Houser
Saturday, February 11, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – Chancey Williams
Sunday, February 12, at 2:00 p.m. – Mark Chesnutt
Wednesday, February 15, at 7:00 p.m. – Lainey Wilson
Thursday, February 16, at 7:00 p.m. – Diamond Rio
Friday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m. – Casey Donahew
Saturday, February 18, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – Chris Lane

To purchase tickets to the Dixie National Rodeo, visit <https://www.ticketmaster.com/dixie-national-rodeo-tickets/artist/848320>. For more information, visit www.dixienational.org, follow the Dixie National Livestock Show & Rodeo on Facebook or call 601-961-4000.