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# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**What: 164<sup>th</sup> Mississippi State Fair Event Schedule**

**When: Friday, October 13 – Sunday, October 15, 2023**

**Where: Mississippi State Fairgrounds**

**Schedule of 164th Mississippi State Fair Events for Friday October 13, through  
Sunday, October 15, 2023**

**STATE FAIRGROUNDS, Miss.** – Commissioner Gipson invites everyone to attend the final weekend of the 164<sup>th</sup> Mississippi State Fair and announces the schedule of events taking place tomorrow, Friday October 13, through Sunday, October 15, 2023. All events take place on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds.

The first-ever Mississippi State Fair Goat Roping Media Contest was held yesterday at the Blue Line Goat Roping booth in Frontier Village. Representatives with three Jackson news stations – Leah Williams, multimedia journalist with WJTV; Morgan Harris, reporter and anchor with WLBT; and Cecil Hannibal, morning anchor with WAPT – competed for the title of Goat Roping Champion. Each contestant was partnered with a cowboy or cowgirl who roped the head of the goat, and the media contestants acted as the heeler. In the end, WJTV's Leah Williams and cowboy Trenton Wells won with a time of 8.62 seconds, beating out WLBT's Morgan Harris and cowgirl Logan Wilson by a tenth of a second. WAPT's Cecil Hannibal and cowboy Jon Tyler Wells came in third.

Friday, October 13, Funny Friday at the Fair starring comedians Rita Brent, Kerwin Claiborne, Marvin Hunter and JJ Williamson will occur in the Mississippi Coliseum at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with tickets available at the Coliseum Box Office or on Ticketmaster.

The Commodores, featuring special guest Four Washington, will take the stage 7:00 p.m. Saturday, October 14, in the Coliseum. Tickets are \$10 - \$40.

Sunday, October 15, Jeremy Camp with Kayla Berry will perform in the Coliseum at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 - \$45.

Fair admission is included with pre-purchased concert tickets. Find the complete schedule of fair events at [www.msstatefair.com](http://www.msstatefair.com). For additional information, follow the Mississippi State Fair on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

### **Scheduled Activities & Events for Friday, October 13, 2023**

**Ride Special – Kids Day – One Less Coupon – 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**Ride Special – Ride-A-Thon \$25 – 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.**

- 8:00 a.m. – 4-H/FFA Dairy Goat Show – Barn 8
- 8:00 a.m. – Open Market Swine Show – Barn 7
- 8:15 a.m. – Junior Market Hog Show – Barn 7
- 8:15 a.m. – Open Prospect Swine Show – Barn 7
- 9:00 a.m. – Jr. Poultry Show – Barn 13
- 9:00 a.m. – Open Dairy Cattle Show – Judging Arena
- 11:00 a.m. – Gates Open - Free Admission until 1:00 p.m.
- 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. – Exhibits, Ag Expo & Genuine MS® Store – Mississippi Trade Mart
- 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. – Petting Zoo – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 12:00 p.m. – Rides Open
- 12:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 8:15 p.m. – Pig Races – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 12:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. – Magic Show – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 1:00 p.m. – Pony Pull – Equine Center
- 1:00 p.m. – Two-Year-Old Jersey Futurity – Judging Arena
- 1:30 p.m. – Two-Year-Old Holstein Futurity – Judging Arena
- 1:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. – Zerbini Family Circus – Kid Zone
- 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Frontier Village Train Depot – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Biscuit Booth – Midway
- 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. – Live Music by Acoustic – Michelob Ultra Tent
- 6:30 p.m. – Taste of Dixie National – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 7:00 p.m. – The Pretty Cow Contest – Judging Arena
- 7:00 p.m. – Special Dairy Classes – Judging Arena
- 7:00 p.m. – The Commissioner’s Production Cup – Judging Arena
- 7:30 p.m. -11:30 p.m. – Live Music by Sound Check the Band – Michelob Ultra Tent
- 7:30 p.m. – Funny Friday at the Fair – Mississippi Coliseum
- 11:00 p.m. – Gates Close

### **Scheduled Activities & Events for Saturday, October 14, 2023**

- 8:00 a.m. – MGA Open Dairy Goat Show – Barn 8
- 8:30 a.m. – Junior Dairy Cattle Show – Judging Arena
- 9:00 a.m. – 4-H Rabbit Show – Barn 13
- 10:00 a.m. – Gates and Rides Open
- 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. – Exhibits, Ag Expo & Genuine MS® Store – Mississippi Trade Mart
- 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. – Petting Zoo – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. – Biscuit Booth – Midway
- 11:00 – Horse and Mule Pull – Equine Center
- 12:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 8:15 p.m. – Pig Races – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 12:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. – Magic Show – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 1:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. – Zerbini Family Circus – Kid Zone
- 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. – Live Music by Acoustic – Michelob Ultra Tent

- 2:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. – Taste of Dixie National – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Frontier Village Train Depot – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. – Live Music by Dillon Morgan – Michelob Ultra Tent
- 7:00 p.m. – The Commodores with Special Guest Four Washington – Mississippi Coliseum
- 11:00 p.m. – Gates Close

### **Scheduled Activities & Events for Sunday, October 15, 2023**

#### **Ride Special – Last Blast – \$30 – 12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.**

- 8:00 a.m. – MGA Open Dairy Goat Show – Barn 14
- 10:00 a.m. – Gates and Rides Open
- 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. – Exhibits, Ag Expo & Genuine MS® Store – Mississippi Trade Mart
- 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. – Petting Zoo – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. – Biscuit Booth – Midway
- 12:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 8:15 p.m. – Pig Races – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 12:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. – Magic Show – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 1:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. – Zerbini Family Circus – Kid Zone
- 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – Live Music by the Dirt Road Cadillacs – Michelob Ultra Tent
- 2:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. – Taste of Dixie National – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Frontier Village Train Depot – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 4:00 p.m. – Jeremy Camp with Kayla Berry – Mississippi Coliseum
- 5:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. – Live Music by the 4 Way Stop Band – Michelob Ultra Tent
- 11:00 p.m. – Gates Close

### **Know Before You Go:**

- Gate admission is \$5.00 per person, and parking is \$5.00 per car. Children ages 5 and under will be admitted free of charge.
- All concert tickets purchased in advance include same-day general admission to the fairgrounds. Concert and entertainment tickets can be purchased in advance at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) and the Coliseum Box Office.
- Beginning at 9:00 p.m., any guest under the age of eighteen (18) seeking admission to the Fairgrounds must be accompanied by a legal adult (21 or older). Any guest may be asked to show official proof of age to be admitted after 9:00 p.m. Guests are encouraged to bring identification.
- When entering the Midway, all guests will proceed through one of several entry security points utilizing a metal detector.
- All bags are subject to search. The maximum bag size that will be accepted into the Fair is 12"x12"x6".
- No outside food or beverage allowed.
- No marketing, soliciting, political, or vending items allowed unless and as authorized under Fairground regulations.
- Pursuant to state law, the legal carry of firearms by all lawful adults is recognized on the Mississippi Fairgrounds.
- No animals (other than service animals or as authorized by Fair management for Fair activities), banners, fireworks/explosives, or laser pointers allowed.
- Jefferson Street will be closed between Pearl Street and Amite Street. Greymont Street will be open for Fair traffic only.

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**Photo attached.**



**Pictured L-R: Cecil Hannibal, morning anchor with WAPT; Leah Williams, multimedia journalist with WJTV; and Morgan Harris, reporter and anchor with WLBT participated in the Mississippi State Fair Goat Roping Media Contest. WJTV's Leah Williams won with a time of 8.62 seconds.**