



**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE**

ANDY GIPSON
COMMISSIONER

MEDIA ADVISORY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 5, 2024

Contact: Paige Manning, Director of Marketing and Public Relations
(601) 359-1163 / cell: (662) 312-5897
Paige@mdac.ms.gov

Hannah East, Marketing Specialist
(601) 359-1179
HannahE@mdac.ms.gov

What: 165th Mississippi State Fair Event Schedule

When: Sunday, October 6, through Monday, October 7, 2024

Where: Mississippi State Fairgrounds

Schedule of 165th Mississippi State Fair Events for Sunday, October 6, through Monday, October 7, 2024

STATE FAIRGROUNDS, Miss. – Commissioner Gipson invites everyone to attend the 165th Mississippi State Fair and announces the schedule of events taking place tomorrow, Sunday, October 6, through Monday, October 7, 2024. All events take place on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds.

The winners of this year’s Mississippi State Fair Talent Show were announced last night at the Mississippi Coliseum. Sawyer Ross was awarded First Place for his performance, followed by Second Place winner Jared Vardaman and Third Place winner Belle Spires. Alijah-Joye Major was named honorable mention.

Award-winning artist Matthew West will perform tomorrow, Sunday, at 2:00 p.m. in the Mississippi Coliseum. Tickets for this concert can be purchased online at www.msstatefair.com or in person at the Coliseum Box Office. Find the complete schedule of fair events at www.msstatefair.com. For additional information, follow the Mississippi State Fair on Facebook, Instagram and X.

Scheduled Activities & Events for Sunday, October 6, 2024

- 9:00 a.m. – Beef Showmanship – Barn 14
- 10:00 a.m. – Gates Open
- 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Biscuit Booth – Midway
- 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. – Zerbini Family Circus – Kid Zone
- 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. – Mississippi State Fair Marketplace & Genuine MS® Store – Trade Mart

- 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Farm Bureau Petting Zoo – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 12:00 p.m. – Rides Open
- 12:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. – Tumbleweed Crossing – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. – Agri-Puppets – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. – Pig Races – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 1:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – Live Music – Busch Light Pavilion (Chad Perry - 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.;
Lariat the Band - 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.)
- 2:00 p.m. – Matthew West Concert – Mississippi Coliseum – ticketed event
- 2:00 p.m. – Tri-State Rodeo – Kirk Fordice Equine Center – \$10 admission
- 2:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. – Taste of Dixie National Rodeo – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 3:00 p.m. (or 30 minutes after Showmanship) – State Fair Livestock Judging Contest – Barn 14
- 10:00 p.m. – Gates Close

Scheduled Activities & Events for Monday, October 7, 2024

Ride Specials: Ride Wristband Day for \$35 from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

- 8:00 a.m. – Junior Beef Breeding Show – Barn 14
- 11:00 a.m. – Gates Open (Free admission until 1:00 p.m.)
- 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. – Mississippi State Fair Marketplace & Genuine MS® Store – Trade Mart
- 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Farm Bureau Petting Zoo – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 12:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. – Tumbleweed Crossing – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. – Agri-Puppets – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. – Pig Races – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 2:00 p.m. – Rides Open
- 2:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. – Zerbini Family Circus – Kid Zone
- 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Biscuit Booth – Midway
- 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – Live Music by The Smoke – Busch Light Pavilion
- 7:00 p.m. – Taste of Dixie National Rodeo – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 10:00 p.m. – Gates Close

Know Before You Go:

- Gate admission is \$10.00 per person, and parking is free. Children ages 5 and under will be admitted free of charge. The public can purchase admission tickets, concert tickets and ride wristbands online at www.msstatefair.com, or purchase admission and concert tickets in-person at the Coliseum Box Office.
- Fair admission is free every weekday from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., except on Monday, October 14, Columbus Day.
- Beginning at 9:00 p.m., any guest under the age of 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.

###

Media Note: Media advisories will be sent out each afternoon during the State Fair with schedules of the two upcoming days. Photo attached.



Pictured L-R: Alijah-Joye Major was named honorable mention; Sawyer Ross won First Place; Belle Spires won Third Place; and Jared Vardaman took home Second Place.