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# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**What: 165<sup>th</sup> Mississippi State Fair Event Schedule**  
**When: Sunday, October 13, through Monday, October 14, 2024**  
**Where: Mississippi State Fairgrounds**

## **Schedule of 165th Mississippi State Fair Events for Sunday, October 13, through Monday, October 14, 2024**

**STATE FAIRGROUNDS, Miss.** – Commissioner Gipson invites everyone to attend the final two days of the 165th Mississippi State Fair and announces the schedule of events taking place tomorrow, Sunday, October 13, through Monday, October 14, 2024. All events take place on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds.

Livestock shows wrap up on Sunday, October 13, with the MGA Open Dairy Goat Show in Barn 14 at 9:00 a.m. For all of those that enjoy the rides, Sunday is wristband day. Fairgoers can purchase wristbands for \$35 to ride the rides from 12:00 p.m. until closing at 10:00 p.m. The Bibletones will be performing in the Busch Lite Pavilion from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The Mississippi State Fair was extended this year to give Fairgoers one more day to enjoy the fun on Columbus Day. Monday, October 14, is the last day of the Mississippi State Fair. Fairgoers can purchase wristbands for \$35 to ride from 12:00 p.m. until closing at 10:00 p.m.

### **Scheduled Activities & Events for Sunday, October 13, 2024**

**\*\*\*Ride Special: Wristband Day - \$35 Wristbands from 12 Noon – 10:00 pm.**

- 9:00 a.m. – MGA Open Dairy Goat Show – 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
- 2:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. – Taste of Dixie National Rodeo – Mississippi Frontier Village
- 2:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. – Live Music – Busch Light Pavilion – (The Bibletones – 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
- 10:00 p.m. – Gates Close

### **Scheduled Activities & Events for Monday, October 14, 2024**

#### **\*\*\*Ride Special: Wristband Day - \$35 Wristbands from 12 Noon – 10:00 pm.**

- 11:00 a.m. – Gates Open
- 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. – Biscuit Booth – Midway
- 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
- 2:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. – Zerbini Family Circus – Kid Zone
- 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – Live Music – 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](http://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.

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**Photos attached.**



**Haven, Suthern and Saylem Simon of Pearl River County were awarded first-place in the Pretty Cow Contest for their "Milk and Honey" theme Friday night. Judges were Brandi Ratliff, Professional Development Specialist with the Mississippi Community College Board; Esmerelda Dickson, USDA-NASS State Statistician; Kennedi Cooper, Reporter with WAPT News; and Claude Nash, local cattleman and Editor of the *Mississippi Market Bulletin*. Livestock shows conclude Sunday, October 13, with the MGA Open Dairy Goat Show in Barn 14 at 9:00 a.m.**





**Local media members went head-to-head Friday night in a blow-up horse race during the Taste of Dixie National Rodeo performance Friday night. Kayla Thompson, WJTV Anchor; Brooklyn Joyner, WAPT Reporter; and Elise Uschmann, WLBT Meteorologist, participated. Congratulations to WJTV's Kayla Thompson for her first-place finish. Fairgoers can catch the Rodeo on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and Monday at 7:00 p.m.**