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What: Press Conference Detailing Remaining Events of the 60th Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo

When: Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

Where: Mississippi Coliseum on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds

Ag Commissioner Gipson to Host Press Conference to Give Details of Remaining Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo Events

STATE FAIRGROUNDS, Miss. – The media is invited to attend as Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson highlights the success of the first weekend of the Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo and provides details of the activities and events surrounding the second weekend of the Rodeo. Commissioner Gipson will be joined by Rorey Lemmel, Owner of Harper & Morgan Rodeo Company and the Dixie National Rodeo Announcers Andy Stewart and Garrett Yerigan.

The **Dixie National Rodeo**, the largest rodeo east of the Mississippi River, continues with fast-action bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, tie-down roping, team roping, steer wrestling and barrel racing Wednesday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Mississippi Coliseum with a performance from Clay Walker, whose hits include “Live Until I Die,” “If I Could Make a Living” and “Then What.” Thursday and Friday night rodeo performances featuring Zach Top and Ella Langley are sold out, but a limited number of concert-only tickets for Ella Langley are available for purchase at the box office. The professional rodeo concludes on Saturday, February 15, with two performances featuring Gretchen Wilson, whose hits include “Redneck Woman” and “Here for the Party,” at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

For the first time, the Dixie National Rodeo will host the **Dixie National High School Rodeo** on Sunday, February 16 at 2:00 p.m. in the Coliseum. Mississippi high school rodeo contestants will compete in the same arena as professional world champions and earn points toward the rodeo nationals. This rodeo is one of only 10 high school rodeos that count towards points to get to nationals.

Rodeo Entertainment:

- Wednesday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m. – Clay Walker
- Thursday, February 13, at 7:00 p.m. – Zach Top (**All tickets SOLD OUT**)
- Friday, February 14, at 7:00 p.m. – Ella Langley (**Concert-only tickets available**)
- Saturday, February 15, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – Gretchen Wilson
- Sunday, February 16, at 2:00 p.m. – Dixie National High School Rodeo

Dixie National Livestock and Rodeo Events:

- **Dixie National Rodeo** – February 12-15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Coliseum. Saturday also includes a 2:00 p.m. performance.
- **Mississippi Ag and Outdoor Expo** – February 14-16 - The Mississippi Ag and Outdoor Expo will return with the largest display of everything for the outdoors this spring. Shoppers will find boats, rods, reels, UTVs, tractors. Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$5 for kids 12 & under; and free for kids 5 and under.
 - Friday, February 14, 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, February 15, 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 - Sunday, February 16, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- **Cowboy Corner** – February 14-15 - Cowboy Corner is the ultimate hangout with free haircuts and hat shaping by Parker Thomas in the Atrium of the Trade Mart.
- **Open Livestock Shows** – February 14-16 – Multiple beef cattle shows will be taking place in Barn 14. These shows are open to all ages with some competitors traveling to Mississippi to compete.
- **Dixie National Quarter Horse Show** – Continues through February 16 in the Equine Center. The show starts at 8:00 a.m. daily. Multiple Quarter Horse equine events will be taking place daily, and the Dixie National Quarter Horse Expo will be in the upper level of the Equine Center.
- **Dixie National High School Rodeo** – February 16 at 2:00 p.m. in the Coliseum.

To purchase tickets to the Dixie National Rodeo, visit www.ticketmaster.com/search?q=dixie+national+rodeo. For more information on the Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo, visit www.dixienational.org and follow the Dixie National Livestock Show & Rodeo on Facebook, Instagram and X.

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