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Inaugural Mississippi Mudbug Festival Kicks-Off Wednesday, April 7, 2021

JACKSON, Miss. – The Mississippi Mudbug Festival, held at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds, will officially kick-off on Wednesday, April 7, at 5:00 p.m. The festival runs through Sunday, April 11, and will include a crawfish boil, live musical performances and over 20 carnival rides. General admission is free and parking is \$5 per car.

“We at the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce are excited to host the inaugural Mississippi Mudbug Festival starting this Wednesday,” said Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson. “We have all kinds of exciting events planned such as our crawfish eating contest and the 2021 Battle of the Crawfish cooking contest with celebrity judges. So, bring your family and friends out for some mouth-watering crawfish and a good time.”

The Festival will include live entertainment featuring Frank Foster, Doctor Zarr, Chad Wesley, Fordie Hays and J Edwards; a crawfish eating contest on Friday; and on Sunday, crawfish enthusiasts will vie for the ultimate title of Champion of the 2021 Battle of the Crawfish. Other attractions include food vendors and amusement rides provided by North American Midway Entertainment with daily ride specials; beverages provided by Southern Beverage Company and Clark Beverage Group; and crawfish plates provided by The Back Porch restaurant for \$15 per plate.

Rides will open each day and advanced ride wristbands can be purchased online for \$20 at <https://tickets.authentigate.ca/store/#!/NAME/546>. The Tails and Ales Courtyard will be open daily with crawfish and beverages available for purchase. Tickets for Saturday and Sunday night’s performances inside the Mudbug Music Area can be purchased online at <https://www.ticketmaster.com/search?radius=10000&sort=date%20asc&unit=miles&geoHash=9vxz&tab=events&q=mississippi%20mudbug%20festival&daterange=from20210410-to-20210411>.

To find a complete schedule of events or more information on the Mississippi Mudbug Festival, visit www.MississippiFairgrounds.com online or follow the Mississippi State Fairgrounds on Facebook.

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Flyer attached.

The Mississippi Fairgrounds presents

Mississippi MUDBUG FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 6 P.M.



J EDWARDS

FRIDAY 8 P.M.



FORDIE HAYS

SATURDAY 7:30 P.M.



FRANK FOSTER

SATURDAY 5:30 P.M.



CHAD WESLEY

SUNDAY 1 P.M.



DOCTOR ZARR

APRIL 7TH - 11TH

MISSISSIPPI FAIRGROUNDS

CRAWFISH PRESENTED BY: THE BACK PORCH

PRESALE TICKETS AVAILABLE
ONLINE AT TICKETMASTER.COM

TICKETS FOR SALE AT THE GATE
FOR CONCERT AND CRAWFISH



CITY LIMITS BAR & GRILL



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