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What: Dixie National Parade
When: Saturday, February 14; 10:30 a.m.
**Where: Downtown Jackson - Begins at the corner of Jefferson & High
Streets near the Fairgrounds**

Dixie National Parade Set for February 14

It's time for the annually-anticipated Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo! This year marks the event's 50th anniversary. For half a century, Mississippi has played host to the biggest and best rodeo and livestock show east of the Mississippi River. Each year, the event brings thousands of spectators, fans and participants to the capital city of Jackson for adventure, amazing competition, and standout entertainment.

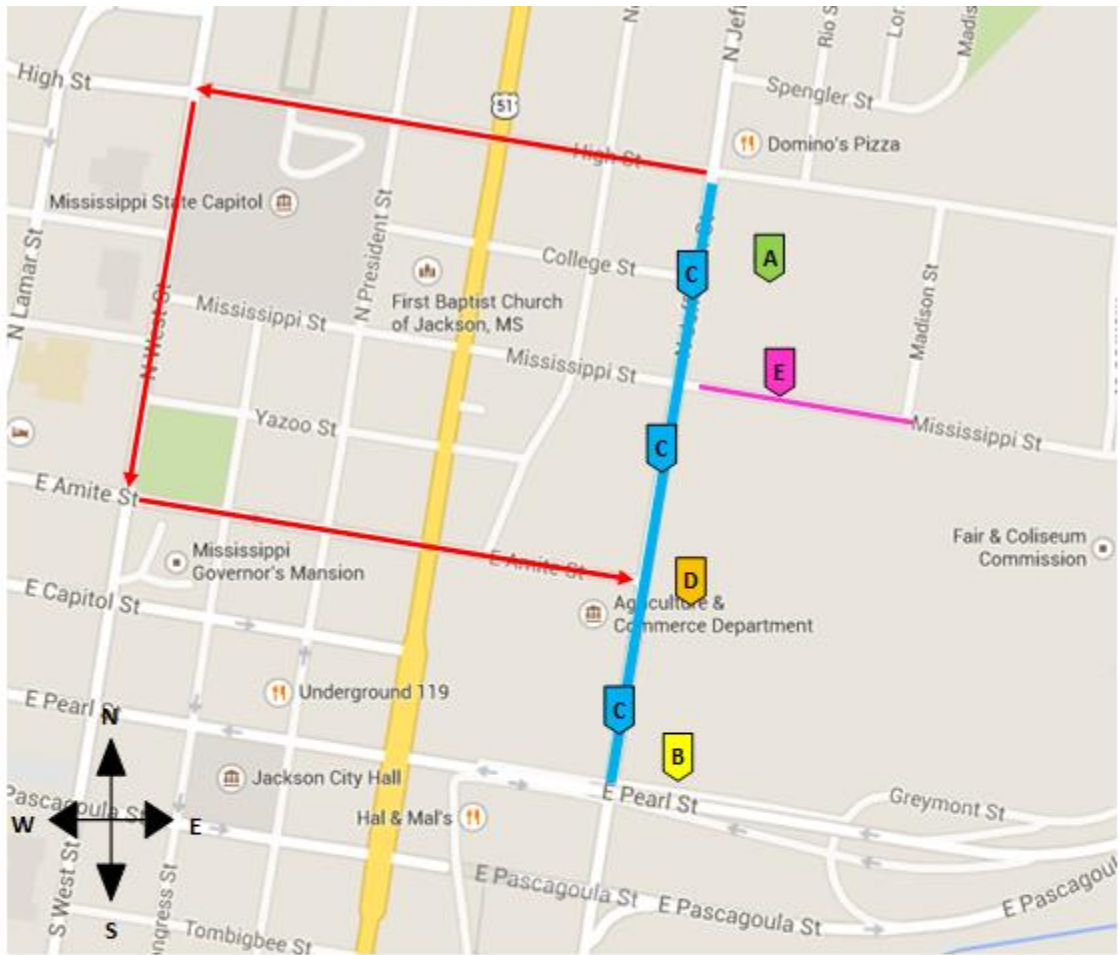
The Dixie National Parade, set for February 14 at 10:30 a.m., provides wholesome entertainment for the entire family. For the second year in a row, the parade is thrilled to host the Express Clydesdales, weather permitting. The team of six 2,000 pound horses will be followed by a procession of beauty queens, marching groups, floats, car clubs, motorcycles, horses, wagons, riding groups, and so much more.

Beginning at the corner of High and Jefferson Streets, the procession makes a left onto High Street, proceeds left onto West Street circling the Capitol with another left onto Amite Street, and travels back to the Fairgrounds. Following the parade, Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Cindy Hyde-Smith will present awards to the winning groups at the Mississippi Farmers Market at 12:30 p.m. The Dixie National Parade is free to the public.

For up-to-date information on the parade, special 50th anniversary activities, other rodeo events, tickets, concerts, and schedules, download the Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo mobile app from the Apple or Android store, visit www.dixienational.org, or call 601-961-4000.

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Parade map attached.



Dixie National Parade :

- A** MISSISSIPPI FARMERS MAEKET – AWARDS CEREMONY
- B** ASSEMBLY AREA FOR HORSES & PARKING—GATE 3
- C** ASSEMBLY AREA FOR NON MOUNTED GROUPS – JEFFERSON STREET
- D** CHECK IN AND DISBAND ON THE FAIRGROUNDS – GATE 1
- E** WAGON TRAINS LINE UP – MISSISSIPPI STREET

 PARADE ROUTE