

Holmes County Livestock Show set for January 26

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The Holmes County Livestock Show promises more animals and exhibitors for this year’s event on Saturday, January 26, than we have had in several years.

The show will start at 10 a.m. with the Beef Cattle Show to be followed by Market Goats, Sheep, and Hogs. Each animal category will begin with Pee Wee competition so that underage youth (not yet 8 years old) can participate in the show. This year’s show has 90 pigs, seven sheep, seven goats and 17 beef cattle entered to be shown by 39 4-H’ers.

The 4-H youth have been feeding and training these animals for several months getting ready for this show and the two shows that follow – Delta District in Greenwood and Dixie National in Jackson.

Livestock season always seems quite a flurry of activity crunched in to a short period of three weeks, but it is a time that those that are participating would not want to miss. It is a family affair – the Holmes County 4-H family. Everything you see and experience will be brought to you by these 4-H’ers and their devoted parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, etc. who make it all possible.

If you give us some of your time to come and watch, you will experience maybe not the “greatest show on earth,” but certainly one filled with action (at least in the show ring). There may be drama or comedy – those youth are so intense in competition – animals playing to the new audience. One just can’t begin to enumerate the action, but if you like to experience something different (to you) or entertaining – please join us for the show. We will deliver. Also, don’t worry about missing lunch. There will be a concession stand with homemade goodies, sandwiches and no telling what else, but you won’t have to go away hungry.

Be there! The fun starts at 9:30 am on January 26, Holmes County Livestock Barn on Jaycee Drive in Lexington – early if you want a good seat!



Music for the Dance

Let’s imagine that you want to learn to dance. Being the rational, cerebral person you are, you go to a bookstore and buy a book on dancing.

You take the book home and get to work. You do everything it says. The book says sway; you sway. The book says shuffle; you shuffle. The book says spin; you spin.

Finally, you think you’ve got it, and you invite your wife to come in and watch. You hold the book open and follow the instructions step by step.

You continue to read, then dance, read, then dance, until the dance is completed. You plop exhausted on the couch, look at your wife, and proclaim, “I executed it perfectly.”

“You executed it, all right,” she sighs. “You killed it.”

“What?”

“You forgot the most important part. Where is the music?”

Music?

We Christians are prone to follow the book while ignoring the music. We master the doctrine, outline the chapters, memorize the dispensations, debate the rules, and stiffly step down the dance floor of life with no music in our hearts. We measure each step, calibrate each turn, and flop into bed each night exhausted from another day of dancing by the book.

Dancing with no music is tough stuff.

Jesus knew that. For that reason, on the night before his death he introduced the disciples to the song maker of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. (John 16:7-9).

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Is John saying we don’t need the book in order to dance? Of course not; he helped write it. Emotion without knowledge is as dangerous as knowledge without emotion. God seeks a balance. “God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth” (John 4:24).

What is essential is that you know the music is in you. “If Christ is in you, then the Spirit gives you life” (Rom. 8:10). You don’t need a formula to hear it. I don’t have a four-step plan to help you know it. What I do have is his promise that the helper would come to comfort, convict, and convey.

So think about it; have you ever been comforted? Has God ever brought you peace when the world brought you pain? Then you heard the music.

Have you ever been convicted? Have you ever sensed a stab of sorrow for your actions? Then you’ve been touched by the Holy Spirit.

Or have you ever understood a new truth? Or seen an old principle in a new way? The light comes on. Your eyes pop open. “Aha, now I understand.” Ever happen to you? If so, that was the Holy Spirit conveying to you a new truth.

What do you know? He’s been working in your life already.

By the way, for those of us who spent years trying to do God’s job, that is great news. It’s much easier to raise the sail than row the boat. And it’s a lot easier getting people to join the dance when God is playing the music.

That’s what makes God, God.

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We look forward to hearing from you!

-Holmes County Herald Staff

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, 4:00 P.M.

PICKENS MLK PARADE The Pickens Martin Luther King Jr, Parade & Memorial Service will be on Monday, January 21 in Pickens. Line-up is at Greater Fairview M.B. Church at 10:30 a.m. with the parade starting at 11 a.m. The memorial service will be at the MLK Memorial Center. For more information call 662-486-3282 or 601-672-0910.	1-17	offering free admission on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 21, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	1-17,24
WORCCI Word of Righteousness Christian Center International in Durant will host its Family and Friends Day on Sunday, January 20 at 3 p.m.	1-10,17		
DURANT LIBRARY The Durant Public Library will host the Friends of the Library Book Sale starting January 28 through February 1. Newly donated books will be available, priced 25 to 50 cents with DVDs \$1.00. Some miscellaneous items will also be available. Proceeds are going toward library repairs and flooring.	1-17,24		
MVSU BANQUET The Mississippi Valley State University Holmes County Alumni Chapter will host its 17th Annual Green and White Banquet on Saturday, February 9 at 6 p.m. in the Lexington Multi-Purpose			
DURANT FDP The Freedom Democratic Party in Durant will host the annual Martin Luther King Jr. and Walter Brice Parade on Sunday, January 20 at 2 p.m. The route will be from Renasant Bank to Liberty Hill Church with the celebration program held at the church.	1-17		
ST. JOSEPH C.O.G.I.C. St. Joseph C.O.G.I.C. in West will host the Forrest’s Family and Friends Day program Sunday, January 27 at 1 p.m. with Sunday school at 11:30 a.m.	1-17,24		