

John Thomas Murtagh placed Grand Champion Hog with his Hampshire in the 2017 Holmes County Livestock Show on Sat-(Photo by Julie Ellison) urday, January 28.

Check back in the following weeks' Herald for more local and regional livestock show results!

## Letter to the Editor

counties and cities. How will jobs is forever broken. that happen? Less school fundyear. That way, your local of- Having listened to every word,

Lawmakers are in session in ficials will have to either raise Jackson. Local school districts, your taxes or watch the schools property owners, superinten- fail. Of course, this is nothing dents and supervisors beware! but an effort to deflect blame The legislature is trying to lay in the next election cycle that the groundwork to raise your legislators have once again unlocal taxes by shifting the re- derfunded the schools of our sponsibility of K-12 public 490,000 children, ensuring that school funding down to your our best resource for attracting

This is not law - yet. No, it ing from Jackson, and higher is merely a set of "recommenschool funding from the local dations" from the super-secret districts, which will have to be study done by a New Jersey locally voted on every single consulting company, EdBuild.





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Tyler Diffey showed the Supreme Bull SVF Destiny during the 2017 Holmes County Livestock Show on Saturday, January 28. (Photo by Julie Ellison)



'56D" shown by Tyler Diffey placed first in the Percentage Simmental Heifer category. "56D" was named Champion as well as Supreme Heifer in the Supreme Heifer Drive during the 2017 Holmes County Livestock Show on Saturday, January 28.

(Photo by Julie Ellison)

and read the whole 79-page whole "plan" is suspect came sales brochure, I know enough to be scared, very scared. There is a popular question from a bestseller: "What is your one thing?" If these recommendations could talk and tell the spending. The question was truth, their one thing would be: simple: Will this new formula, Shift taxes to local taxpayers so if adopted, mean more or less we cannot be blamed.

The 79 pages can be boiled down to seven simple and devastating points:

- 1. Your local taxes will increase ("tax shift")
- 2. Your car tags will increase ("tax shift")

3. The State will send less money to your local school districts than it is sending now ("deflect")

4. Your state taxes will not decrease:

5. Poor and rural districts will take money from wealthier districts, but still not enough to survive (hmmm, sounds like 42-A threats);

6. Classroom sized will be increased, and there will be fewer teachers; and,

7. Assigning specific dollars to specific students is the first step toward vouchers and full charter schools.

The biggest sign that the

when the CEO deflected a question during the presentation. Remember, this young company was hired to re-calculate the entire \$2 Billion education money than our schools are currently receiving? She simply responded: "I'm not good with math."

Now, we all know the real answer to that: Grab your wallets and prepare for your local taxes to go through the roof – with no relief from the budget mess in Jackson. Be prepared to share your views on this tax shift before the legislature has its way with your local property taxes. Otherwise, this will pass in the darkness of night.

It ALL starts with education! Jay Hughes

State Representative District 12 - Lafayette



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Drue Johnson showed the Reserve Champion Crossbred during the 2017 Holmes County Livestock Show on Saturday, January 28. (Photo by Julie Ellison)

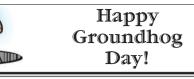


Grayson Marshall showed the Reserve Champion Hampshire during the 2017 Holmes County Livestock Show on Saturday, January 28. (Photo by Julie Ellison)

## **Delta State University** announces honor lists

The following Delta State University student is listed on the President's List for the 2016 fall semester. For the honor, a grade-point average from 3.75 through 4.0 is required of fulltime students carrying at least 12 semester hours.

PRESIDENT'S LIST



12 semester hours.

Jason Howard of West.

The following Delta State

University student is listed on

the Dean's List for the 2016

fall semester. For the honor, a

grade-point average from 3.50

through 3.74 is required of full-

time students carrying at least

DEAN'S LIST

Ashlyn Spell of Lexington.

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Wheat	Jul 17	2017 Jul	4.43	-0.30	4.13	-0.07
Corn	Mar 17	2017 Jan	3.58	0.08	3.66	-0.05
Corn Soybeans Sidon	Sep 17	2017 Aug	3.79	-0.12	3.67	-0.04
Soybeans Sidon	Nov 17	2017 Aug Sep	10.04	0.00	0.00	0.00
Soybeans G'wood	Mar 17	2017 Jan	10.23	-0.07	10.16	-0.26
Soybeans G'wood	Nov 17	2017 Aug Sep	10.04	0.01	10.05	-0.21
Soybeans Minter Cit	y Nov 17	2017 Aug Sep	10.04	0.00	0.00	0.00
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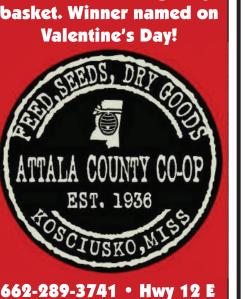
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