

County youth advance to State 4-H Horse Championships in Jackson

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4-H Youth representing Holmes County in Tunica's Battle Arena at the Northwest District 4-H Horse Show weren't simply "horsing around" Thursday and Friday of last week. Their purpose was to do the best they could and qualify for next week's State 4-H Horse Championships in Jackson at the Fordice Equine Expo.

In the process they came away with numerous honors, as well as, their goal to qualify and have a good time in the process.

Jay Jay McCaskill set the bar in early competition winning the High Point Goat and Roping Event Award. He, also, along with his partner, (horse) Rodger, won the High Point Senior Horse award for the show by compiling the most points on one horse over the course of the whole show. This is quite

significant for Rodger and Jay Jay since Rodger is making his "comeback" after an injury suffered a few years back sidelined him.

Additionally, Rodger started Jay Jay on his successful path in 4-H over eight years ago. Colton Howell, also, earned the Junior High Point Horse award with his partner, Frosty.

Thursday morning started off with Goat Tying. Holmes County youth dominated. Colton Howell won with Jay Jay placing second, Livi Howell, third, and Javontae Jefferson, seventh. Jay Jay, then, won the Calf Roping event. In the junior division of Breakaway Roping, Marquail Primers placed first and Sinatra Clayton, second. In senior Breakaway, Jay Jay took first and Darren Jefferson took second. In Dally Team Roping, Jay Jay and Marquail placed first and second with Jay Jay head-

ing on the win and Marquail heading on the second place run.

Once the roping events were done, the show moved on to speed events. Winning the junior division of Pole Bending was Sinatra Clayton with Colton coming in second. Kyra Mosley took second in the 14/15 year old senior division with Tredell Meeks third, and Livi, sixth. Anthony Meeks won the 16 to 18 year old division of Poles with Jay Jay coming in second and Semaja Clayton, fourth. Barrel racing was next.

Orin Howell placed third in Pony Barrels. Sinatra won again in the junior division of Barrels with Marquail following in second and Colton, fourth. Kyra won the 14/15 year old division of Barrels with Livi placing 6th. Jay Jay won the 16 to 18 year old division with Anthony Meeks following in 5th and Semaja,

eighth. Stake races yielded more success and finished the speed events of the show. Orin again placed third in pony stakes. Sinatra won again in the junior division of stakes with Colton following in second, and Marquail, fourth. In the 14/15 year old division, Tredell took second, Livi, fourth, and Kyra, seventh. In the 16 to 18 year old division of stakes, Jay Jay took second, Semaja, sixth, and Anthony, ninth.

Late on Thursday, the horse show "rebooted" and brought on the Gaited Division of the show. Marquail was Holmes County's sole contender there and he came away with second place in the Racking Horse class.

Friday, the final day of this show, started off with "in-hand" classes - youth showing their horses in Halter divisions. Mariayh Randle came in the first class with her "mini" Merrilegs, and placed sixth.

Tredell Meeks showed his Grade Western Mare, Daisy, (Continued on page 9.)

Like bank president....



...Like son

By Matthew Breazeale

Robert Killebrew is a special kind of boss. That's because nobody but him could be the kind of boss he is to one of his employees at Holmes County Bank and Trust in Lexington. An employee every day is his son Peyton.

Robert is the president at

the local bank and Peyton is working as a teller this summer. They're maybe sixty feet apart from each other every day. The father/boss and son/employee scenario is certainly not a new concept but is always a spirited one.

The pair freely gave (Continued on page 10.)

Son West Roundup



Vacation Bible School was held at First Baptist Church in Durant from Monday, June 4 through Wednesday, June 6. See more photos on page 8.

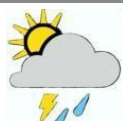
(Photo by Matthew Breazeale)



Holmes County 4-H Horse Exhibitors won big at the Northwest District 4-H Horse Show in Tunica. When the dust settled and the points were totaled, the points revealed what was evident, Holmes County exhibitors had amassed the highest total of points throughout the entire show to win the coveted high point county designation. Pictured from left to right- Javontae Jefferson, Darren Jefferson, Marquail Primers, Livi Howell, Anthony Meeks, Orin Howell, Colton Howell, Tredell Meeks, Sinatra Clayton, Semaja Clayton and Jay Jay McCaskill. Not pictured were Mikiah Baker, Mariayh Randle, and Emma Cotton—also, contributing to this phenomenal achievement.

(Photo by Betsy Padgett)

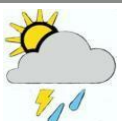
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Thursday
P.M. T'Storms
90/72
Precip. Chance
40%



Friday
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91/72
Precip. Chance
60%



Saturday
Scattered T'Storms
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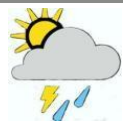
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Precip. Chance
40%



Tuesday
Cloudy
90/72
Precip. Chance
20%



Wednesday
Isolated T'Storms
90/73
Precip. Chance
30%

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