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(Continued from page 1.) Marshall Stewart. The future teacher hails from Lexington, MS. Upon graduating high school, Deering will soar to the top as a Golden Eagle at the University of Mississippi in Hattiesburg. While in the "Hub City," the academically sound intellectual will pursue a bachelor's of science degree in elementary education in hopes of someday returning to Holmes County to help shape and mold the minds of future leaders as an elementary teacher. On the campus of Holmes County Central High School, Deering has been actively involved in the National Honors Society, Senior Beta Club, Jobs for Mississippi Graduates, JROTC 1, 2, 3 and 4, and the Student Government Association. At present, Samantha has been awarded the Nora and William Travis Scholarship, the Delta Honor Scholarship and the Academic Merit Scholarship all while maintaining an overall GPA of 4.07542.

Co-salutatorian, Keirsten Ellis is the tremendously proud daughter of Ms. Wanda Ellis and the loving granddaughter of Larry and Yvonne Lipsey. The 4.0555 grade point average holding intellectual is currently a National Honor Society inductee, a HCCHS Beta Club Member, a member of Jobs for Mississippi Graduates, Student Government Association and Leadership for Life. The Pickens, MS native is also a cheerleader with the Holmes County Central High Varsity Cheer Squad. Just after graduating high school, Ellis will set foot in Starkville, MS as she pursues a dual major in psychology and biological sciences. Thus far, Keirsten is the recipient of Mississippi State University's Academic Ex-

cellence Scholarship and the Mississippi State University Salutatorian Scholarship. The community conscious scholar is a part of the Day One Leadership Community at MSU. This organization will afford Ellis the opportunity to participate in service learning projects for the benefit of communities in need.

Shakenya Hester is co-salutatorian of Holmes County Central High School's 2019 graduating class. She is the esteemed daughter of Ms. LaToya Hester and Mr. Ken-ya Bailey. Hester currently reigns as Miss Holmes County Central High School and the vice president of the senior class. The future Brave is the 2019 recipient of the Greenwood Alphas Scholarship sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and she is the third place winner of the Student Community Learning Center Scholarship. In the fall of 2019, Hester will begin pursuing a nursing degree at Alcorn State University in Lorman, MS. The energetic future nurse is currently participating in various clubs and organizations at Holmes County Central. She is a member of Jobs for Mississippi Graduates, National Honor Society inductee, Senior Beta Club, Superintendent's Round Table Advisory Committee, Morning Announcement Team, the Jaguar Varsity Cheer Squad, Student Government Association president, and Leadership for Life.

Holmes County Central High School will hold its 2019 commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 25 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ras Branch Football Stadium on the campus of Holmes Community College in Goodman. The Class of 2019 includes: Jasmine Adams, Johnathan Alexander, Jachayai Anderson, Zia Anderson, Keydrin

Bailey, Decoria Banks, Cordarius Barksdale, Kadasia Booker, Dezire Bowers, Jasmine Braxton, Oliver Brooks, Wildarius Brooks, Dontayvious Brown, Jacobey Brown, Ta'Skyaa Brown, Xavier Brown, Stevens Burns Jr., Rashanwa Byrd, Aajinice Cage, Jalan Chambers, Kyelah Chambers, Areeyonna Clark, Kiera Clay, Mieshia Clay, Semaja Clayton, Latavia Coats, Demaya Cobbins, Jaquan Coleman, Keyonte Coleman, Jalen Common, Kayln Common, D'Leesha Cook, Deontae Cooper, QuoDarius Crigler, David Cross, Daquan Davis, Tamyzia Davis, Samantha Deering, Tabrelle Deering, Aryanna Edwards, Leotavius, Ellington, Keirsten Ellis, Kristen Ellis, Malik Falls, Tyrekia Fisher, Shatera Floyd, Eugene Ford, Peyton Fowler, Kendal Garnett, Kenderrick Gaston, Aliyah Glass, O'Darius Gould, Jdawaun Grant, Jalen Gray, Milteona Grays, Jartavia Greer, Juquan Greer, Elbert Griffin, Jr., Sha'Becca Harris, Larry Haymer, Bri'Anna Haymon, Demariyun Haymon, Aniyah Haymore, Janiya Haynes, Emanuel Head, Ortez Head, Jr., Shakenya Hester, Dontarius Hightower, Montavious Hightower, Tyesha Hoggan, Cornelius Holmes, Nickolas Horton, Shakerria Horton, Kameron Howard, Dinesha Hunt, Robert Jackson, III, Christopher Jackson, Darcy Jackson, Alicia Jefferson, Alliya Jefferson, Corvandious Jefferson, Darren Jefferson, DaShaun Jefferson, Equashia Jefferson, Jamarcus Jefferson, Javontae Jefferson, Keshon Jefferson, Tawanna Jefferson, Keondrae Johnson, Shakirah Jones, Tniniyah Jones, Gregory Keith, JaRell Kirklin, LeNarius Kirklin, Sammie Kirklin, Latreyanna Lee, Kordarius Levy, Ja'kayla Lipsey, Maryah

Lowe, Mckinley Lowe, Breanna Mallett, Akuibra Martin, Milton McGee, Riketta McDonald, Ry'Anna Meeks, Yikwon Meeks, Javontis Mike, Shaniqua Mike, Zamiya Mike, Raheem Mines, Dekia Mitchell, Tamara Mitchell, Deandra Moore, Kelvin Moore, Rabria Moore, Termaine Moore, Chasity Mosley, Rikishi Mosley, Akelia Nash, Christopher Nelson, Jarvis Nelson, Jantavia Newton, Marvin Noel, Travon Nicholson, De'Monta Oliver, Omya Ollie, Javares Outlaw, LaDai-sha Owens, Zertrina Owens, Crystal Patterson, CorDarius Peppers, Brea Portis, Tory Powell, Kieberies Pruitt, StarDeanna Quinn, Taylor Quinn, Carmilla Randle, Chania Randle, Tameia Redd, Kayla Redmond, Shakeria Redmond, Qa'Netria Rhynes, Destiny Richardson, Tyneisha Roberson, Derrius Robertson, Jacobrien Robertson, Amani Rodgers, TaShunna Roundtree, Keishyah Rule, Carlos Shaffer, Derrick Simmons, Jamaai Skinner, Akeya Sly, Arena Smith, Arqwon Stewart, Bobbie

Stewart, Marquasia Stewart, Webster, Mikhail Webster, Ky'esha Thomas, Sanquisha Thomas, Titus Thomas, Shandrea Whitt, Verkeita Wiley, Kelton Wilkins, Dennis Thurmond, Jr., Christian Williams, Kadar-trell Thurmond, Kania Turn-ius Williams, Kaniya Wil-iams, Kaylen Williams, Marcus Turner, Jr., Teo-ntay Wade, Willie Wade, Kevon Williams, Matthew Rodney Ward, RaKeysha Williams, Ra'darius Wil-iams, Rashard Williams, Artavious Washing- ton, Aayaunda Washing- ta Wordlow, Destiny Wright Valencia Watson, Johnny and Sonynequia Young.

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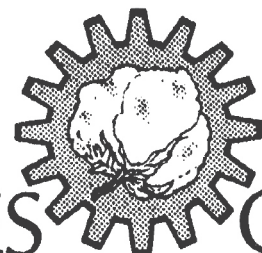


Robert Killebrew, Holmes County Bank, President is shown presenting 2019 Scholarship Awards to Samantha Deering (seated left), salutatorian, Shakenya Hester (seated right), salutatorian, Keirsten Ellis (back left), salutatorian and Rabria Moore (back right), valedictorian, of Central Holmes Christian School. The awards are presented each year to the top graduates at HCCHS.

Congratulations

Our congratulations to Rabria Moore, Samantha Deering, Shakenya Hester, and Keirsten Ellis, winners of the 2019 Holmes County Bank Scholarships awarded at Central Holmes Christian School.

It is a pleasure to help recognize students who make such achievements in academic work.



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Outdoor Truths

By Gary Miller

It won't be too long until farmers will begin cutting hay. On a normal year, most fields will be cut twice. The amount of rainfall, however, always determines whether there is a lack or an abundance. The first cutting is usually in late May or June. This gives the grass another opportunity to produce before the drought of summer stunts it for the year. One of the tragedies that always happens is the death of newborn fawns. Unfortunately, these young deer lay in the field, thinking they are hiding, and are killed by the farmer's tractor or the hay implements. It happens every year. There's a mechanism and trait that nature has given these new-born deer. They are scent free and the white dots on their sides act as a visual camouflage

as well. If these fawns cannot be smelled or seen, they are most likely not going to be discovered by a predator. This is also the reason they refuse to move when unusual activity happens around them. Again, they have the built-in mechanism to remain still in order to not be detected. Unfortunately, if they are hidden in a hay field, this same trait that is supposed to protect them, instead causes their death.

All of nature is uniquely balanced in the same way. If this balance is maintained, there is harmony, and creation moves as God intended. When the balance moves in an extreme direction one way or the other, this harmony is lost. And in the case of nature, something usually dies. Look at any scenario and you will see that ex-

tremes are always lacking, and balance is always more complete and less fragile. I find this true also with human nature. I find it equally important for Christians. Extremism in Christianity produces division and fosters hatred. It has no choice but to be legalistic and by default judgmental. It can be prideful and exclusive. And none of these characteristics describe the grace of God that was given to us, nor the grace of God that we are to give to others. Grace is messy. Its parameters are not easily defined. Its rules are not easily understood. I believe God wanted it that way. That way, when we don't know the answer or what to do, we will always default to "I will love my neighbor as myself."

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