

Students named for academic honors at Central Holmes

Staff Reports

Central Holmes Christian School in Lexington has released its academic honors for the 2018-2019 school year.

READING FAIR

All students in grades 1st - 8th participated in the local level reading fair CHCS. Those who placed 1st and 2nd in their grade and division moved on to the District Reading Fair at Pillow Academy. Once at Pillow, there were 18 elementary students and 11 junior high students that competed. Fourteen of those placed 1st or 2nd at district, moving on to the State Reading Fair at Clyde Muse Center in Jackson.

District Reading Fair - Elementary: Audrey Taylor, 1st place, 1st grade fiction; Lauren Walbert, 2nd place, 2nd grade nonfiction; Collin Ingram, 1st place, 3rd grade fiction; Aubrey Devisfruto, 2nd place, 3rd grade nonfiction.

District Reading Fair - Junior High: Hudson Haffey, 2nd place, junior high fiction; Shelby Stokes, Lilly Word, and Gibson Parrish, 1st place, junior high fiction group; Eli Carr, Makalah Sumner, and John Christopher Riley, 1st place, junior high nonfiction group; and Gracie Burrell, Cailey McBride, and Olivia McBride, 2nd place, junior high nonfiction group.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

First Grade: All A's All Year - Makenzie Bishop, Chance Langford and Audrey Taylor; A's and B's for

Year - Rylee Jo Banks, Elie Lloyd and Paxton Miles. Highest Overall Average - Chance Langford, Highest Reading Average - Audrey Taylor, Highest Math Average - Chance Langford, Highest Spelling Average - Audrey Taylor, Handwriting Award - Chance Langford, Citizenship Award - Khloe Harrell, and Most Improved Award - Khylon Donelson.

Second Grade: All A's All Year - Dalton Ledbetter, Brice Robinson and Lauren Walbert; A's and B's for Year - Kaylee Bethany, Landry Lawshe and Lailon Walbert. Highest Overall Average - Lauren Walbert, Highest Reading Average - Lailon Walbert, Highest Math Average - Brice Robinson, Highest English Average - Lauren Walbert, Highest Science Average - Dalton Ledbetter/Lailon Walbert, Highest Social Studies Average - Dalton Ledbetter, Highest Spelling Average - Lauren Walbert, Most Improved Award - Avery Engle.

Third Grade: All A's All Year - Austin Ashley, Skylar Ashley, Conley Bryant, John Franklin Johnson, Nattalie Nash and Sara Word; A's and B's for Year - Messiah Cornelius, Aubrey Devisfruto and Emma Kate Word. Highest Overall Average - Skylar Ashley, Highest Reading Average - Skylar Ashley, Highest Math Average - Skylar Ashley, Highest English Average - Skylar Ashley, Highest Science Average - Skylar Ashley, Highest Social Studies Average - Skylar Ashley, Highest Spelling Average -

Skylar Ashley, Cursive Handwriting Award - Nattalie Nash, and Generous Spirit Award - Collin Ingram.

Fourth Grade: All A's All Year - Lydia Killebrew, Heidi Hudson and Paicey Ingram; A's and B's for Year - Mary Hayden Hathcock and Wilkes Rutledge. Highest Overall Average - Lydia Killebrew, Highest Reading Average - Paicey Ingram, Highest Math Average - Paicey Ingram and Heidi Hudson, Highest Science Average - Lydia Killebrew, Highest Social Studies Average - Lydia Killebrew, Highest Spelling Average - Hattie Melton, Highest Bible Average - Hattie Melton and Kate Riley, and Dan Edwards Political Science Award - Hattie Melton.

Fifth Grade: All A's All Year - Hallie Fancher and Preston Carnathan; A's and B's for Year - Jon Wyatt Langford, Cooper Logan, Chloe Word, Joseph Walbert, Hanna Hood, Jax Tate, Claire Tate, Reid Logan and Zoey Jones. Highest Overall Average - Hallie Fancher, Highest Reading Average - Hallie Fancher, Highest Math Average - Hallie Fancher, Highest English Average - Hallie Fancher, Highest Science Average - Hallie Fancher, Highest Social Studies Average - Hallie Fancher, Highest Spelling Average - Hallie Fancher and Preston Carnathan, Highest Bible Average - Hallie Fancher, and Cursive Handwriting Award - Dorian Nash.

Sixth Grade: All A's All Year - Hattie Melton and Kate Riley; A's and B's

for Year - Brandon Byrd, Anna Duke, Hayes Hester, Logan Engle, Daynie Parish, Ryleigh Scott, Katelyn Weatherby and Bennett Word. Highest Overall Average - Hattie Melton, Highest Reading Average - Hattie Melton, Highest Math Average - Kate Riley, Highest English Average - Kate Riley, Highest Science Average - Hattie Melton, Highest Social Studies Average - Hattie Melton, Highest Spelling Average - Hattie Melton, Highest Bible Average - Hattie Melton and Kate Riley, and Dan Edwards Political Science Award - Hattie Melton.

Central Holmes 2018-2019 Highest Overall Average 4th through 6th Grades - Hallie Fancher and Hattie Melton.

Farm Bureau Coloring Contest Winners - Kaylee Bethany and Landry Lawshe.

SPELLING BEE

District Winner - Lydia Killebrew; 4th Grade - Lydia Killebrew, Top Speller, Heidi Hudson - Alternate; 5th Grade - Jon Wyatt Langford, Top Speller, Preston Carnathan, Alternate; 6th Grade - Anna Duke, Top Speller, Daynie Parish, Alternate.

4-H CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION

Preston Carnathan, 5th grade; Anna Duke, 6th grade; Hanna Hood, 5th grade; John Franklin Johnson, 3rd grade; Lydia Killebrew, 4th grade; Weston Killebrew, K-4; Dalton Ledbetter, 2nd grade; Pierce Thomas, K-5; Joseph Walbert, 5th grade, Lailon Walbert, 2nd grade; Lauren Walbert, 2nd grade; Bennett Word, 6th grade; Chloe Word, 5th grade; Emma Word, 3rd grade; and Sara Drennan Word, 3rd grade.

gram—which has restored and enhanced almost 7 million acres with 31,000 landowners. He has championed Wetlands Reserve, which is a voluntary program that has restored 3 million acres with 18,000 landowners. He has helped create programs to restore longleaf pine and native grasslands. He has created the only refuge in the nation named for an African American—Holt Collier. And the list goes on. Add up the list above and Senator Cochran has touched about 12 million acres—the same size as the State of Maryland. There is NO other Senator with the conservation accomplishments of Thad Cochran.

But the greatest thing about Senator Cochran had nothing to do with conservation. It was the respect that people had for him. He earned that by listening more than talking, recognizing the needs of others, being honest, fair, and caring more about what is right than popular. He was a brilliant individual who did a

great job by surrounding himself with a staff consisting of the same.

I don't have all of the answers, but I do know that the more people serving our great nation with traits like this, the better off our nation will be. We were all fortunate to have benefitted from his lifetime of dedicated service - 45 years - to the greatest nation in the world. I already miss his friendship - his laugh, his fine counsel, and his passion, among other things. While we won't chase trout, or turkeys, or ducks again together, I will constantly be reminded of the legacy this most Southern of gentlemen left each and every sportsman throughout Mississippi and our nation. He was giant.

James L. Cummins is executive director of Wildlife Mississippi, a non-profit, conservation organization founded to conserve, restore and enhance fish, wildlife and plant resources throughout Mississippi. Their web site is www.wildlifemiss.org.



Clover Corner
Holmes County 4-H News and Commentary
By Betsy Padgett

Holmes County 4-Hers Bowl team consisted of Tyler Branch, Livi Howell, Lindsey Huffman and Davian Powell.

Upcoming this weekend in Winona is the Northwest 4-H District Horse Show on Thursday and Friday, June 6 and 7. Holmes will have 15 youth riders. The show will start Thursday morning at 9 a.m. with the goat tying and calf roping events. Pole bending, Barrel and Stake racing will follow. All "in-hand" and pleasure events will be on Friday.

State 4-H Horse Championships will follow in Jackson the week of June 18 through 22. Our youth who qualify in Winona will move on to the championships.

The North State Cookout event will be in Coffeeville on June 25. Holmes County 4-H hopes to be well represented at this event, as well.

Those 4-Hers with interest in this event, please call the Extension office at 834-2795, Betsy, for more information and possible grilling workshops.

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Summer Feeding Program

William Dean Jr. Elementary School, 96 Rockport Road, Lexington, MS 39095, S.V. Marshall Elementary School, 12572 Highway 12, Lexington, MS 39095, Williams Sullivan Elementary School, 14494 Highway 51, Durant, MS 39063, Goodman-Pickens Elementary School, 3877 Highway 51 South, Goodman, MS 39079 and Durant Elementary School, 5 W. Madison Street, Durant, MS 39063 will hold their Summer Feeding Program beginning June 3, 2019 and ending June 28, 2019. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. until 8:30 and lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

All meals are free to all children age 18 years and younger. There is no fee/registration in accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability. USDA is an equal opportunity employer.

For more information, you may contact Mr. Willie West, at (662) 299-1288.

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Conservation Corner
by James Cummins
Executive Director
of Wildlife Mississippi

Cochran Was One of Our Nation's Greatest Senators

A dear friend, fellow hunter and angler, and my former boss - Senator Thad Cochran - passed away on May 30. He was also family. Senator Cochran - the tenth longest serving Senator in United States' history - championed the conservation and sportsmen's agenda since he was elected to Congress. Cochran grew up hunting and fishing in Mississippi and valued the important lessons and experiences people gain from being outdoors. He consistently represented the interests of hunters, anglers and gun owners by supporting policies that protect our Second Amendment rights, promote conservation, especially on private lands, minimize burdensome or unnecessary regulations and expand public access to public lands.

Some people go to Washington to make a point. Thad Cochran did not go for that. Leader McConnell said it best: "Thad knows there's a difference between making a fuss and making a difference. Senator Cochran has played a crucial role with many pieces of legislation. We all know that Washington is filled with loud voices, but Senator Cochran's manner served our friend and this institution very well. A few years ago, he reached another important milestone when he cast vote number 12,000 here in the Senate. At that time, I mentioned that TIME magazine included Senator Cochran on its list of 'America's Top 10 Senators;' they named him 'The Quiet Persuader.' Senator Cochran authored a wildlife incentives pro-