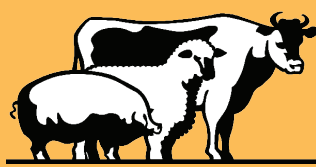


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## HCCSD team brings home award from debut robotics competition

### Press Release

The HCCSD robotics team, The Olympians, made its debut in the City Shaper Red Carpet Regional Qualifier competition sponsored by the First Lego League January 25 at St. Aloysius High School in Vicksburg. Eight 6th and 7th grade

students from the Gifted Education classes at Williams-Sullivan Middle School (WSMS) and S.V. Marshall Elementary (SVME) programmed an autonomous robot to move on a 4' x 8' table model, performing missions such as pushing a swing, moving a stack, lowering an

object from a crane, navigating a ramp and raising flags on a bridge. The students programmed the robot using Python language.

The students from Williams-Sullivan are Le'Baudrio Bridgeford, Caitlin Cole, Aaron Davis (Continued on page 5.)



Pictured above: First row from left, Simona Cobb, Caitlin Cole, Le'Baudrio Bridgeford, Kavitha Gandham, Gifted Education teacher, Lorenzo Smoot and Xavier Hilliard; Second row from left, Zion Johnson, Ciara Jackson, Tianna Edwards and Aaron Davis. (Photo Submitted)

## History Hangs On

By David Monroe  
Leflore Illustrated

Cliff Booth says that if the walls of Acona United Methodist Church could talk, they would have plenty of stories to tell.

The church, located on Mississippi 17 about 12 miles north of Lexington and built in the 1870s, has many reminders of the old days, including wavy glass in some window panes, a kneeling rail, tributes to World War I veterans, and flags bought with money from a bake sale.

The church does have heating units for the winter, but during the Delta summers, it gets by with a ceiling fan



This historical marker was dedicated last year during homecoming at Acona United Methodist Church.

(Photo by Johnny Jennings)

rather than air conditioning — and its members are fine with that.

“It gets hot maybe three or

four Sundays in the summer, but the fan keeps you cool enough,” Booth said.

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## Top county 4-H exhibitors dominate in Beef Cattle, move to Dixie National show

By Betsy Padgett

Holmes Co. Ext./4-H Agent

The Delta District Livestock Show followed the Holmes County Junior Livestock Show on Monday, January 27, in Greenwood, at the Leflore Ag Center as this year's 4-H Livestock circuit continued.

Holmes County youth competed in the Livestock Judging contest on Monday — with the Senior team coming in third. Individual scores though were much better with Livi Howell scoring 2nd High Individual Overall in the senior contest; and Jordan Brooks, High Individual Overall in the Junior Beef Judging contest and Malachi Williams, 2nd High Point Individual in Junior Beef.

Tuesday began with the Beef Cattle Show where Holmes 4-H'ers dominated Showmanship. Carleigh Williams won the Pee Wee Division; Malachi Williams, the 12 to 13 year old Division; John Hudson Word stood 2nd in the 14 to 15 year old Division; and Pearce Edwards won the 16 to 18 year old division with Davian

Powell placing 2nd. Pearce was also awarded the Senior Beef Showmanship Scholarship with his win.

In the Commercial Heifer Show, Pearce's heifer took 2nd place and Davian's 3rd in the English division. Malachi placed 2nd in the European division. In the Registered Beef Show, Davian won Champion and Reserve Champion with his two heifers, MS Lady Grand and My Fair Lady, respectively.

Davian “Bug” also brought a “new-to-Holmes” breed, Braunvieh, and won Champion heifer with her.

Pearce Edwards showed two heifers, Percentage Simmental, Dillon Delta Lady, and Simmental, Dillon MS Nashville, taking Champions in both divisions. Delta Lady went on to be named Supreme Registered Heifer of the show. Of the bulls shown, John Hudson Word, took Champion with his Simmental and his Percentage Simmental entries. His Percentage Simmental bull, High North, was also named Supreme Bull of the Show.

The Market Goat Show followed the Beef Cattle.

Again, Holmes youth again dominated the competition.

Skylar Johnson won the Pee Wee division of Goat Showmanship and brother, Jordan Brooks, won the 10-11 year old division. Jordan won Champion Commercial Doe with one of his does. Nichols McCrory, grandson of Lexington Mayor Robin and Frankie McCrory, took Reserve Champion Doe. In the Market Goat division, Jordan won both the Mediumweight and Light heavy weight divisions. Nichols placed 2nd with his heavy-weight meat goat and won Reserve Champion of that division. Jordan won Grand Champion Market Goat with his Light Heavy division Champion.

The Market Lamb Show finished the day of showing on Tuesday. In Lamb Showmanship, Orin Howell placed 2nd and Lydia Killebrew, 3rd, in the 10-11 year old division. Wes Jolley placed 2nd in the 12-13 year old division. Maeson Jolley placed 4th in the 14-15 year old division and Livi Howell, 4th, in the 16-18 year (Continued on page 7.)



Acona United Methodist Church was built in the 1870s and occupies a spot on the National Register of Historic Places along with its cemetery and the former Acona School building nearby.

(Photo by Johnny Jennings)

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Friday  
Mostly Sunny  
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Precip. Chance  
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Saturday  
Rain  
56/37  
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Sunday  
Mostly Sunny  
62/46  
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Monday  
Showers  
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Tuesday  
Showers  
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Wednesday  
Scattered T-Storms  
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