

# \*Exhibitors Show

(Continued from page 1.) Winstead 4th in the 14 year old group. Lilly Word placed 4th and Grayson Marshall 8th in the 15 year old group. Market Hogs were divided in Breed categories

by weight divisions. Hampshires showed first with Lelia Self placing 7th and Braxton Horn 10th with their Lightweights. Chloe Word placed 5th and Dalton Ledbetter 10th with their Mediumweights. Drue Johnson



Wes Jolley is pictured with his Mississippi Bred Reserve Champion Wether Dam Sheep. Wes has been showing with Holmes County for the past several years. Wes' lamb ended up being the major highlight for Holmes County 4-H at the Dixie National Sheep Show.

(Photo by Betsy Padgett)



Jordan Brooks is pictured after having won his class of Market Goat Showmanship. Jordan, also, won Mississippi Bred Champion Heavyweight Commercial Doe, MS Bred Lightweight Champion, and MS Bred Heavyweight Market Goats at the Dixie National Meat Goat Show.

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Cailey McBride is pictured with her Hereford MS Bred Reserve Champion at last week's Dixie National Swine Show. This big guy is quite the display of ample bacon and ham.

(Photo by Betsy Padgett)

# CSLC banquet renamed to honor longtime education volunteer, scholarship winners announced



The Community Students Learning Center in Lexington recently held its 10th annual scholarship banquet under a new name, The CSLC Merdis A. Anderson Scholarship Awards Banquet. The CSLC scholarship program will continue to honor the education legacy of Anderson as an education volunteer at CSLC. Rev. Walter Eskridge, Jr., (center, back row), Pastor of Lebanon M.B. Church gave a speech on education titled, "The Process Never Ends." The scholarship winners are Charity Smith, 1st place (2nd from the left); Christian Davis, 2nd Place (not pictured); and De'Arica Price, 3rd Place (third from left). Other participants were Sharkeya Ellis (fourth from left) and Jecandra Givens (fifth from left), Others pictured above are (from left): CSLC Executive Director Beulah Greer, Lexington Mayor Robin McCrory (6th from left), Holmes County Central High School Counselor Rashunda Archer (right); Back row (from left): CSLC Board President Leslie Greer, Durant M.B. Church Pastor Dr. Nathaniel Christian, Holmes County Board of Supervisors President James Young; and special guest emcee Rev. Shawn C. Anderson, program specialist for USDA-NRCS National Watershed Branch; He is also the late Andersons' eldest son.

(Photo by Gail Brown/CSLC)

placed 4th, Natalie, 7th, Cameron, 8th, and John Hudson, 11th, with their Heavyweight Hamp.

In the Yorkshire breed, Bennett showed the MS Bred 2nd place lightweight, Natalie, 6th, Grayson, 9th, and Nicole Winstead, 10th. In Heavyweights, John Hudson placed 4th and Hanna Hood 8th.

In Crossbreeds, Breann Bell placed 1st with her lightweight, Nicole, 8th, Natalie, 9th, and Rush Melton, 10th. Dalton placed 5th with his Mediumweight, Sara Word, 8th, and Anna Duke, 15th. In Heavyweights, Cailey McBride placed 4th, Addie Burrell, 14th, and Preston, 16th.

With entries in the Spot breed, Emma Word took 2nd, Heidi, 8th, and Daynie Parish, 9th, with their Lightweights. Preston Carnathan also placed 2nd with his Heavyweight, Lelia Self, 3rd, and Daynie, 12th. In Chesters, Grayson Marshall won 1st and Lelia Self, 11th, with their lightweights. Drue placed 2nd with her Mediumweight, Daynie, 11th, Lelia, 12th, and Andie Thomas, 13th. Lilly Word took 3rd with her Heavyweight.

Holmes County's only Hereford hog entry was a good one. Cailey McBride won MS Bred first and went on to be named the Mississippi Bred Reserve Champion Hereford. Durocs finished up the Swine Show. In Lightweights, Andie Thomas placed 5th, Natalie, 8th, Anna, 10th and Chloe Word, 13th. In Heavyweights, Drue Johnson won

the class, Dalton placed 2nd and Heidi Hudson 5th.

## Lamb, Goat and Beef Shows

The Market Lamb Show was held Monday, February 3. Holmes County lamb exhibitors included Orin and Olivia Howell, Wes and Maeson Jolley, and Lydia Killebrew.

In addition to our own 4-H'ers, four others closely associated with Holmes 4-H were tracked (their dads having been former Holmes 4-H Livestock exhibitors.) Kaylin Killebrew won the 8 year old division of Sheep Showmanship - the lamb outweighed her (maybe double to triple), but she was not out-matched by the lamb nor competition.

Virginia King placed 5th among the 9 year olds. Orin Howell took 2nd and Lydia Killebrew, 7th, in the 10 year olds. McCarty King took 2nd in the 11 year olds, Wes Jolley placed 7th in 12 year olds and Maeson Jolley, 8th, in 14 year olds. Olivia Howell took 3rd in the 16 year old division meeting intense competition.

Wether Dams (Commercial Ewes) were shown next. Wes taking 2nd in his Lightweight class, but capturing the Mississippi Bred Reserve Championship with this ewe as well. Livi Howell took 6th and Lydia Killebrew 7th with their Heavyweights. In the Market Lamb category, Maeson took 5th, Wes, 7th, and Lydia, 8th, with their Lightweights. In the Mediumweight division, Orin placed 7th, Livi, 10th, and

Lydia, 11th. Orin took 9th with his Heavyweight.

In the Meat Goat Show, Holmes County's only exhibitor was Jordan Brooks. That in no way would discount the competition that he brought. Jordan started the day by winning his division of Showmanship and finished the day with the Champion MS Bred Heavyweight Commercial Doe, the MS Bred Champion Lightweight Market Goat, and the MS Bred Reserve Champion Heavyweight Market Goat. Also, showing of interest to Holmes Countians, was Nichols McCrory with his Market Goats, placing 6th with his Lightweight and 3rd with his Heavyweight.

For the Beef Cattle Show, Holmes County had four exhibitors showing excellent cattle, Malachi Williams, John Hudson Word, Davian Powell and Pearce Edwards. Malachi placed 7th in his 12 year old division. Pearce placed 6th and Bug 11th in their 17 year old division. Showing Commercial Heifers, Malachi placed 4th with a calf that Davian "Bug" Powell had raised in the European division. In the English division, Pearce won 1st with his entry and "Bug" 8th with another heifer that he had raised. In the Registered Cattle show, Davian "Bug" Powell placed 2nd with his Braunvieh heifer, then 8th and 11th with his Hereford heifer entries. Pearce Edwards placed 2nd with his Percentage Simmental heifer. John Hudson Word won his class with his

Simmental Bull and placed 4th overall MS Bred Simmental Bull competition. John Hudson also won his class with his Percentage Simmental Winter Bull.

Other competitions that Holmes 4-H'ers did well in were Livi Howell, placing 7th in the Sheep Premier Exhibitor Contest, Pearce Edwards, 12th, and Bug, 22nd in the Beef Premier Exhibitor Contest; and Lilly Word, 14th, in the Swine Premier Exhibitor Contest. These Premier Exhibitor Contests are highly competitive, test the youth on their general knowledge of the species that they show and award additional points for their resume', interview and their exhibit performance in both showmanship and how their animal places in its class.

Historically, Holmes County has had two Premier Exhibitors, Lane Spell, Swine, and Tyler Branch, Meat Goat.

Pearce Edwards won one of the coveted Sale of Champions Scholarships and follows in a long line of Holmes 4-H'ers earning those.

Holmes County 4-H continues in its Youth Livestock tradition of sending both blue ribbon kids and animals to the annual Mississippi 4-H Roundup at the Dixie National Livestock Show in Jackson. This is a credit to their parents, grandparents, our county and community support; as well as, those former 4-H'ers who see to it that these youth continue to enjoy these opportunities.