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Exhibitors show out at Dixie National

By Betsy Padgett

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The 2020 Dixie National Livestock Show and Mississippi's 4-H Roundup are now "in the books." Holmes County 4-H'ers enjoyed the opportunities that went along with this show and several are already planning for next year's livestock season.

The show kicked off with the Market Swine Show with 4-H'ers showing swine in Commercial Gilt, Market Barrow and Market Hog categories subdivided into weight divisions, as well as Showmanship in age divisions.

In the Commercial Gilt division, Preston Carnathan placed 2nd, Lilly Word, 5th; John Franklin Johnson, 6th, and Emma Word, 8th, with their Crossbred gilts. Heidi Hudson placed 7th with her "Down-Ear" gilt. In the Barrow show, Lightweight division, Bennett Word placed 4th, John Hudson Word, 6th, and Braxton Horn 10th.

In Medium weight barrows, Sara Word placed 8th, John Franklin Johnson, 9th, Bennett Word, 10th, and Hanna Hood, 12th. Cameron Martin placed 9th with her heavyweight barrow.

In Swine Showmanship, John Franklin placed 9th and Heidi Hudson 10th in the 10 year old age group. Preston Carnathan took 9th in his 11 year old age group. Anna Duke place 9th in her 13 year old division. Drue Johnson placed 3rd and Natalie

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Pearce Edwards (middle) is pictured being presented a Dixie National Exhibitor Scholarship by Lieutenant Governor Delbert Hosemann (left) and Commissioner of Agriculture Andy Gibson, at the Dixie National Sale of Champions on February 6, in Jackson.

(Photo by Betsy Padgett)

Holmes alumna passes licensing exam to become a vet

Press Release

Joshlyn Martin Winstead, a 2013 Holmes Community College graduate, recently passed the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE). She earned a bachelor's in biomedical engineering from Mississippi State University in 2015 and will graduate from MSU's College of Veterinary Medicine on April 29.

"Joshlyn is a memorable student because she always gave her best efforts in class and lab," said Holmes biological sciences instructor



JOSHYLYN MARTIN WINSTEAD

Mary Leigh Poole. "She has

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New administrator 'returns to roots' as CEO of UMMC Grenada, Holmes County

By Ruth Cummins

UMMC

Growing up in rural Belzoni, Dodie McElmurray saw firsthand the health disparities that continue to plague the Mississippi Delta: chron-

ic diseases like diabetes and hypertension; Obesity and high incidence of stroke and heart disease; and poor diet and food insecurity linked to poverty.

She saw residents of Hum-

phreys County struggle for access to care. Even today, just four local licensed physicians serve its 2,000 people.

A 1997 nursing graduate of Delta State Univer-

sity, McElmurray's career as a front-line caregiver and corporate-level health care administrator in Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana has circled back to her Delta roots. She began work this

month as chief executive officer of the University of Mississippi Medical Center Grenada and its sister hospital, UMMC Holmes County in Lexington.

"We've wanted to get back to Mississippi. I want to make



DODIE MCELMURRAY

a difference in the communities where I grew up," McElmurray said.

"I want to bring more cohesiveness to health care to better meet the needs of the community, and to make sure that we

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Lady Trojans finish runner-up at North State AAA tourney



Pictured above, standing (from left): Hayley Haffey, Lindsey Tuner, Landry Garner, Aubrey Carr, Mackenzie Ward, Taylor Spell, Coach Nikki Edwards and Denson Edwards, manager; Front row (from left): Cameron Martin, Christyn Allen, Morgan Bigbee, Breann Bell and Mckaylee Polk. Not pictured, Ellen Carr, statistician.

(Photo Submitted)

Staff Report

The Central Holmes Christian School Lady Trojans season continues on despite falling this past Saturday to North Delta Academy in the championship game of the AAA North State Tournament by a score of 83-50.

The Trojans fell behind nine at the half, and struggled in the second half; and ended up losing badly to the top rated AAA North Delta team.

The Trojans played again Wednesday, February 19, in the State Class AAA Tournament at Canton Academy, 4:00 p.m. They will be matched up against #3 seed Columbia Academy. If they

win, the Lady Trojans will advance to the Class AAA, semifinals which will be held on Friday, February 21.

The Trojans played Marshall Academy in the first round on Wednesday, February 13, and destroyed their opponent, 73-38. The Lady Trojans played well for most of the game and ran the clock nearly the entire fourth quarter.

Senior Christyn Allen had a career game and finished with 17 points. On Friday, February 14, the Lady Trojans faced off against Winona Christian School they previously faced four times, all victories for the Lady Trojans. That day ended no better for the Winona Lady

Stars. The Central Holmes Lady Trojans dominated from the beginning 49-28. The Trojans advanced to the championship game after that win; however, fell in the championship as previously stated.

The Lady Trojans had Breann Bell, McKaylee Polk and Cameron Martin make the AAA North State All-Tournament Team.

The Lady Trojans had one senior, McKenna Polk, named to the All-Star team. The game will be played on March 8.

The time and location will be announced at a later date and will be posted on the Central Holmes Christian School's Facebook page.

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Friday
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Saturday
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54/43
Precip. Chance
10%



Sunday
Rain
55/51
Precip. Chance
80%



Monday
A.M. Showers
59/45
Precip. Chance
40%



Tuesday
Partly Cloudy
65/48
Precip. Chance
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Wednesday
Showers
59/36
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