



# Clover Corner

Holmes County 4-H News and Commentary  
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**COLTON HOWELL QUALIFIED FOR STATE IN GOAT TYING ON HIS HORSE FROSTY.**



**ORIN HOWELL AND ADDISON MOONEYHAN (BETSY PADGETT'S GRANDDAUGHTER) ATTENDED NORTH STATE 4-H CAMP AT LAKE TIAK O'KHATA LAST WEEK.**



**LIVI HOWELL QUALIFIED FOR STATE IN BARRELS, POLES AND STAKES ON HER HORSE I'LL PERK YOU UP**

4-H is getting back in a better swing having survived all the setbacks of last year's pandemic mandated shutdown of in-person meetings. Back to normal are the 4-H Horse shows, and other 4-H summer events are slowly making comebacks in their own newly-invented fashion.

First, we congratulate Colton Howell and Lilly Word for being selected State 4-H Ambassadors for 2021-2022. These two submitted resumes, were selected for interviews, then chosen for this honor to represent the State of MS at state-wide events as 4-H state junior leaders. (Only 15 in the state were chosen.) These outstanding youth will represent both Holmes County and the state of Mississippi over the course of this year. They started their tenure this past Monday, June 7, on the campus of Mississippi State University completing their orientation on Tuesday.

Monday, June 7, through June 9, Addison Mooneyhan attended 4-H Camp Explore at Lake Tiak O' Khata and, reportedly, had a blast – canoeing, swimming, and meeting new friends.

Then, on Thursday and Friday of this past week, June 10 and 11, the Horse 4-H exhibitors participated in the Northwest District 4-H Horse Show in Winona. Showing at this event and representing Holmes County were Sinatra Clayton, Brian Grisby, Ty, Ro, Lulu, and Cle'shundra Dixon, Colton, Livi, and Orin Howell, and Cin'Kyra Mosley. The show kicked off with Goat tying where Colton took 4th. Breakaway roping came next where Sinatra Clayton placed 2nd. Brian and Sinatra were the only entrants in the Dally team roping event, but they simply could not get a catch. (Here is where I must interject the fact that these horses suffered the trauma of the night and early morning immediately preceding this show that yielded severe thunderstorms, lightning, and flooding that surely had

not worn off by the 10am show start. It was truly amazing to me that they performed as well as they did after all that, being loaded on a trailer in the incessant rain and hauled to an unfamiliar site and still expected to perform at their best). The show moved on shortly after noon to the speed events. Pole Bending was the first. Orin set the bar placing 2nd, Livi came in at 3rd, and Sinatra cleaned up with 5th. Then came Barrel racing. Orin topped our Junior competition placing 2nd, with Ty and Ro coming in 7th and 8th, respectively. In the Senior Barrels, Sinatra took 4th, Brian, 5th, Livi, 7th, and Kyra, 10th. The last speed event of the day was Stake Racing. In Junior Stakes, Orin continued his streak of 2nds. In Senior Stakes, Livi matched Orin with a 2nd placing of her own, Sinatra came in at 4th and Kyra, 5th. Sinatra, Brian, Orin, Colton and Livi will all advance to the State 4-H Championships as a result of their top placings in Thursday's events.

Friday's events included Halter and Pleasure riding classes. Colton placed 7th with his gelding, Frosty. Lula Dixon did well in the Buckaroo class (under age pleasure) earning her first Horse show plaque, and Cle'shundra

placed 2nd in the Walk/ Jog class.

Hanna Hood submitted 2 entries in the Horse Art exhibition earning 3rd place with both of her entries. Her art will be on exhibit in the Equine Center on the Fairgrounds, June 23, through June 25, along with numerous others during the State 4-H Horse Championships.

Congratulations, to all of the horse exhibitors. They and their horses were faced with overcoming inclement weather conditions to even get to this show and excelled in their performances. Kudos, as well,

to those parents who deemed this an important opportunity for their youth for their preparation and hard work in anticipation of this show.

The State 4-H Horse Championships will begin in Jackson on the Fairgrounds at the Fordice Equine Expo Center Wednesday, June 23, and run through Saturday, June 26. Roping and cattle events will be Thursday after 6pm June 24, and speed events will all be Saturday, June 26. Come on down – the entertainment will be non-stop and fun. And, Holmes County always has a tremendous show of support.



**COLTON HOWELL AND LILLY WORD, STATE 4-H AMBASSADORS FOR 2021-2022**



**ORIN HOWELL, PLACED 2ND IN POLES, STAKES AND BARRELS.**



**BRIAN GRISBY ON LEFT QUALIFIED FOR STATE ON HIS HORSE LADY. SINATRA CLAYTON ON RIGHT QUALIFIED FOR STATE ON HIS HORSE PLAYER.**