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## Art in the Park offers showcase of community art talents, family fun

In addition to hands-on crafting stations under the pavilion, Arts Council members and friends will set up in locations throughout the park, performing, sharing or demonstrating their gifts for visitors, he says.

Caricature artist David Jackson, potter MaKayla Sherman, cyber artist Joan Blanton and painter Albert Smathers are among at least a dozen individual working artists from the Clinton community lined up for this year's event, Massey says. It's a way to showcase the breadth and variety of creators in the Clinton community. Mississippi College art students will also be onsite, to help out and spur creativity.

The Atmos Stage at the park will come alive with performers, too, including puppeteer T.J. McSparrin and the HCC bands.

Art in the Park provides a good opportunity for children and others to watch and work with real artists, Blanton says, adding that it's also a good time to become annual members of the Arts Council. Also, in a cooperative effort, anyone purchasing a signed and numbered Wyatt Waters or Bob Dunaway print for \$150 will receive annual memberships in the Arts Council of Clinton, Clinton Brick Street Players and Main Street Clinton.

## Hammons earns gold medal in SkillsUSA state championship



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The Holmes Community College representatives at the SkillsUSA State Championship 2023 included (l to r), front row: Chef Alexei Harrison (instructor), Sarah Hammons, Leah Rainey, Jacob Sledge, Heather Mooney (instructor) and Peter Hindman (instructor); and back row: Ethan Oxley, Kennedy Lacey, Derrick Rainey (instructor), Will Alexander (instructor), Jacob Lott and Arzelle Spikes.

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The SkillsUSA chapters from Holmes Community College's Goodman and Ridgeland campuses successfully competed in the 2023 SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference.

In the Culinary Arts Division, Ridgeland SkillsUSA student Sarah Hammons of Clinton took home a gold medal in Baking & Pastry Arts. She was recognized during a ceremony at the Hilton Jackson.

Overall, Holmes took home seven awards: six gold medals and one bronze, and every participant placed.

The first-place winners are invited to take part in the Annual National Leadership and Skills Conference, which will be this summer in Atlanta, Georgia.

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