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### **Monroe County 4-H Cotton Boll & Consumer Judging Teams Compete in Area Contest**

The Monroe County 4-H Cotton Boll & Consumer Judging Teams recently competed in the Area Contest held in Perry. The members of the Monroe County Teams include: Junior Team: Preston Chance, Courtney Copeland, Tyler Evans, Brock Hulsey, Russell Lynch, Kayla Pierson and Ellie Wangerin; Senior Team members: Jonathan Bell, Elisabeth Garrett, Hope Mashburn, Taylor Pope, Justin Sims and Caroline Waldrep. These 4-H'ers were coached by volunteer leader Mrs. Sandy Linkous. The 4-H'ers competed in consumer judging by comparing and ranking consumer items in terms of value, durability, nutritional information and other criteria. The classes in consumer judging contest included cotton pants, frozen pizzas, backpacks, and mutual funds. In the Cotton Boll division, on the Senior team the 4-H'ers prepared and presented a two minute speech concerning the benefits of cotton. On the Junior team the 4-H'ers prepared and presented a one minute public service commercial on the benefits of cotton.

The Junior team placed 8<sup>th</sup> out of 16 teams and the Senior team placed 4<sup>th</sup> out of 15 teams. Jonathan Bell was in the top five for individual Senior speech. Our County team overall winners were: Tyler Evans in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Taylor Pope in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Courtney Copeland in 1<sup>st</sup> place. The top 4-H'ers on the county team will each receive a scholarship savings bond for their achievements with Cotton Boll & Consumer Judging at the 4-H Awards program next August.

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