

### Anson 4-H'ers Place in District Competition

Anson County 4-H'ers brought home top honors from their annual South Central District Activity Day. Over 400 youth and adults attended the event held at Highland Middle School in Sanford, NC. Below are the District level winning presentations won by Anson County 4-H'ers.



- District Gold winner was Milayjah Smith - Family & Consumer Sciences, age category 14-18
- District Silver winner was Keyshawn Tillman - Arts & Communication, age category 14-18.
- Other presenters were Quenton Cromartie - Science & Technology, age category 14-18 and Cameron Tillman - Health & Fitness, age category 11-13.

Milayjah will go on and compete at state competitions in Raleigh on July 21st. Congratulations to all on a job well done!

Others in attendance from the county were 4-H'ers Kendall Duncan, Zoë Martin, Dylan Alexander and Katie Edwards. Katie also did a piano solo for 4-H Entertains. 4-H Volunteer Leaders are Sharon Edwards, Debra Ratliff, Betty Garris, Pearl Blount, Carrissima Martin, Seanee Alexander, Tonja Smith and parents/relatives Kishi Tillman.

The Cooperative Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and state and local governments conduct 4-H Programs. 4-H programs focus on the development of life skills for youth. Programs are offered to all youth regardless of sex, race, religion, national origin or disability.

Pictured at left are, from left, front: Dylan Alexander and Zoë Martin. Back: Kendall Duncan, Milayjah Smith, Keyshawn Tillman, Cameron Tillman and Quenton Cromartie. Katie Edwards is not pictured.

### Cobb Recognized for Exemplary Safety Records in North Carolina

Cobb-Vantress, Inc. was recently recognized by the North Carolina Department of Labor with a gold award for the company's exemplary safety records at its hatchery and production office in Wadesboro. A gold award, the department's top honor, signifies that Cobb team members had a low rate of days away from work, job transfers or restrictions, and that these figures were more than 50 percent lower than the poultry industry average. This award adds to the facilities' existing accolades for 2017, which include a Joint Poultry Industry Safety Award of Honor for the hatchery and a Joint Poultry Industry Safety Award of Merit for the production center.

"Our North Carolina facilities are successful in safety and health systems because we regularly train team members of all levels on safe work practices and we encourage a culture of mutual respect and open communication, which creates a climate conducive to safety," said Sommer Barnes, Cobb's environmental health and safety manager (EHS) for the Southeast region. "The gold award is a great honor, but it serves as an important reminder that we can't lose sight of this goal. We'll strive for continuous improvement."

Regardless of facility location, each Cobb team member undergoes extensive safety and health training, beginning with a detailed orientation training. But the training doesn't end there. Throughout each employee's career at Cobb, he/she will receive regular, ongoing safety training, which is also available in multiple languages. This continued education helps to keep employees informed of important safety requirements, job-specific hazards and safety protocols. Cobb also prides itself in using industry-leading technology to promote team member safety — from engineering controls to personal protective equipment.

"Workplace safety is our top priority," said Adam Prater, associate director of EHS at Cobb. "At Cobb, we truly believe in our 'One Family. One Purpose.' promise. We believe that all of our team members deserve a safe place to work each day so they can return to their families at the end of the day."

To further enhance the company's safety program, Cobb employs both full-time safety managers and occupational health nurses, and conducts regular workplace safety and health audits. Additionally, corporate health and safety professionals complete a compliance audit of each facility every two years.

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### Lewis McLendon and Leola Allison Ordained As Deacon and Evangelist

Mr. Lewis McLendon, Sr. was ordained as Deacon on Sunday, May 27, and Mrs. Leola Allison was ordained as Evangelist on Sunday, June 3. Both were ordained by Overseer Sylvia McLendon, Pastor of Divine Unity House of Restoration Ministries.



### Madison Stovall and Alan McRae Complete Future Agricultural Leaders Program

Madison Stovall and Alan McRae, rising high school seniors, were recognized for completing a program called the NC Farm Bureau's Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders (IFAL) Program with North Carolina A&T State University and North Carolina State University. The program assists exceptional rising high school seniors from across the state in exploring agricultural related college majors available at these two land-grant universities.



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