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## SPALDING COUNTY 4-H AREA COTTON BOWL PARTICIPATION

Spalding County 4-H Cotton Boll and Consumer Judging Junior and Senior Teams competed at their area contest in Conyers in November. This competition is sponsored by the Georgia Cotton Commission, and as such, the 4-H'ers write their own commercial about cotton and give their live Presentation before two judges. In the consumer judging part of the competition, 4-H'ers learn about four consumer items: an article of clothing, a food/beverage, a consumer service, and a consumer good. They compete by reading a scenario about each category, rank 4 items in that category best to worse, and present oral reasons before a judge stating why they placed the items in that ranking.

The team members are given a score on Placing and Reasons, Presentation (cotton commercial), and Over-all Individual.

Earning 4<sup>th</sup> Place, the Spalding County 4-H Junior Cotton Boll and Consumer Judging Team members were:

**Heather Dorn:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place Presentation; **Zaria Owens:** 5<sup>th</sup> place Placing and Reasons; **Cheyenne Bailey,** and **Bailey Champion.**

The Area First Place Spalding County team members and their placings were:

**Hannah Rutledge:** 1st place Placing and Reasons, 1<sup>st</sup> place Presentation, and 1<sup>st</sup> place Over-all.

**Carrianna Simmons:** 2<sup>nd</sup> place Placing and Reasons, 5<sup>th</sup> place Presentation, and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Over-all.

**Benjamin Rutledge:** 3rd place Presentation.

**Isabel Rutledge:** 2<sup>nd</sup> place Presentation.

The team's 1st place score earned them a berth in the state competition on 10 December at Rock Eagle 4-H Center where they won 2nd place in the state.

The **State 2nd Place Spalding County** team members were:

**Carrianna Simmons:** 1st place Placing and Reasons, 5th place Presentation, and 1st place Over-all.

Carrianna's 1st place Over-All win earns her 4-H Master status. She will be recognized for this honor at State 4-H Congress in July.

**Hannah Rutledge:** 3rd place Placing and Reasons.

**Isabel Rutledge** and **Benjamin Rutledge.**

The team's 2nd place score earned the Spalding County Team a berth in the Western National Round-up in Denver, Colorado in January 2018. The team will be working to raise funds to finance their trip to the competition. Those wishing to support the team may contact the 4-H Office @ 770-467-4225..

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Spalding County 4-H Cotton Boll and Consumer Judging team members:  
Left to Right: Cheyenne Bailey, Benjamin Rutledge, Isabel Rutledge, Zaria Owens, Heather Dorn,  
Carrianna Simmons, Bailey Champion, and Hannah Rutledge.