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Bailey Rayfield being presented with \$5,000 and a trophy for her Champion Market Steer at the 2019 Georgia Junior National Livestock Show.

they compare to others in their class and breed divisions, with the best-looking cow coming out on top of the competition. But this also takes work from the students, who have to show off the best qualities of their animals.

"We all placed, so we all had quality animals," said Rayfield. "That was the good thing about us, and we had a really good year in the county at local shows and the state show."

Other students who showed off their cows and placed in their specific classes included Preston Dyer in Third Place, Chandler Collins in Second Place, Colby Elliot in Sixth Place, Alyssa Sweat in 10th Place, Cameron Elliott in Ninth Place, and Maggie McClure in Third Place.

Some students showed off pigs at the 2019 Georgia Junior National Livestock

Show in Perry.

"At state, we all prepare our pigs," said Logan Hart, president of the FFA. "The first thing we do is unload them and get them fed and watered, with all this extended over three days. The first day is kind of a rest day, so we bathe our pigs and stuff like that."

"On the first show day, we do showmanship, which is where we present our pigs and how well we work with our pigs. So, whether we condition them, how they walk, how they work with you."

Hart placed eighth in his class and was proud to see all the hard work that the other students brought to the competition.

"I'm proud of the younger kids, because I see that this is their first year, and I was in my first year once," said Hart. "Just watching how well they handled state and

how they placed, it was really awesome, and I'm really proud of them."

Other students who showed off pigs included Hannah von Hof placing second, Emma McConnell placing eighth, Miranda Burnette placing seventh, Amber Watkins placing sixth and Luci Talton placing fourth, each place in their specified classes.

"I'm proud of all the hard work they put in," said FFA Adviser Chris Crump. "I bet they all kind of saw that hard work pay off."

"A lot of these livestock projects, especially cattle, is from now until next February, and they work that whole time. For pigs, it's from October until February. It's an everyday event, so it's kind of cool to see that hard work pay off."

Added Crump, "Everybody in the pig barn but one kid placed, so that's pretty monumental because there's a lot of kids who go down there and never place."

"Everybody in the cattle barn placed, and that's monumental, because there are cows there that never place, and a lot of schools have kids that never place, so we are very proud that pretty much every kid that went with us placed."

Members of both FFA and 4-H are pleased to see the hard work of the students pay off and hope to continue their successes over the coming years.

## Correction:

In a picture appearing in the Feb. 27 edition of the North Georgia News, the newspaper mistakenly identified Solomon Patrick as the father of 2019

Uchs Star Student Matthew Patrick. Solomon is actually Matthew's uncle. Matthew is the son of Paige and Tony Dyer.

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