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"But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you."
1 Peter 5:10

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Camp Hidden Lake serves as summer retreat for youth across the country

By Matthew Breazeale

By the time this story is hitting the newsstands, camp is over. It ended Tuesday. As usual, I'm late getting out my stories.

Earlier in the month I had the privilege to tour the Salvation Army's summer camp tucked away inside Holmes County, Camp Hidden Lake.

The whole camp is hardly hidden, its just off of MS Highway 12 west down Oregon Road. It is literally the center of the county.

Named for the lake hidden deep within the property, the camp provides camping experiences for underprivileged children and youth, adults and seniors. Each summer, hundreds of children and youth descend upon Camp Hidden Lake for life changing camp experiences. From music, performing arts, recreational and outdoor experiences to spiritual formations, the goal of Camp Hidden Lake is holistic ministry that strengthens the body, soul, and mind.

The camp sells itself on "Long hot summer camp days, a dip in the pool, star-filled nights, camp fires, roasted marshmallows, pillow fights, cabin devotions, emblem work, seeing old friends, making new ones. Expanding horizons and creating memories. That's what camp is about. For more than 100 years, The Salvation Army has recognized the value of camping and has witnessed the difference it can make in people's lives. For an underprivileged child who's only known city concrete, the blare of car horns and whirl of mass transit, it opens up an entirely new world." All this according to the camp's website.

The camp's director, Captain Amber Morris, is exhausted at the end of each day at camp, but she loves it and is passionate for it. She's a Salvationist, like many of the camp counselors who come from far away as Ja-



Captain Amber Morris, the camp director for Camp Hidden Lake in the middle of Holmes County, explains a detailed model of how the camp was originally planned in 1984 when it was founded. (Photo by Matthew Breazeale)

maica to lead others to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Morris said she was not aware of many local youth in the county who've attended the camp but added they are welcome through the application process of the Salvation Army.

The camp is funded through the Salvation Army Corps and largely by Santa Claus ringing his bell standing next to a red kettle whom we often walk right past during the Christmas season.

"We actually had a grant writer out here the other day," said Morris. "Our buildings need a lot of care. Our camp caretaker, he's done a great job at maintaining facilities. His name is

Len Ware, he's from Lexington."

The camp is largely self-contained, acting as a world unto itself. There was even a Sysco food truck unloading as I was beginning to leave the camp.

The camp is open during the months of June and July with camps lasting only one week at a time. When Morris is not organizing the next marshmallow roast she serves the Salvation Army in the Jackson regional office the rest of the year.

When Christmas time comes around again this year, keep in mind that those bell ringers standing outside on cold days are collecting money that goes right back into Holmes County.

State sales tax holiday starts Friday

Staff Reports

Starting Friday, the Mississippi Tax-Free Weekend will be upon the county just in time for families sending children back to school.

On Friday, July 28 and ending on July 29, certain items, under \$100, bought and sold will not have sales tax attached to them.

The annual Sales Tax Holiday began in 2009, after House Bill 348 was passed during Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature. The tax-free weekends have occurred every year since

then at the end of July.

The Tax-Free Weekend official web site lists certain items that will not have an attached tax. These include baby clothes, gym suits, hosiery and work clothes and uniforms.

But not every item will be tax-free. These include baseball cleats, graduation caps and gowns and sports helmets or pads.

According to the Sales Tax Holiday guide provided by the Mississippi Department of Revenue, tax-free "clothing" is de-

County youth come home winners from Calhoun goat shows

By Betsy Padgett

Holmes Co. Ext./4-H Agent

County 4-H'ers have already started their goat showing "fun."

Kylee Killebrew, Tyler Branch and Jordan Brooks traveled to Pittsboro to the Calhoun County Goat Show on Wednesday, July 19, to compete at the Calhoun Agri-Center with their meat goats.

The day was hot, competition made even hotter with Holmes County youth showing.

The group did come home winners.

Kylee won both Grand and Reserve Grand Market Goat Champions with her two goats and Senior Showmanship. Tyler placed second in Senior Showmanship and won Heavyweight Reserve Champion Market Goat. Jordan won his Junior class of Showmanship and then placed 3rd and 5th in his goat weight class divisions. Tyler placed 3rd and 4th with his other goats in their respective weight class divisions.

These placings were quite an impressive start for the 2017/2018 4-H Livestock Season.

All 4-H livestock project show animals have an ownership deadline of August 31, for those showing Beef, Sheep, Goats and "State Fair" Hogs.



Jordan Brooks (standing right) is pictured with the Judge Cody Martin from Oklahoma after having won Junior Goat Showmanship at the Calhoun County Fair in Pittsboro last week. (Photo by Betsy Padgett)

Hogs to be shown for county, district and Dixie National will have an ownership deadline of November 28, to the county of-

fice.

For more information, please call the County Extension Office at 662-834-2795.



Pictured above left Kylee Killebrew (standing right) took the Calhoun County Fair by storm this past week winning Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat and Senior Goat Showmanship. She is pictured with her Grand Champion Goat and Judge Cody Martin from Oklahoma. Pictured above right Tyler Branch (standing right) won Reserve Champion Heavyweight Market Goat at the Calhoun County Fair in Pittsboro, July 19, and placed 2nd in Senior Showmanship. (Photos by Betsy Padgett)



signed as "any article of apparel designed to be worn on the human body including pants, shirts and blouses, dresses, coats,

jackets, belts, hats, undergarments and multiple piece garments sold as a set."

"Accessories" such as "jewel-

ry, handbags, luggage, umbrellas, wallets, watches, backpacks and briefcases" will still have a tax on them.

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Holmes County 7-Day Forecast for JULY 27 - AUG. 2 as reported on THE WEATHER CHANNEL



Thursday
Mostly Sunny
96/75

Precip. Chance
10%



Friday
P.M. Thunderstorms
91/72

Precip. Chance
50%



Saturday
Isolated T-storms
89/67

Precip. Chance
30%



Sunday
Sunny
90/67

Precip. Chance
0%



Monday
Partly Cloudy
90/69

Precip. Chance
20%



Tuesday
P.M. Thunderstorms
91/70

Precip. Chance
60%



Wednesday
Scattered T-storms
91/71

Precip. Chance
40%

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