

# MSU Extension offers 4-H summer camp

The Mississippi State University Extension Service will hold the North Mississippi 4-H Summer Camp Explore July 23-26 in Winston County.

The camp will be at Lake Tiak O'Khata, located at 1290 Smyth Lake Road in Louisville.

Participants will enjoy the outdoors, expressive arts, and STEM and S.A.F.E.T.Y. activities. Archery, canoeing, drama, air rifle, survival skills, first aid, robotics and a service project are among the camp's offerings. The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians will conduct a heritage activity with the campers.

The \$200 registration fee includes lodging, meals,

activities, t-shirt and 4-H activity insurance. Registration deadline is July 5.

This camp is open to junior 4-H'ers ages 8-13 who are currently participating in the Mississippi 4-H Youth Development Program.

For more information or to obtain a registration form, contact MSU Extension agent Christina Meriwether at christina.a.meriwether@msstate.edu or 662-453-6803.

Mississippi State University is an equal opportunity institution. For disability accommodation, please contact Christina Meriwether at christina.a.meriwether@msstate.edu or 662-453-6803.

# Five minutes of fame

I have always loved to sing. I am no professional, but I enjoy carrying a tune. I am extremely proud of my children as they all are very musically inclined. My middle child has been in a band in years past, sung for special events here in our town, and he and his wife are among the finalist in the Mississippi Song Writers Contest. They are singing an original song written by them.

I readily understand where my son got his music talent and voice from - ME!! I "practiced"



**Peggy's Take**

blonde hair was curled and pulled back with a yellow bow. I was really a cute little country/western singer.

I walked up to that real microphone and grabbed hold of the post just below the square wire mesh that would carry my voice over the airways. I was not nervous one

bit because my mama and I just knew a talent agent would hear me and I would be signed up quickly with a recording contract.

I gave a nod to "my" band and I begin to sing "Brush those tears from your eyes and try

to realize that the ache in my heart is just for you...." No brush, no spoon, no stick this time, this was the REAL THING. My time of fame lasted for about five minutes. I was never called by a talent agent. No one from the Grand Ole Opry called. I was back to singing with my hair brush and still dreaming. I do have a picture of the event and I keep it displayed in a prominent place with all my other family mementos.

Your welcome, Marc for the aforementioned talent!!

### Sunday Chicken Casserole

- 1 can chicken soup
- 1 can mushroom soup
- 1 can milk
- 1 T. onion powder
- 1 cup minute rice
- 4 chicken breasts

Mix soups, milk, and minute rice with salt and pepper taste. Push the chicken down into the mixture until hidden. Cook in 350\* oven for 40 minutes.

*\* Peggy Sims is a life-long resident of Attala County and columnist.*

# Mississippi State University announces graduates/honors

Mississippi State University announced spring graduates and honor students for 2019 from Holmes County.

Honor graduates include all bachelor-degree candidates with exceptional scholastic averages and at least half the total required course hours earned at MSU. Their specific levels of recognition and the minimum required averages for each, based on a 4.0 scale, include: summa

cum laude, 3.80; magna cum laude, 3.60; and cum laude, 3.40.

The academic honors are recorded on the graduates' diplomas and permanent records, as well as in the commencement program.

### GRADUATES

Mayme Kathryn Davidson, Tchula, Bagley College of Engineering, BS; Cierra Lazita Ellen Dixon, Lexington, Academic Affairs, BUS;

and Kenya Arlene Hodges, Lexington, College of Ag. & Life Sciences, BS.

Students on the President's List achieved a 3.80 or better grade-point average, based on a 4.0 scale, while completing at least 12 semester hours of course work with no incomplete grades or grades lower than a C. Deans' List students achieved a grade-point average between 3.5 and 3.79, based on a 4.0 scale, while completing at least 12 semester hours of course work with no incom-

plete grades or grades lower than a C.

### DEANS'S LIST

Eryca Lyn Edwards, Lexington; Najah Amya Flowers, Pickens; Cassie Ann Hardacre, Goodman; Jared T Potter, West; Kelly Nicole Rucker, Durant; and John Ashton Simpson, Pickens.

### PRESIDENT'S LIST

Riley Russell Angell, Lexington; Blake Stewart Bell, Lexington; Nathan Ryan McCloskey, Lexington; and London Alexandra Stever-son, Lexington.

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX EFFORT HOLMES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Holmes County Consolidated District will hold a public hearing on its proposed school district budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 on Thursday, June 20, 2019, 10:00 a.m. at the Holmes County Consolidated School District School Board Meeting Room located at 313 Olive Street, Lexington, MS 39095. At this meeting, a proposed ad valorem tax effort will be considered.

The Holmes County Consolidated School District is now operating with a projected total budget revenue of \$29,965,979. Of that amount, 21.73% or \$6,511,182 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For the next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$30,416,685. Of that amount, 25.18% or \$7,657,722 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

For the next fiscal year, the proposed increase in ad valorem tax effort by Holmes County Consolidated School District may result in an increase in the ad valorem tax millage rate. Ad valorem taxes are paid on homes, automobile tags, business fixtures and equipment, and rental real property.

Any citizen of the Holmes County Consolidated School District is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed ad valorem tax effort, and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.

/s/ James L. Henderson  
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 Holmes County Consolidated School District  
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