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## Doris Alexander announces candidacy for Mayor of Lexington

The *Holmes County Herald* has been authorized to release the following paid political announcement.

It is time for the citizens of Lexington of to build on a solid foundation. Based on a platform of bringing resources to Lexington, MS, I am seeking your support as I involve the community in local government to produce positive changes in our town. As candidate for Mayor of Lexington, my platform is based on bringing resources and economical support to the city of Lexington. I am seeking your assistance in involving the community in local government to produce positive changes in our town. My business experience as Owner and CEO of the Living Stone Adult Daycare Center and the Livingston Personal Care Services has encouraged me to bring more businesses and resourceful programs to Lexington, MS.



DORIS HODGES ALEXANDER

I am promoting procedures to bring into Lexington a lucrative workforce which will be beneficial for the town; and industries with sustainable growth to our wonderful town. We desperately need programs for our youth that will ensure employment such as a vocational program, GED preparation, and rehabilitation programs. In addition, I am seeking grants that will bring more home improvement assistance and affordable housing. It is also my goal to restore the infrastructure of our neighboring communities and to contract with agencies to beautify our lovely town. As a citizen of Lexington, I am committed to doing all that is possible for the citizens who do not have a sounding voice in the area of decision making. It is my plan to implement a summer camp for the youth of Lexington which will consist of basketball, football, and various talents, Monday thru Friday, ranging from six to eight weeks. I am also preparing to renovate the baseball field in Pecan Grove. As our community steadily expands, our neighborhoods and

infrastructure needs upgrading. It is my intent to mend those areas with the help and support of our citizens. It is my commitment to work hard to ensure that our community is a safe place to live for all of us as a whole. My word is my bond that you can count on.

As a resident of Lexington, MS, I have rooted myself in an environment which has had a promising outlook. My commitment is based on my years of growing up in a lively community; a graduate of Jacob J. McClain High School (1981); Jackson State University (1981-1983), Hinds Community College (2006-2008) and Abundant Blessing Theological Seminary (2013-2016). My credentials include: Ph.D. in Theological Seminary, Associate Degree in Interior Design, Associate Degree in Business Administration, Certified as a Minority/Women-Owned and Operated Business Enterprise, advocate against drug & alcohol abuse, and presiding Minister at Livingstone Outreach Ministry.

I, Doris Hodges Alexander, humbly seek your support, prayers, and your vote as I embark on my quest as Mayor of the City of Lexington. May God Bless you and the City of Lexington.

A vote for Doris Hodges Alexander is a vote for community involvement in Lexington, MS.

## County libraries set for National Library Week in April

### Staff Reports

The Holmes County Libraries are celebrating National Library Week from April 9-15. The theme is "Libraries Transform."

The Goodman Public Library will be offering the following programs and activities during National Library Week:

• On Tuesday, April 11, from 9:00 a.m. until closing, the Friends of the Goodman Public Library will have a book sale. From 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on the same day, blood pressure checks and miscellaneous games will be offered. Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 p.m., the children and adults are invited to the library for "Movie Time with Snacks."

• Thursday, April 13, starting at 11:00 a.m., lunch will be offered for Friends, Volunteers, and Supporters as they meet the Municipal Election Candidates for Mayor and Alderpersons for the Town of Goodman.

At the Lexington Public Library the Friends of the Library



The headquarters of the Mid-Mississippi Regional Library System is located in the Attala County Library.

will be having a book sale April 10 to April 13 during regular business hours. All books will be priced 25 cents.

• On April 10 at 3:30 p.m. Mrs. Tara Howell, MSU Extension Office Agent-Holmes County, will present a free anti-bullying program for children of all ages.

• On April 11 at 10 a.m., Mrs. Lindsay Fits, Youth Services Coordinator, Mid-Mississippi

Regional Library System, will present a story time for pre-schoolers.

• Mrs. Betsy Padgett, MSU Extension Office Agent-Holmes County will present "Grandma's Apron" on April 13 at 3 p.m. Wear an apron or just come and enjoy the fellowship and light refreshments!

The Pickens Public Library is celebrating National Library

## Ole Miss Chancellor Vitter, Gospel artist Brady Smart to highlight chamber banquet

By Matthew Breazeale

The "voice" of the University of Mississippi, Dr. Jeffrey Vitter, will be hosted by the Holmes County Chamber of Commerce as keynote speaker during the 28th annual Membership/Awards Banquet set for Thursday, April 13.

The chamber of commerce event will be held at the Carroll Cafeteria on the campus of Holmes Community College in Goodman, 6 p.m.

A silent auction will also be held at the banquet from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Charlie Mae Joiner, president for the Holmes County Chamber of Commerce, said tickets may be purchased from the chamber in Lexington or from chamber board members Jim Thompson, Watt Ervin, Maria Porter, Matthew Breazeale, Ann Brown, Verlinda Alexander, Robin McCrory, Melissa Griffin, Jonathan Moore and Powell Rucker.

Vitter is the 17th chancellor of the University of Mississippi, as well as a professor of computer and information science. He is a renowned computer scientist, a passionate advocate for higher education, and an avid reader.

His 37 years' experience at noted universities Brown, Duke, Purdue, Texas A&M and Kansas culminated in his "dream job" when he became chancellor of Mississippi's flagship university in January 2016.

Fueled by his belief in the power of higher education to transform lives, communities, and the world, Vitter has chart-

Week by offering the following programs during the week:

• On Monday, April 10 at 9:00 a.m., the Goodman-Pickens first graders will tour and explore the library. They will be entertained with a puppet show. Monday afternoon from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., blood pressure check and miscellaneous games will be offered.

• On Wednesday, April 12, starting at 11:00 a.m., the Friends of the Pickens Library will have their annual fundraising luncheon with a program and guest speaker. Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 p.m., the children and adults are invited to the library for "Movie Time with Snacks."

The West Public Library is asking all citizens and Friends of the Library for the Town of West to come out and support YOUR local library.

• A book sale by Friends of the



DR. JEFFREY VITTER



BRADY SMART

ed the university's momentum.

In addition, Dr. Vitter relishes his role as the voice of the university. Since arriving at Ole Miss, he has greatly expanded communication and connectivity via town halls, informational blogs and robust use of social media. He and his wife Sharon are often seen around campus, in the Grove, at athletic events and on restaurant stools throughout Mississippi, getting to know people the old fashioned way.

A New Orleans native, Vitter will be held from April 10 - 13.

• On April 11 the library will host miscellaneous games for books and prizes

• On April 13 the library will host a bake sale by Friends of the Library. Please make your special dessert or treat to sell and help support summer library programs for our local children. Special treats in time for Good Friday and Easter.

All Holmes County Libraries will be closed Friday, April 14 for Good Friday.

### HERALD BRIEF

#### H.C. Chamber egg hunt set for April 8

The Holmes County Chamber Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 8 at 1 p.m. Eggs will be hidden at the Lexington Library for children ages three to ten.

ter holds degrees from Notre Dame, Stanford and Duke. His wife Sharon is a native Kansan and a pharmacy alumna of KU. The Vitters and their three adult children Jillian, Scott, and Audrey are passionate about the arts and genealogy and are avid sports fans.

Goodman native and gospel singing artist Brady Smart will entertain attendees at the banquet by singing the national anthem and a personal selection.

On New Year's Eve 2016, Smart released his debut album, *The Axis Movement* with BCS Productions. The album went live in digital media on January 6, 2017. Brady has won the hearts and souls with his signature six-octave range vocal acrobatics and his compelling stage presence since the age of 15.

Smart has toured and performed extensively, internationally and in the U.S.A. After performing at an early age in church, Smart has held firm to his strong Christian beliefs and morals.

The Holmes County Chamber remains active in the county by offering and sponsoring engaging programs throughout the year including CPR, Breakfast with Santa and participating in Lexington's fall festival. The chamber also provides a directory of elected officials in Holmes County and county maps.

Tickets for the annual banquet are \$20.00. The chamber can be reached at 662-834-3372 or email at holmescountychamber@gmail.com.

## REVIVALS

### UNION GROVE M.B.C.

Union Grove M.B. Church will host its Spring Revival beginning Wednesday, April 5 through Friday, April 7 at 7 nightly.

### GREATER FAIRVIEW

Greater Fairview M.B.C. will hold revival services from Monday April 3 through Wednesday, April 5 at 7:15 nightly.

### NEWPORT M.B. CHURCH

Newport M.B. Church in Lexington will hold its revival service from Sunday, April 2 through Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 nightly.

### LONG BRANCH M.B.C.

Long Branch M.B. Church in West will host its Family Week Revival Services from Monday, April 3 through Friday, April 7 at 7:30 nightly.

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### Holmes County 7-Day Forecast for March 30 - April 5 as reported on THE WEATHER CHANNEL

<b>Thursday</b> Thunderstorms 76/53 Precip. Chance 80%	<b>Friday</b> Mostly Sunny 71/51 Precip. Chance 10%	<b>Saturday</b> Sunny 79/56 Precip. Chance 10%	<b>Sunday</b> Partly Cloudy 78/62 Precip. Chance 10%	<b>Monday</b> Scattered T-Storms 74/56 Precip. Chance 50%	<b>Tuesday</b> Mostly Sunny 77/55 Precip. Chance 20%	<b>Wednesday</b> A.M. Showers 77/53 Precip. Chance 40%

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