

Lexington student named Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year

Cordarius Dorsey of the Boys & Girls Club of the Mississippi Delta was named the state of Mississippi's Youth of the Year last week at the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Youth of the Year Competition in Jackson, MS.

Cordarius is a senior at Holmes County School District who plans to attend Mississippi State University this fall majoring in Biology. Cordarius is a member of the Boys & Girls Club of Lexington, one of nine clubs in the Mississippi Delta organization.

Cordarius serves as a Junior Staffer at the Lexington Club where he conducts a program he himself developed called "Healthy Lifestyles with Dorsey."

Dorsey will receive several scholarships associated with his Youth of the Year award, including a \$5,000 scholarship provided by Boys & Girls Clubs of America and the Disney Corporation. Dorsey has been accepted to Mississippi State University where he will

be attending next fall.

Dorsey credits his Boys & Girls Club experience in helping deal with problems of bullying and obesity.

"I was made fun of when I was little because of my weight. I was a big kid. But the staff and kids at the club were welcoming and accepting. They also helped me to understand more about eating right. By the time I was in 9th grade, I lost 50 lbs."

Dorsey was encouraged to join the high school basketball team, but instead plays ball on his Boys & Girls Club team. He works as a Junior Staffer with younger children like himself who suffer from bullying and bad eating habits.

He can see the difference he is helping to make in their lives. "They like exercising, they are gaining confidence, and they're not always running to the snack bar."

Dorsey is an Honor Roll student at Holmes County Central High School. He is the son of Cornescia Smith and Ivory Dorsey of Lexington. He



Dorsey (at left) is pictured above with Secretary of State Hoeman who served as keynote speaker at the Awards Banquet. (Photo submitted)

MS Public Service Commission makes visits to municipal mayors

On Thursday, March 8, Deputy Commissioner Ryan Brown and Chief Policy Advisor Dr. Alex Washington of the Mississippi Public Service Commission met with Durant Mayor Dr. Henry Robinson, Jr. and Tchula Mayor General Vann.

During the meetings, the Commission officials discussed energy efficiency programs available to help customers lower their electric and gas bills, ensuring rates and service policies are as consumer friendly as they can be, and how the Commission can be a resource for the city.

"We appreciate Mayors Robinson and Vann for the warm welcome to their towns and look forward to building partnerships that serve their communities well," said Deputy Commissioner Ryan Brown.

The Mississippi Public Service Commission is the state regulator for companies like Entergy Mississippi and Atmos Energy. If you have questions or concerns about an issue you have with your utility company, contact the Commission at 601-961-5430 or visit www.psc.state.ms.us.



Pictured at top, (from left) Dr. Alex Washington, Tchula Mayor General Vann and Deputy Commissioner Ryan Brown met on March 8. Brown and Washington also met with Durant Mayor Dr. Henry Robinson to discuss energy programs. (Photos submitted)

*Chamber

(Continued from page 1.) Banquet Chair Robin McCroary, ex officio, Melissa Griffin, Angel Meeks, Powell Rucker and Michael Lawshe.

For over 50 years, Vince Dooley has had an enduring impact on the University of Georgia, Southeastern Conference, and collegiate athletics across the country. Serving as head football coach at UGA from December, 1963, to January 1, 1989, and as Director of Athletics from 1979-2004, he has been a man of great foresight in times of charting the future, stability in times

hopes to train and work someday as a Physical Therapist. He is attending Mississippi State this fall.

He will compete in June for the Southeast Regions Youth of the Year in Atlanta.



MATTHEW JEFFERSON

On February 20 Matthew Jefferson, a 5th grade student from William Dean Jr. Elementary School in Lexington, participated in the 2018 State Reading Fair. He participated in the Literary Fiction and Nonfiction Narrative Division. He won first place in his division. He's an honor roll student at William Dean Jr. Elementary School.

of change, and vision in critical times that have shaped the path of college athletics.

A native of Mobile, Alabama, Dooley is married to the former Barbara Meshad of Birmingham. They have four children: Deanna Dooley, Daniel (married to the former Suzanne Maher), Denise (Mrs. Jay Douglas Mitchell), and Derek (married to the former Allison Jeffers) who is currently an assistant coach with the Dallas Cowboys.

Providing entertainment for the evening is native Mississippian and vocalist, Ora Reed.

Growing up in the red clay hills of Mississippi, graduating from Jackson State University, Reed has spent most of her recent career sharing her music throughout the world.

An accomplished vocalist/pianist, she has performed in Brazil, Canada, France, Britain, Malaysia, United Arab Emirates, Japan and throughout the US.

Reed, was named Cultural Ambassador for the State of Mississippi by Governor Haley Barbour, and enjoys sharing the virtues of the state wherever her travels take her.

A four-time Cancer Survivor, and a member of First Baptist Church Jackson, Reed attributes her profound faith, as the basis for her healing.

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

*New Owners

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"We also are thankful for the memories of the many people who assisted us in the day-to-day operation of the *Herald* that included high school students, adults who worked part-time and several faithful employees with 15 years or more tenure. And we are thankful for the many people who served the *Herald* as local correspondents to keep the rest of us informed on the news and events in their towns.

"Thanks for the memories of the businesses who faithfully festival. The chamber also provides a directory of elected officials in Holmes County and county maps.

Tickets for the annual banquet are \$25.00. The chamber can be reached at 662-834-3372 or email at holmescounty-chamber@gmail.com.

supported the *Herald* over the past 48 years and the faithful subscribers; without whom there would be no Holmes County Herald.

"Finally, we pray for Shoccoe Media, LLC, the new owners, of the *Holmes County Herald*," the Hills added, "as they begin their journey. We pray that they will find the same kind of support from the community that we have enjoyed. We pray for their vision of what the *Herald* can be in the future as a continuing source of news and events that makeup the daily lives of Holmes Countians."

Representatives for Shoccoe Media, LLC released a statement Monday.

"We look forward to continuing the long history of serving this community and all its patrons."

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MISS ZEP MEETS HER PRESIDENT

It was 2007, as I served the Obama Campaign with all my heart and strength, I missed my traditional annual health screenings on my birthday which is in June. In November 2007, after his historic win, I went for my health screenings and then to prepare to go to his inauguration. The screening revealed that I had BREAST CANCER. I missed the Obama's inauguration.

As the announcement that President Obama had only 100 days left in his presidency, I was so saddened that I would not get the chance to meet him and Michelle. Congressman Bennie Thompson was made aware of my sad state and desire to meet the Obamas. The next thing I knew, I WAS GOING TO MEET THE PRESIDENT! WHOOPEE! It's called, "Favor." It is just "Favor!"



(From left) Congresswoman Bennie Thompson, MS 2nd District, Former First Lady Michelle Obama, Congressman's wife London Thompson, 44th President of the United States of America Barack H. Obama, Miss Zelpha Montgomery-Whately and Mr. Caleb J. Wahington at the 2016 Congressional Black Caucus Gala, Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington D.C.



(From left) Congresswoman Bennie Thompson, MS 2nd District and Miss Zelpha Montgomery-Whately at the 2016 Congressional Black Caucus Goshpe Extravaganza, First Baptist Church, Washington D.C.