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A Night at the Oscars in Holmes County



Seated, l-r: Ortez Head, Bobby Mitchell, Angela Love, Debra Davis. Standing: Kawanna S. Horton, Unit Director, Durone Thompson, Janet Russell, Willie Cobbins, Shintri Hathorne, William Clark, Yvette M. McCall-Zollicoffer, Latasha Crockrell, Isaac Lindsey, Leroy Riley.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Mississippi Delta – Lexington Unit recently hosted its 9th Annual fundraising gala, “A Night at the Oscars

in Holmes County,” Thursday, May 7, 2026. This elegant evening dedicated to honoring the extraordinary individuals who continue

to make a lasting impact throughout Holmes County. The highly anticipated event brought together community leaders, educators,

coaches, business partners, volunteers, and supporters for a night of celebration, inspiration, and appreciation.

Designed to resemble the glamour and excitement of Hollywood’s biggest awards night, the annual gala shines a spotlight on local heroes whose dedication often goes unnoticed. From educators and mentors to coaches, community advocates, and business leaders, honorees were recognized for going above and beyond the boundaries to uplift, support, and strengthen the Holmes County community.

Throughout the evening, guests enjoyed heartfelt tributes, award presentations, entertainment, and moments that reflected the resilience, compassion, and unity found within the county. Organizers emphasized that the purpose of the event extends far beyond fundraising — it is also about acknowledging the individuals who work tirelessly behind the scenes

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Lexington police investigating deadly drive-by shooting

LEXINGTON, Miss. (WLBT) - The Lexington Police Department is investigating after a deadly shooting Monday night.

According to Police Chief David Simmons, officers responded to reports of a drive-by shooting at the Lexington Deli Mart at approximately 10:15 p.m. May 25.

Two people were shot in the incident.

The first victim, identified as 36-year-old Ben Jefferson, was shot and killed while sitting in his car, a green Nissan.

The second victim, identified as Keno Johnson, was

also shot inside the vehicle. However, Johnson’s injuries were non-life-threatening.

The only information known about the suspect’s vehicle is that it was a dark color, Simmons added.

Currently, no arrests have been made.

The Holmes County Sheriff’s Office is assisting LPD in this case.

This is an active and ongoing investigation.

No further information has been released at this time.

If anyone has any additional information related to this shooting, they are asked to contact the Lexington Police Department.

Reading Fair Winners



Pictured, front row, l-r: Emma Nutt, Grace Russell, Anna Cooper Parrish, Poppy Stewart, Lucy Chunn, Shep Engle, Noah Carnathan, Luke Horne, Wes Durff, Chance Webster, Leah McClellan, Charlie Edwards, Ollie Mitchell, Emery Taylor, Holly McClellan, Harper Chunn. Kneeling: John Landon Hood. Back row: Eleanor McCool, Mary Ryan Cain, Beau McBride, John Stewart, Klausen Killebrew, Trae Land, Chancellor Sims-Dumas, Brock Lawshe, Maddie Rodgers, Mary Kellum Ables, Reese Walbert, Mitchell Word.

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Partly Cloudy
86/62

Precip. Chance
2%



Friday
Partly Cloudy
89/70

Precip. Chance
5%



Saturday
Scattered T-Storms
85/73

Precip. Chance
44%



Sunday
Thunderstorms
86/73

Precip. Chance
74%



Monday
Scattered T-Storms
87/73

Precip. Chance
48%



Tuesday
Scattered T-Storms
86/72

Precip. Chance
43%



Wednesday
Scattered T-Storms
88/72

Precip. Chance
37%

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