



Meet and Greet the
Superintendent Night
Thursday, May 24
@ 6 p.m., HCCHS
Gymnasium

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018

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New superintendent tapped for Holmes County school district

The newly created Holmes County Consolidated School District has selected its first Superintendent of Schools, Dr. James L. Henderson, a native son born in Lexington. Dr. Henderson brings more than twenty years of educational experience and five years of corporate experience as a human resources professional and a radio and television journalist.

Most recently, Dr. Henderson was instrumental in the reaccreditation of the city of St. Louis, MO's Public



DR. JAMES HENDERSON

School District by working as Chief Human Resources Officer to identify the best

possible teachers to facilitate the learning of all students. He was also instrumental as the Associate Superintendent for Academic Supports in leading change in the College and Career Division – increasing the number of students graduating with industry certification. Through partnerships, he created summer employment for students of the district and ensured students' access to college and/or career opportunities.

Prior to his tenure with the St. Louis Public Schools, Henderson was the Chief of Staff (second in command) in the neighboring Normandy School District where he worked to close the achievement gap and ensured all students had access to resources, tools and opportunities needed to be successful. He worked in tandem with the Board of Education, district staff, school community, ministerial alliance and the local- and state-elected officials to create a transformative strategic plan. The plan focused on academic excellence, equity and exploration to assure the goals of the district were realized. He and his team implemented a new curriculum, created a

Tuesday, May 29 and will continue through Thursday, June 7 during regular library hours. Library hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Any child who is five-years-old, has completed

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Summer programs set at county libraries

Staff Reports

"Libraries Rock," is the theme this summer for educational programs set at the Tchula and Lexington Libraries.

Activities geared toward keeping students' minds active and engaged are set through July.

TCHULA

The library program will kick off on Thursday, may 31 at 10 a.m. with Dorian LaChance and his "slightly off-beat musical magic show."

Other presenters are Todd Smith Magic on Tuesday, June 26 at 10 a.m. Freedom Ranch Outreach Education Wildlife Ambassadors on the Move will also present on Thursday, June 14 at 10:30 a.m.

Programs for the Tchula Public Library will serve children five through twelve.

Adult programs will be announced later. There will be reading every day! All parents are invited to participate.

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Children ages six through twelve can join in the programs and event co-sponsored by Friends of the Library starting on Thursday, June 7 at 3 p.m.

Summer programs will be held on Thursdays in June and July.

Pre-registration for summer programs will begin on

Valedictorian and salutatorian named at HCCHS

Holmes County Central High School has announced the valedictorian and salutatorian for the Class of 2018. Jon'na Bailey was has been named valedictorian and Danielle Gibson has been named salutatorian.

Jon'na Bailey, is the daughter of Sharon Washington and Johnathan Bailey. Jon'na credits her passion for math as enabling her to excel in all core subjects and academics. Jon'na has a vast repertoire of achievements and programs: MOST at University of Mississippi, Perfect Attendance Award, Honor Roll and Academic Achievement Award. Jon'na interprets the statement "And though she but little, she is fierce" from William Shakespeare's No Fear as a message of motivation and not being the victim of intimidation.

Jon'na plans to attend a Summer STEM Program at the University of Mississippi as a preparatory opportunity before the startup of her college career in the Fall 2018. Jon'na will major in Biology with an emphasis in Biomedical Research.

Danielle Gibson is the daughter of Daniel and Crystolinn Gibson and sister to four siblings. Her list of awards include: Perfect Attendance, Honor Roll and 2017-2018 HCCHS Homecoming Queen. Danielle's favorite subject is reading because it allows her to travel through the adventures of the story. She has become disciplined not only in her academic studies but with her physical health. Danielle will attend Holmes Community College in Goodman, MS in the Fall 2018 majoring in Pre-Nursing with paid in full tuition. She plans to further her nursing career at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, MS becoming a Neonatal Nurse.

Holmes County Central High School will hold its



JON'NA BAILEY



DANIELLE GIBSON

2018 commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 26 at 9 p.m. at the Ras Branch Football Field at Holmes Community College in Goodman.

The Class of 2018 includes: Breanna Anderson, Akia Anderson, Kila Anderson, Starkavius Anderson, Tuyah Anderson, Jon'na Bailey, Jasmine Baker, Shantavius Bankhead, Chantel Banks, Precious Banks, NeDearius Beckworth, Kajah Bell, Camaro Bennett, Mercedes Benford, Shamillion Berry, Kerry Blanche, Devin Bonner, Aliyah Brooks, Cortez Brown, Deanbranesia Brown, Dranisha Brown, Erica Bullock, Quentin Bush, David Caesar, JaMarris Caesar, Kevouhn Caldwell, Kordel Carter, Brianna Cobbins, Laketta Cole, Michael Conway, Jakia Cowans, Tyreck Davis, Eddie Deere, Jaylen Dennis, DeMarcus Dixon, Jasmine Dixon, Jemela Dixon, Cardarius

Dorsey, Robreshia Ellington, Bobby English, Destiny Erving, Dontavious Fisher, Najah Flowers, Jinaya Ford, Otha Gallion, Danielle Gibson, Tamara Gipson, Alexis Glass, Kavotrious Gould, Lavotrious Gould, Courisia Grisby, Jazmon Grisby, DeShun Hairston, Rodrevvius Harris, Destiny Haymer, Quadric Haymond, Jarvis Head, Darren Hillie, Cortavious Holmes, Cianna Hooker, Fanzetta Hoover, Shaquinetta Jackson, Jada Jenkins, Ariana Johnson, Zharia Johnson, Dewon Jones, Johnny Jones, John Paul Jordan, Kyshun Kirklen, Devlin Kirklin, Zharrera Kirklin, Tanisha Kirkwood, Kendra Kyles, Keona Landfair, Bakiyia Lee, Anna Martin, Tatyana McCullough, Corderell McDaniel, Henry Melton, Mike Zakilya, Christian Miller, Trajan Miller, Nikeria Mitchell, O'neisha Moore, Jamarcus Mosley, Carnya Nalls, Shuntel Oliver, Marvin O'Neal, Kendra Owens, Cameron Parks, Dekarrier Parks, Diamonte Parks, Kylan Pate, Arriana Patton, Santavious Phillips, Destinee Powell, Kendrick Powell, Regine Powell, Aisha Powers, Winter Primer, Keaira Pulliam, Alana Randle, Jibri Randle, Kiarra Randle, Benjamin Reeves, Ashley Rucker, Cierra Russell, Damien Russell, Romere Russell, Christopher Sample, Sunda Sample, Romekeanna Scott, Tyriek Scott, Ambriah Seay, Joshua Sheard, Demetris Simmons, Sammeia Simmons, Shakahai Simpson, Hy'Run Singleton, Chandler Smart, Cedrick Smith, Samantha Smith, Wykendrick Smith, Javian Southern, Antonio Spann, Tamos Stevenson, Ashley Thompson, Melvin Thompson, Breanna Thornton, Timmy Thurmond, Eyunna Wade, Nickita Wade, Tiara Ward, Daylisha Washington, Iranshia Washington, Marquez Washington, Kiara Waters, Eric Watson, Malexus Watson, Justin Watson-Overall, Craig Williams, Eflora Williams, Olympias Williams, Rodarrius Williams, Tyshone Williams, Asia Wilson, Shantwana Wilson, Dekwon Winters, Sammie Winters, Tierra Wise and Erica Wright.

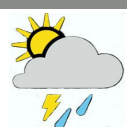
Writings on Rotary



Holmes County Central High School Senior **Cianna Hooker**, (pictured at right) was awarded the **Rotary Four-Ways Test Essay Scholarship** by the **Lexington Rotary Club** officially on **Tuesday, May 15**. Hooker penned the best response in answering the four questions of **Rotary International's Four-Way Test of the things its members think, say or do, "Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"** Hooker is pictured with **Lexington Rotary President Heather Tutor**.

(Photo by Matthew Breazeale)

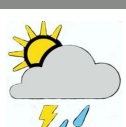
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Thursday
A.M. Thunderstorms
86/69
Precip. Chance
80%



Friday
Thunderstorms
85/68
Precip. Chance
80%



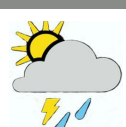
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Scattered T-Storms
81/68
Precip. Chance
60%



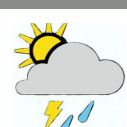
Sunday
Thunderstorms
80/68
Precip. Chance
80%



Monday
Thunderstorms
81/69
Precip. Chance
80%



Tuesday
Scattered T-Storms
86/70
Precip. Chance
60%



Wednesday
Scattered T-Storms
88/70
Precip. Chance
40%

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