

**\*HCCSD Delivering**

(Continued from page 1.) following state-mandated safety protocols, are training school leaders and teachers to provide online virtual learning activities, assignments and assessments to students at home during this social isolation period. Chief of School Leadership, Dr. Joann Rucker, said, “We are working with our educational partners Renaissance (Math and Reading) and Edgenuity (online curriculum and learning solutions) in addition to others, to give all of our students the means to continue and complete the requirements for this academic year.” Additionally, Title funds were reallocated to purchase one-to-one computing devices for all students in the district so that their educational

gains won’t slide during their time away from school. “We will also provide hot-spot devices or create mobile internet access locations for all homes at no cost to our families,” Henderson said. The district is surveying parents to identify areas without internet access. “Our students and staff will benefit from the changes to our standard way of doing things as we learn more ways to communicate, solve problems and learn during this new normal,” Henderson said. “We are going to be better for overcoming this catastrophic pandemic.” Henderson went on to say, “We want every student in this district to have equal access to maintain the progress of their educational trajectory. Families were contacted regarding the process for

procuring the devices and received information on how to access the online virtual learning sites. Building leaders are applauding the efforts of the district. HCCHS assistant principal Antwayn Patrick said, “though we are dealing with a very challenging situation, I applaud Dr. Henderson’s efforts to modernize our district. Providing computing devices and hotspots removes the barrier to online learning that rural areas have.” Zenobia Cockrell, a librarian at William Dean Elementary School, agrees. “Providing computers is a plus since so many students do not have them at home. The district’s website is also beneficial because it is a one-stop site that provides updated information and communication, designed to keep everyone

informed.” With a growth mindset and determination to improve, easing the financial burden and hardships of families in the HCCSD is one of Dr. Henderson’s top priorities. The district began meal deliveries March 17 and will continue for as long as schools remain closed. The number of meals distributed has steadily increased and this is good news for the district. “We want our families to stay healthy,” Henderson said. “Delivering meals during this time of insecurity will help relieve some of the scarcity our families are experiencing.” Holmes County Central High School (HCCHS) student Harvey Ellington is grateful for this service. “I appreciate the district for doing this because it means a lot to my family and other

members in our community.” Dr. Shem Whigham, assistant principal of HCCHS said, “People are excited to see the efforts of the district, going the extra mile, especially considering the challenges of doing it in a rural district.” Congressman Bennie G. Thompson (MS-02) said, “I am proud of the Holmes County Consolidated School District for their leadership and service. They are serving their community by delivering meals directly to students and families, offering school counselor assistance, and distributing computing devices and hotspots to provide internet access to all families in the district. These services are increasingly important to provide our community with a sense of normalcy during these uncertain times. We


are all appreciative of everything the District is doing to help the community.” Lexington Mayor Robin McCrory said “I have the utmost gratitude to the community, school district faculty and staff for stepping up and being responsive to the federal and state guidelines to maintain social distance and minimize contact. I’m in full support of the grab-n-go meals and the online learning the district is providing.” “During these challenging times, we are stronger together. We will continue to communicate with our community and keep our families updated,” Henderson said. “Our website and social media accounts will always have the most current information pertaining to our schools and the district’s operation; this is our commitment to you.”



**March 26** - Terrell Hammett, Whitman Sanders, Louis Ferrell, Valerie Hollins, Nat Hooker, Lydia Williamson, Courtney Steverson, Causey Johnson, J. B. McBride  
**March 27** - Chandler Woo, Mike Steen, Halley Box  
**March 28** - Roxann Malone, Glen Lawson, Landry Gardner, Wyn Diggs, Debby C. Meeks, Carolyn Love, Cortez Epps, Sasha Harrell, LaShunkeita Clark  
**March 29** - David

McBride, Antonio Bailey, Marvin O’Reilly, Kilpatrick Sims, Maggie Garrett, Kalen Joe, Dakota Webster, Cindy Gnemi Woody, Janet Martin, Jessie Williams, Mason Ables, Neal Frazier, Chanel Burns  
**March 30** - Victor Gilbert, Debbie McLemore, Lance White, Cha’mylah Miller, Chanta Grayson, Carrie Dillon  
**March 31** - Bro. Jack Wooten, Sara H. Roberts, Jim Harrell, Cartrina Benson, Bubba Spell, Jr., Sandra Jenkins, Tissie Brock, Agnes Williams  
**April 1** - Christin Smith Downs, Liz C. Taylor, Rufus Waddell, Jr., Mary Grace Allen, Haleigh Hutchison, Iva Beth Lindsey, Ella Mae Boykin

**\*District Runoff**  
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**Bridal Registry**  
*Laura Beth Kolb Taylor Burrell*  
May 9

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# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

**ACROSS**

1 White sale purchase  
5 Hasn't paid  
9 Easy returns  
13 Quick thrusts  
17 Fiery flow  
18 Plectrum  
19 "\_\_\_ Be Wrong" (1929 song)  
20 Mideast port  
21 Duffer's need  
22 Athlete-author Arthur  
23 Atlas fleet  
24 Atkins or Huntley  
25 Draftsman's desktop accessory  
28 Acquisitive ones  
30 Snorts of laughter  
31 Baxter of WJM  
32 Where to get pastrami on rye  
33 Respectful title  
36 Furrowed spot  
38 Tenderly loving

42 Pres. nickname  
43 Golden Calf maker  
45 Spy Mata  
46 Tendon: prefix  
47 Actress Donna  
49 Deposit eggs  
50 "\_\_\_ in Year Zero!"  
51 Pitch-  
52 Chevrons  
54 Exec's closet contents  
55 Networks  
56 Writer Rohmer  
57 Voting venue  
58 Deceiver's construct  
59 Show contempt  
62 Albert and Tammany  
63 Sally  
67 Make dough  
68 Dr. Lao's septet  
69 Remote  
70 Cato's bad luck number?  
71 "Gilgamesh," e.g.  
72 Irritates  
73 Joanie-Chachi link

75 Older PC screen  
76 Contraptions  
78 "\_\_\_ Not Gonna Take It" ("Tommy" tune)  
79 Goes on a nature walk  
81 Comedian Sandler  
82 Wilt  
83 Chunk of turf  
84 Mystery author Eberhart  
87 Spinet's big cousin  
93 Big \_\_\_ (Randy Johnson's nickname)  
94 Apple muncher's trash  
96 Woebegone  
97 Yoked beasts  
98 Stagnant  
99 Periphery  
100 Like it or \_\_\_ it  
101 Garr of "Oh, God!"  
102 Hobo's home  
103 Kernel  
104 Soissons summers  
105 Reno quarter

swallower  
**DOWN**  
1 Tongue mishap  
2 Tortoise's adversary  
3 River associated with Shakespeare  
4 Last word of a Darion-Leigh musical  
5 Milky gems  
6 Birthday blowout preceder  
7 Canyon come-back?  
8 Entertainer Red  
9 Dwelled  
10 Bridge expert Sharif  
11 Prohibition  
12 Bodywide  
13 Fast food chain  
14 Feel sore  
15 Sibling, to Joel Chandler Harris  
16 Foils a bid  
26 "\_\_\_ Dancer" (1973 film)  
27 Overnight

sprinkling  
29 Mode intro  
32 Choreographer Humphrey  
33 Father of Romulus  
34 Help commit a crime  
35 Hunter or stalker start  
36 Halters  
37 Naturalist \_\_\_ Chapman Andrews  
38 Loses one's composure  
39 German: abbr.  
40 As to  
41 Mountain passes  
44 "Madagascar" lion  
45 Greet  
48 Cynical  
50 Compels  
53 Golfer's aim  
54 Brogan bottoms  
55 NBA official  
57 Gangs  
58 Became trite  
59 Appear  
60 "Falcon Crest" valley  
61 Clapton or Heiden  
62 Oda dwellers  
63 Donated  
64 Singer Nelson  
65 Grow weary  
66 Top-selling singles  
68 Underwrites  
69 Pro  
73 Easily read  
74 Give in to oniomania  
77 Chapel words  
78 Revolutionary \_\_\_  
80 Morons  
82 Rate of movement  
83 Flight components  
84 Actress Esther  
85 \_\_\_-European languages  
86 Monstrous river?  
87 Yen  
88 Cloy  
89 Newsman Brit  
90 Eddie's "Beverly Hills Cop" role  
91 Actor Franco  
92 "Put a lid \_\_\_!"  
95 Dedicated poem

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