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■ 9:00 a.m. – Sheep Show, then  
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■ 12:30 p.m. – The Vernon Brothers,  
Grandstand

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Grandstand

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Gov. Tate Reeves shakes the hand of Ron Eller, 2022 candidate for Mississippi's 2nd Congressional District, Thursday.

# Reeves wants teacher pay raise

By Scott Hawkins

Gov. Tate Reeves proposed raising teacher pay and eliminating the state's income tax in his Thursday morning speech at Founders Square.

Reeves called for an immediate \$1,300 a year across-the-board teacher pay raise followed by a \$1,000 per year raise in each of the next two years.

Reeves said he supports the teacher pay raise for the efforts teachers put in during the past year and a half of the COVID-19 pandemic and eliminating the income tax because Mississippi's workforce excelled through the pandemic and contributed to a robust economy.

"If we are successful in getting this done," Reeves said of the teacher pay raise, "this addi-

tional \$3,300 a year on top of the \$1,000 a year raise we did this year will result in Mississippi going from 37th nationally to 21st (in teacher pay)."

Reeves said despite the pandemic teachers performed better than teachers in other states.

"Mississippi has led the entire nation in education over the last year," Reeves said. "While teachers in some other states kept kids chained to laptops or smartphones and pretended it was school, Mississippi insisted on in-person instruction. Other states said, 'We can't,' but Mississippi teachers said, 'Yes we can.' And they did it."

Reeves said that as a result of the hard work, Mississippi was recently ranked first in the nation for fourth-grade reading improvement over the last three years and first in the nation in fourth-

grade math improvement over the last three years.

"The Biden Administration likes to throw around the term 'equity,'" Reeves said. "Well, here in Mississippi both black and white students from low-income homes have achieved higher scores than the national average ... . When the pandemic hit, our teachers knew that we could not afford to give up that momentum. They knew that our kids needed to get all of the instruction that we could give them."

Reeves said he has never been more proud to be a Mississippian several times throughout his 15-minute speech noting the difficulties his administration has faced throughout the past year and a half, including the COVID-19 pandemic.

He credited Mississippians with pulling the

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# Happy Hollow founders have fond memories

**By Audrey Hall**

Two original cabin owners in Happy Hollow are still enjoying the Fair every year.

Jane Cole and Tom Petty have been coming to the Fair since the 1950s.

"We named it the Happy Hollow because we're all so happy, I guess!" Cole said.

Petty built his cabin himself in 1961 with \$300 worth of materials. According to David Petty, Tom Petty's son, Tom built the cabin for his wife, Robbie, who dearly loved the Fair.

Back then, Happy Hollow had a podium up at the front of the little street of cabins, which acted as a guest register for people to sign when they walked in. Happy Hollow also once featured a big outhouse, which everyone was perfectly happy to see go.

Cole came the year before she married her to-be husband and ate with him underneath the trees.

"That was my introduction: hot and dusty," she said. "Red dirt just covered you. But all of my memories have been good, because of my friends."

When the Fair flooded and the Happy Hollow was awash in red mud and water, Cole and her family remember children

swimming and diving happily in their makeshift river.

Another harrowing story Cole shares is how her son Tim Cole got lost on the Fairgrounds when he was a child. Another cabin was meant to be watching him while his family went to see Jerry Lee Lewis perform, but when they came back, he was gone. Eventually, he was found in the grandstand, fast asleep on the bleachers, inches from falling through the bleachers' gaps.

"Scary, scary!" Cole said.

Many of these memories and incidents were recorded in Happy Hollow's own little newspaper production, years ago when family members took it upon themselves to keep the Happy Hollow residents up-to-date on the goings-on.

Cole remembers when Ray Howard played the trumpet for the Happy Hollow residents, waking everyone up in the dawn hours or playing in the evenings so Fairgoers could come dance in the Happy Hollow street.

"When the Saints Come Marching In" was a frequent hit. Cole was fond of the gospel singers who sang in the Pavilion in those days. Music and laughter have yet to slow in Happy Hollow.



Jane Cole and Tom Petty



Front left, Shaun Seales, Ward 4; Mayor James Young; Alderman at Large - James Waltman  
Back left, James Tatum, Ward 3; Jim Fulton, Ward 2; Justin Clearman, Ward 1

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# Sweet treats bandit has eye on Tinsley cabin

**By Sarah Watkins**

Thomas Tinsley and his family always keep sweets at the Tinsley Cabin 237 and every year someone sneaks in late at night and steals some of those sweets.

"My mom buys a lot of cakes and sweets for the week, and some of our neighbors will come late at night while we are asleep and get whatever they want," Tinsley said.

Though Tinsley knows who the sweet stealers are, the Tinsley Cabin can't help but find humor in it.

"We know who it is every time," Tinsley said.

Tinsley's mother, Tracy Lancaster Tinsley, originally from Georgia, makes sure to buy many sweets for the Fair but she also always bakes fresh cookies.

Thomas Tinsley said he once caught some of the Fairgoers who come in late at night to take the sweets but he's not too worried about it.

"They just grin and keep eating," Thomas Tinsley said. "We are all one big family."

Thomas Tinsley loves the Fair and is

happy his cabin can feed the late-night munchers.

Thomas Tinsley is the son of Mike and Tracy Lancaster Tinsley, who live in Philadelphia. Thomas Tinsley works with his father at Tinsley Reality in Philadelphia.

Thomas Tinsley has come to the Fair since he was old enough to drive.

"I wouldn't be anywhere else in the world the last week of July," Tinsley said.

One of Tinsley's favorite parts of the Fair is the annual car show that he enters his Jeep in every year. His Jeep is a red 1983 CJ7 Sebring.

"I got my Jeep rebuilt in 2016," Tinsley said.

The car show is why Sunday is Thomas Tinsley's favorite day at the Fair.

Tinsley is married to Anna Katherine Smith Tinsley, originally from Wesson and has a 3-year-old daughter named Katie Rea Tinsley. They live in the Sandtown community in Neshoba County.

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Thomas Tinsley, Katie Rea Tinsley and Anna Katherine Tinsley

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# Reeves

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state through the crisis and said that throughout the pandemic Mississippi's economy thrived.

"Last year during 2020 we saw \$1.9 billion in new capital investment in our state," Reeves said. "To put that into perspective, in the previous 10 years before I was governor, Mississippi averaged approximately \$900 million per year. We did twice as good during 2020 than in the previous 10 years and we plan to do even better in the years to come."

Why? Reeves asked. "The major reason is you, our workforce," Reeves said. "You attracted that investment. You created those jobs. You really are second to none, and I'm committed to making sure our state invests back in you."

Reeves then proposed eliminating the state income tax, saying the economic growth was good for the state's coffers.

"Mississippi just ended our fiscal year having a budget a billion dollars more than was originally anticipated," Reeves said. "This is because while the rest of the country shut down we reopened."

Reeves said Mississippi reopened faster than many other states.

"I didn't do the hard work," Reeves said. "You know who did? You did. You woke up. You went to work. You provided for your family and you helped move our state ahead. In my view, because of that, you should reap the rewards. You should keep more of your paycheck. You're the reason why we are in the financial shape that we are in and that is why I stand before you today to propose once and for all that we eliminate the state income tax in Mississippi."

Other speakers throughout the day included Mississippi Auditor Shad White, Attorney General Lynn Fitch and Mississippi House Speaker Phillip Gunn.



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# Walls' cap has traveled across the world

**By John Lee**

Now Walls and his wife always make sure to take a picture of themselves with the cap in whatever country they're in.

Walls, who is originally from Neshoba County, said he and his wife are going to study in Cambridge, England, in September where he plans to get his master's degree in public policy, and his wife wants to finish her Ph.D.

"We're both quite studious," Tiffany Walls said. "I'm working on my Ph.D. and he is starting his second master's degree. We both like writing a lot, so that's what the glasses in our logo represent. It represents us both but also represents each of our personalities."

Tiffany Walls grew up in Alberta, Canada, and this year is her first time at the Fair, a big contrast to her husband, who started coming to the Fair at just 5 months old. He took a long break from the Fair to travel and work for the United Nations, and this year is his first time back at the Fair in 12 years.

The Walls plan to continue traveling the world, and the Fair is just one of their stops with the Williams Brothers cap this year.

Jon Walls in the Turcotte-Lee Cabin 872 has traveled all over the world with his wife, Tiffany Walls, and he never forgets to take his Williams Brothers baseball cap with him.

The cap was given to him by his cousin Owen Turcotte who worked at William Brothers General Store.

Walls met his wife while they both were working in Switzerland, and they began traveling the world in November 2019.

The couple visited such places as Panama City, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, the Caribbean, Columbia and Canada. Everywhere they went, the Williams Brothers cap stayed with them. They ended up getting married in March 2020.

"Everywhere we went, we took pictures with my cap, and we created a logo based on that for my blog, 'Around the Change,'" Jon Walls said. "My cousin, who sliced cheese for the Williams Brothers general store in Philadelphia, bought me this hat for Christmas a few years ago. I liked it and decided to wear it all around the world."



Tiffany and Jon Walls

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# Jolly wins ribbon for Bible interpretation

By Audrey Hall

Religious themes drive much of his artistic endeavors. Judas, for example, has featured in a few of Jolly's other works that have been put on display. He's been painting for fifty years, despite beginning his artist career as a sculptor and potter.

"The Arts and Crafts Festival was extremely successful, and I won an award, what more could you ask for?" Jolly said.

This isn't Jolly's first award, it's his third. Born in Philadelphia, Jolly has always spent a few days at the Fair.

"I really love supporting the Fair," said Jolly. The Fair's exhibits clearly love supporting Jolly, too. He judged the show, once, a long time ago. And he has a second painting on display in this year's exhibit, titled "Naked Ladies," featuring blushing red lilies.

These art exhibits have allowed him to watch other local artists grow. Some of these artists have even become Jolly's friends. And this year's art exhibit has allowed Jolly to re-enter the world of art shows with a bang. He is looking forward to future successes down the road.

Second place in this year's adult art exhibit Randy Hayward Jolly won his ribbon with a painting titled "Feeding the Multitudes Southern Style," a play on the Bible story of Jesus Christ's feeding thousands with fish and bread.

"Because he wouldn't just serve fish with loaves of bread, he'd fry the fish, put it with white bread, a few fries, and some sweet iced tea!" Jolly said with a laugh.

Jolly teaches at Mississippi College and is director of the Samuel Marshall Gore Art Galleries. He has taught for 45 years now: 30 years at the high school level and 15 at the collegiate level.

This year's second-place painting is a mixed-media painting done mostly with acrylics but Jolly mixed in some sand for the gravel effect of the painting's table cloth and added some stenciling here and there.

Jolly has painted this theme several times; this marks his third attempt, but he has always gotten a good response.



Randy Hayward Jolly and grandson Zachary Tyler Heigle

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- 9:00 a.m. Sheep Show, followed by Goat show – Livestock Show Arena
- 12:30 p.m. Music by **The Vernon Brothers** - Grandstand
- 1:30 p.m. Harness and Running Horse Races, featuring the Feature Races of the Week, Morris Therrell Memorial Invitational Race and Jim Dance Memorial Race. Sponsored in part by Pearl River Resort.  
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Missy Carter, Linda Murray, Peggy Carter, Steve Murray and Will Carter

## Special painting adorns wall of Cabin 345

**By Audrey Hall**

Linda and Steve Murray decided it was time to have a cabin on the Fairgrounds after the birth of their first grandchild.

Their daughter and son Missy and Jason would come to the Fair and stay with friends, but eventually, Linda Murray decided they needed a family cabin for the grandchildren to stay in.

"I always tell my eldest grandson that we bought the cabin for him," Linda Murray said.

"Linda Murray has run the cakewalk for

years. We enjoy the races as a family, but the reason we do the Fair is for our kids," said Will Carter, Steve and Linda Murray's son-in-law.

Hanging in their cabin is a large painting by local artist Catherine Ann, purchased for Missy by Tate Reeves' brother and sister-in-law. It depicts a Southern belle figure with a large hat, stylish brown and green dress and sash.

"Saturday morning we woke up and it was sitting on our porch," said Will Carter of the gift. The artist darkened the portrait's hair after meeting Missy Carter, to better match her, a

past winner of the Miss Neshoba County Fair Pageant, and added "Miss Neshoba County" to the woman's sash. Now the painting hangs in their cabin.

Missy Carter signed up for the pageant because her piano teacher, Glenda Richardson, was the pageant director, and Missy Carter realized by winning she would get out of performing a piano recital.

Missy Carter went through the pageant process with her high school friends and recalled their going as a group to rent their evening gowns. Missy Carter also remem-

bered working for the Williams Brothers store and getting the week off to fulfill all her pageant duties.

Will Carter has participated in the Fair's infamous chair races twice since getting married: when wife Missy Carter had an onstage role with the Miss Neshoba County Fair pageants.

These days, the Murrays' cabin bustles with children, grandchildren and foster children: a busy home for all the younger generations, with memories hanging on every wall.



Gracie Bassett, Lakin Allen, Will Bassett and Carlton McNeer sit on the porch of their cabin that's located on the edge of Happy Hollow.



(L to R): Tinsley Rounsaville (5), Ty Rounsaville (3), Mary Clayton Byars (4), and Ava James Byars (9)

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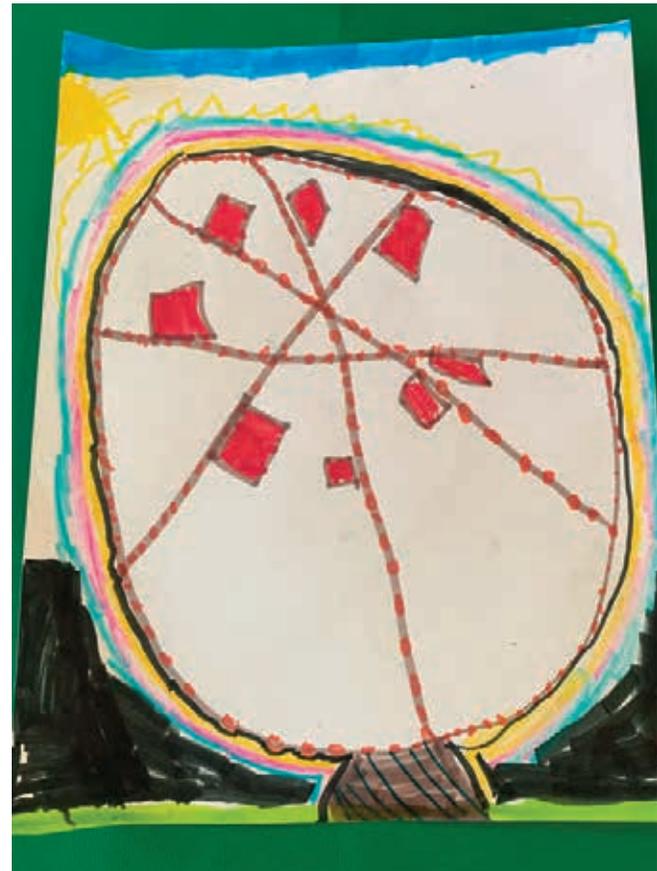
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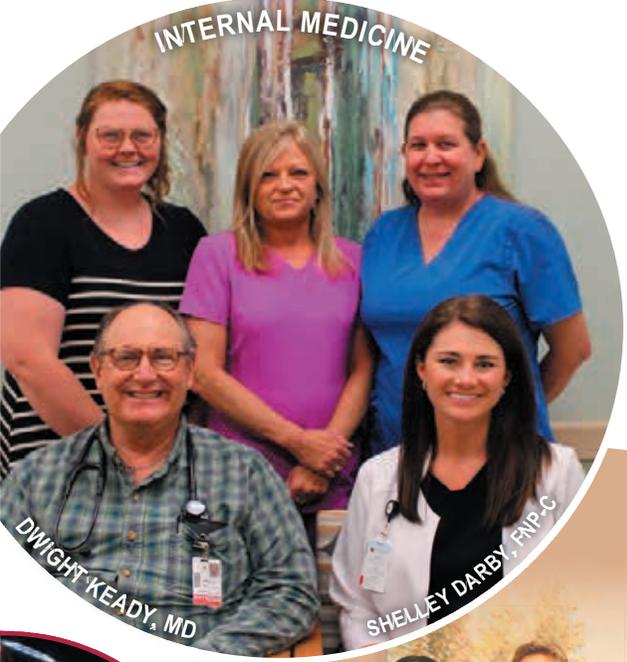
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Jordan Breazeale, 2, is all smiles on the Fairgrounds.



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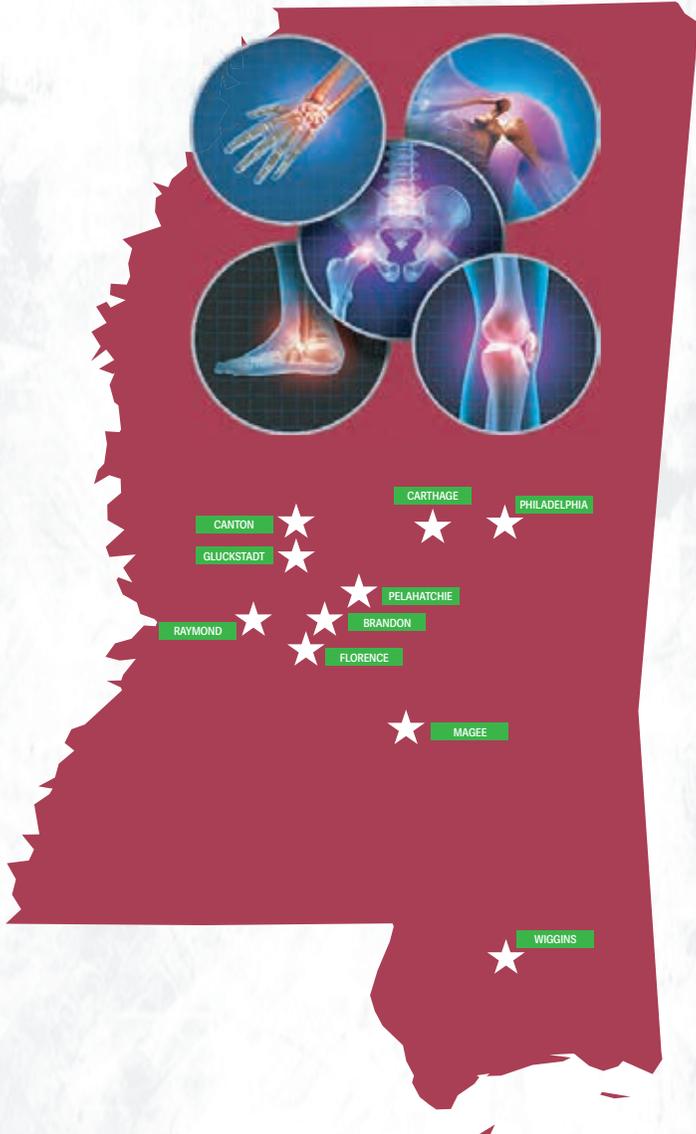
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# Color the Fair



Ella Gibbon, 10, of Cabin 875 is the winner of this year's Fair Times Color the Fair contest for her colorful depiction of the Midway.

# Snoop enjoys first Fair meeting dog friends

**By Sarah Watkins**

Snoop, a 1-year-old cockapoo in Cabin 929, is enjoying his first Fair. "Snoop has been people-watching and meeting other dog friends," said Kristi Skinner McCown, Snoop's human.

Everyone in Cabin 929 is excited to have Snoop at the cabin, McCown said, adding that everyone at the Fair thinks Snoop is the cutest thing.

Lily McCown, the oldest daughter of Kristi and Jay, considers Snoop to be her baby.

Kristi McCown is the daughter of Mike and Glenda Skinner of Philadelphia. The family owns M&S Furniture, and that is how their cabin got its name, M&S Furniture cabin.

McCown has five children Lily, Caleb, Joshua, Isaac and Rose.

The family and cabin members love playing board games and card games. The older children of the cabin play poker at night.

With the help of Mike Skinner, the late George McKee built the M&S Furniture cabin in the '80s and used old scraps of material.

The McCown family's favorite part of the Fair is eating.

"We all take a night to cook," Kristi McCown said.

To Kristi McCown, the Fair is a place where she can unplug for the week.

"Now that I have three adult children, I am so thankful for this week with them as they are each going out on their own one by one," McCown said.

Other members of M&S Furniture cabin make fun of McCown for her love of cotton candy that she eats throughout the week.

This year, Fair Cabin 929 has been full of puppy dog kisses, late-night poker, board games and family time.

McCown's youngest daughter Rose loves the clothesline art competition. Every year Rose puts her art in the contest and is considered an inspiring artist by her mother.



Kristi McCown and granddog Snoop



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HARDY visits with Anderson Burk, son of Griffin and Lindsay Burk.



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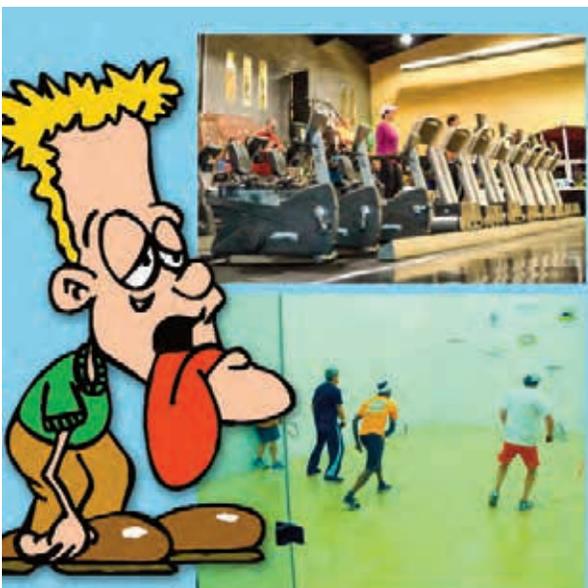
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Max Ribes sleeps on the porch for his first Fair.



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Above, Micah Atkinson plays with his trucks in the dirt and rocks. At right, Montana Beckham gets ready for a stroll across the Fairgrounds.



Leslie Gipson and Jina Gipson hang out in Cabin 148.



Above, Chris and Pax Posey head to the Trace Adkins concert. At left, Cooper Willis hugs his dog Tucker.



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# Cabin 25 dates back to early days of Fair

**By Audrey Hall**

Bobby Wilbanks in Cabin 25 has been coming to the Fair for 35 years, or, as long as he's been married to his wife, Lisa.

Lisa Wilbanks belongs to the cabin's founding families. As one of the cabins located on the historic Square, Cabin 25 has plenty of history dating back to the very early days of the Fair.

An early version of this cabin was a one-story building with its kitchen along the back wall, cut in half by the back door. One of the cabin's founders parked his wagon on the spot of Cabin 25 and claimed it for his family, who have been spending their Fairs in it ever since.

Wilbanks enjoys the horse races, though he doesn't go as often as he used to. These days, he likes to take the younger children of the cabin to the Midway or the Petting Zoo. Wilbanks also enjoys introducing first-timers to the Fair. He has grandchildren from Jackson who are experiencing their first Fair. "We try to make them feel at home," he said.

"I eat what's in the cabin. We have good cooks here, so that's no problem," he said.

Once a Fair, however, everyone eats out on the Midway to get the full Fair experience.

For Wilbanks, this usually includes Penn's and the lemonade stand, which always hits the spot in the Mississippi summer heat.

Sitting on the porch and people-watching are Wilbanks's favorite parts of the Fair. From Cabin 25's porch, he has a great vantage point of the Square and the Pavilion. Porch-sitting and people-watching are grand traditions of Cabin 25 that Wilbanks looks forward to passing on to new generations of Fair-goers.



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Alex Mars shows off his big Midway win.

# Tucker has 7 decades of Fair memories

**By Audrey Hall**

"I've been coming to the Fair since Jesus was a boy," said Lelia Brewer Tucker of Cabin 281. Her bragging rights come from 70-plus years of attendance at the Fair.

Tucker remembers the water pump by the Pavilion and what it was like to fetch water and bring it back to the cabin. She also remembers what it was like to rely on outhouses and outdoor privies.

These days, the Fair is a little more accommodating. Cabin 281 is her family's second cabin, and it has three stories, expanded for their growing family. This newer cabin also includes a big second story porch, which provides a beautiful bird's eye view of the harness and horse races.

Tucker has many memories of the horse races, thanks to her cabin's view. She remembers Charlie Wayne Therrell, the horse racing announcer and "the voice" of the Fair, who stayed in a cabin not far from Tucker's. Therrell and his brother once owned a horse who ran in the harness races and collapsed on the Racetrack. That horse was buried with a memorial in the middle of the Racetrack.

Tucker also remembers the Quarter Horses who ran on the Racetrack, who, without the fence between them and the ditch beneath Cabin 281, occasionally ran into the ditch and had to be fished back out. "But they've gotten everything fixed here, now," Tucker said.

These days, Tucker and her family get their Fair foods from the Williams Brothers store. "They supply us with our meats," Tucker said. "We used to feed the whole Fair when we cooked dinner."

Tucker's memories of 70 years of the Fair make for great stories, and with her growing family and accommodating cabin, there will be plenty of memories to make in the years to come.



Lelia Brewer Tucker



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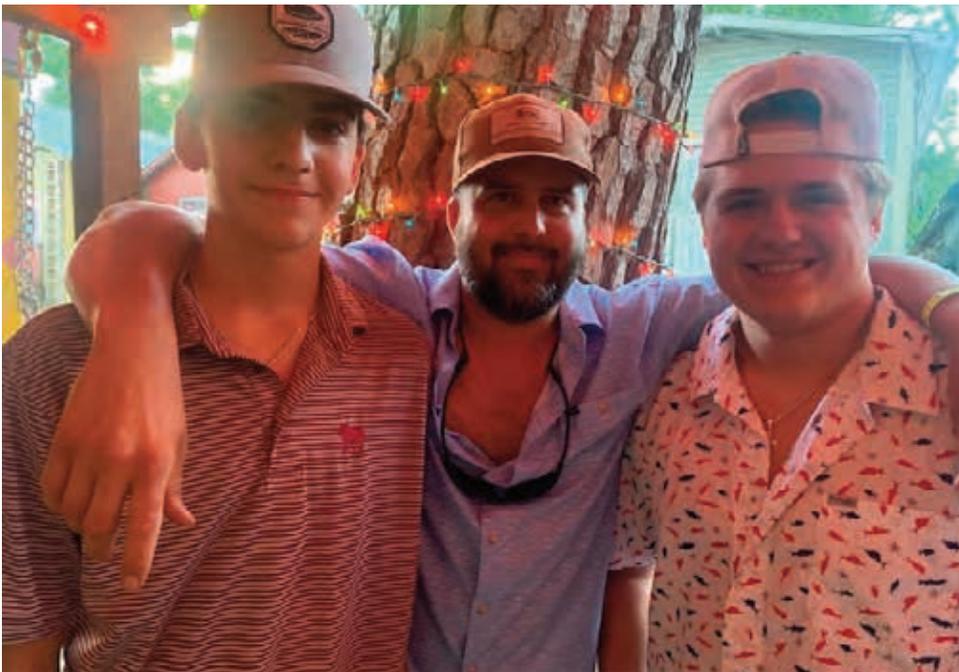
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- **What's one thing you especially look forward to at the Fair?** The people for sure.
- **How many people stay in your cabin during the week?** 10 and we all share one bathroom!

– By Maddy Dazet and Hannah Moore



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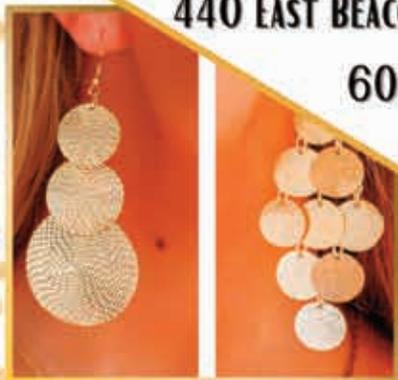
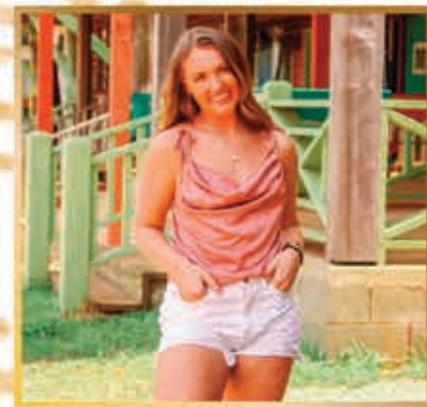
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- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup blue cheese salad dressing
- ½ cup hot pepper sauce (such as Frank's RedHot)
- ½ cup crumbled blue cheese
- ¼ ranch dressing, or to taste

Stir chicken, cream cheese, blue cheese dressing, hot pepper sauce, crumbled blue cheese, and ranch dressing together in a slow cooker. Cook in the slow cooker on high until heat through, about 20 minutes.

### PEPPERONI DIP

Prep Time: 10 mins

Cook Time: 30 mins

Total Time: 40 mins

Servings: 32

**Ingredients:**

- 2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
- 8 ounces sour cream
- 2 (8 ounce) packages sliced pepperoni, quartered
- 2 (4 ounce) can chopped green chilies

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Stir in the cream cheese, sour cream, pepperoni, and green chilies together in a baking dish. Bake in the preheated oven until thoroughly heated, about 30 minutes.

### SPINACH DIP

An unbaked spinach dip. Unlike many other spinach dips this one is served deliciously cold. Enjoy! You can replace the red bell pepper with minced carrot or cucumber, or try using a combination of the three.

**Ingredient Checklist**

- 1 (10 ounce) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed
- 1 cup minced onion
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup minced red bell pepper
- ½ cup sour cream

Squeeze the water out of the spinach, and place the spinach into a mixing bowl. Stir in the onion, garlic, vegetables, sour cream, mayonnaise, and cumin. Season with salt and pepper. Let the dip stand at room temp for 1/2 hour for the flavors to mix,

and stir again before serving. This dip keeps well in the fridge, covered, for up to 1 week.

### CORN DIP

Prep Time: 5 mins

Additional: 2 hrs

Total Time: 2 hrs 5 mins

Serving: 12

**Ingredients:**

- 3 (11 ounce) cans Mexican-style corn
- 1 (4 ounce) can diced green chilies, drained
- 5 green onions, chopped
- 1 (8 ounce) container sour cream
- 1 jalapeno pepper, chopped
- ¾ cup mayonnaise
- 10 ounces shredded Cheddar cheese

In a medium-size bowl, combine Mexican-style corn, green chilies, green onions, sour cream, jalapeno pepper, mayonnaise, and cheddar cheese. Mix well. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.





Emma Riley is enjoying her first Fair at Cabin 323.



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Cecilia, 10, Sam, 8, Lilla, 3, and Slade Hebert, 2, enjoy games at the Midway.



Addy Kate Nicholson kickin' it in her boots on the race track.



Brynlee Jones, Emery Floyd and Natalie Floyd.

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Micah and Sawyer Halfacre stare intently at the horse races.



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## SWINGING AND SCREAMING



Jacks Breazeale, 3, enjoys his front porch swing.



Terri Patterson and Patrick Patterson

# Pattersons enjoying cabin rebuilt in 2014

**By Audrey Hall**

Terri Patterson has been coming to the Fair all her life and since 1977 she has been staying at the Fair.

Her earliest memories of the Fair surround the carnival games and Midway rides. Patterson's mother and father never owned a cabin;

they always brought their children to the Fair.

Patterson's husband's family did, however, so Patterson was able to stay with them when she came to the Fair. Her parents bought Cabin 355 so that both sets of grandparents could have one week with all of the grandchildren.

"We rebuilt our cabin in 2014," Patterson said. "We tore the old one down because we had outgrown it."

Her mother sat in her chair planning and copying down the details of what she wanted for the new family cabin; Patterson's mother had very specific visions for the future of her family's Fair living arrangements.

Unfortunately, Patterson's mother and father both got sick, but Patterson and her husband were able to build from her mother's plans. Her mother wanted, most specifically, for the floor

plans to be very open and accessible. To have their families mingle in and out of both cabins was in her mother's plans.

"We wanted each family to have their own floor, so they could handle their sleeping arrangements however they wanted," Patterson said. The back porches, however, were combined so that the families could go to and from freely. "That was her dream," Patterson said.

# Ford's Store remembered at Cabin 263C

**By Payton Bishop**

Many Neshoba countians know of the old Ford's Store out east almost to the Kemper County line. The descendants of brothers Ross, Chet and BJ Ford make Cabin 263C home Fair-week.

Ford's Store was a staple of East Neshoba County for over 50 years. The children and grandchildren of Ross Ford in Cabin 263C recalled stories over the weekend as great-great grandchildren ran around.

The business was started by brothers Ross, Chet and BJ Ford at the intersection of Highway 16 and Highway 491 near Cooks Chapel.

The store was a place for people to buy groceries, gas, hardware, have their oil and tires changed and a place for people to gather for discussions. It would be open from sun-up to sun-down seven days a week.

Ross Ford ran a milk route throughout Neshoba County. Kent Ford recalled that his dad made sure everyone got their milk fresh.

"When he got out of the truck he would just hop out of the Ford truck with it still running, drop off the milk

and keep going," Kent said.

Romana Ford, daughter of Ross, said people running for office would visit the store to discover what the Ford's thought.

"People would make their appearance to find out what Ross and Chet thought about it because they could put the word or squash it fast," Romana said.

BJ was the oldest brother who would sit outside of the store and could spot anyone who would try to steal from the store. His spot was also the place where 10 to 15 men would sit around and discuss politics.

Grant Ford, the grandson of Ross, recalls as a child listening to older men sit around and talk politics.

"All these old guys would sit on the nail kegs and talked about everything while I'm getting an RC Cola and Moonpie," Grant Ford said.

The Ford Store helped support the community by letting people buy on credit until they received their paychecks. They were so well respected that the business actually incurred zero bad debt when the brothers retired and sold the store, family members said.



Barrett Ford, Grant Ford, Sherry Ford, Kent Ford, Ramona Hill and Lucian Hill



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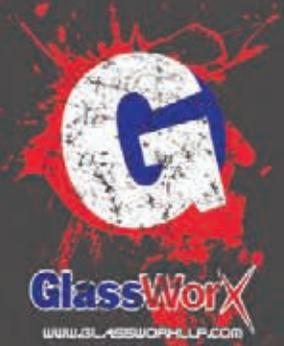
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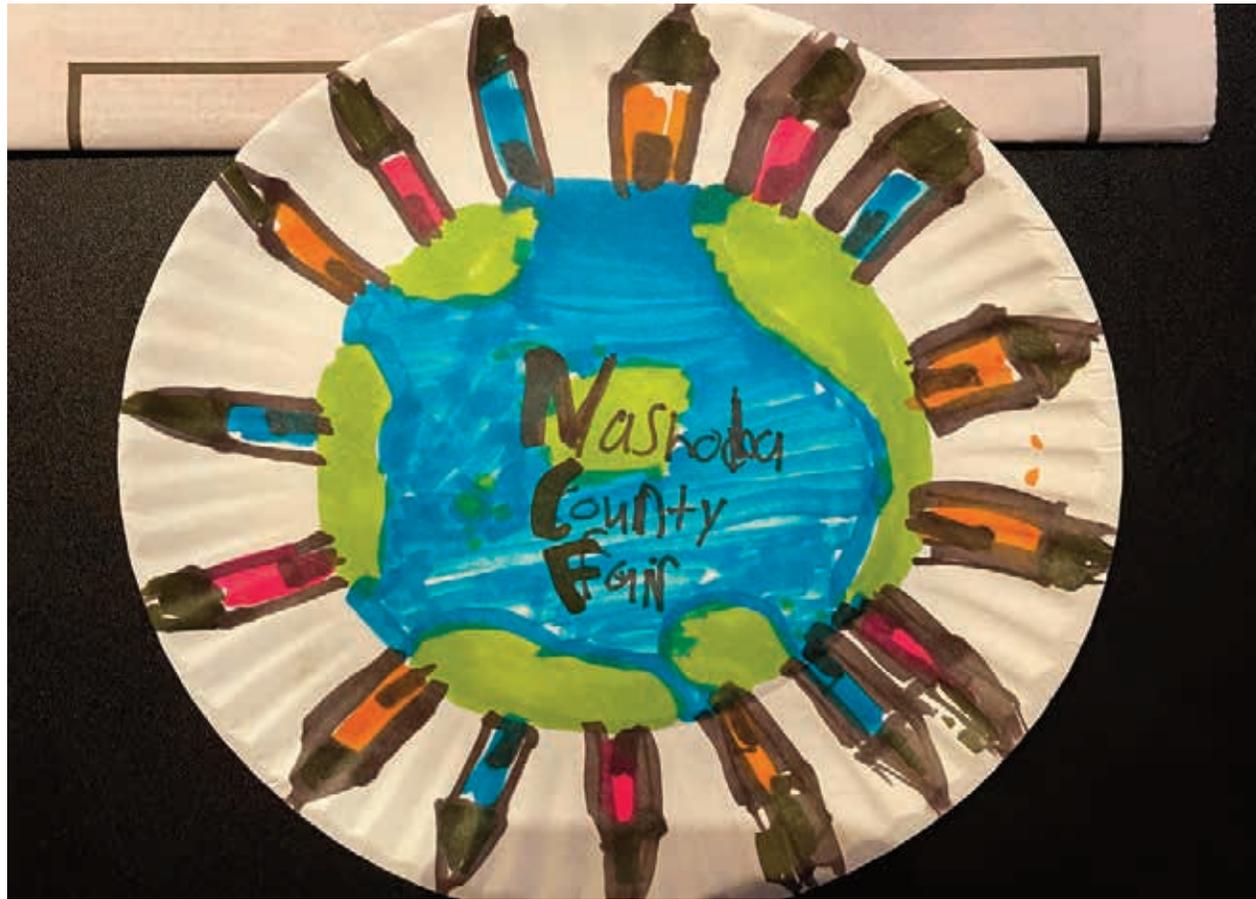
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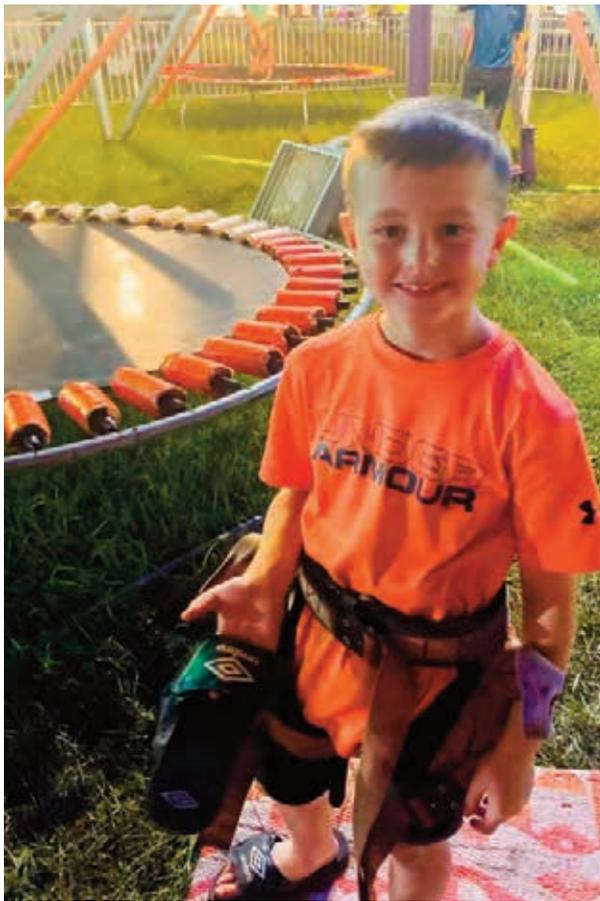


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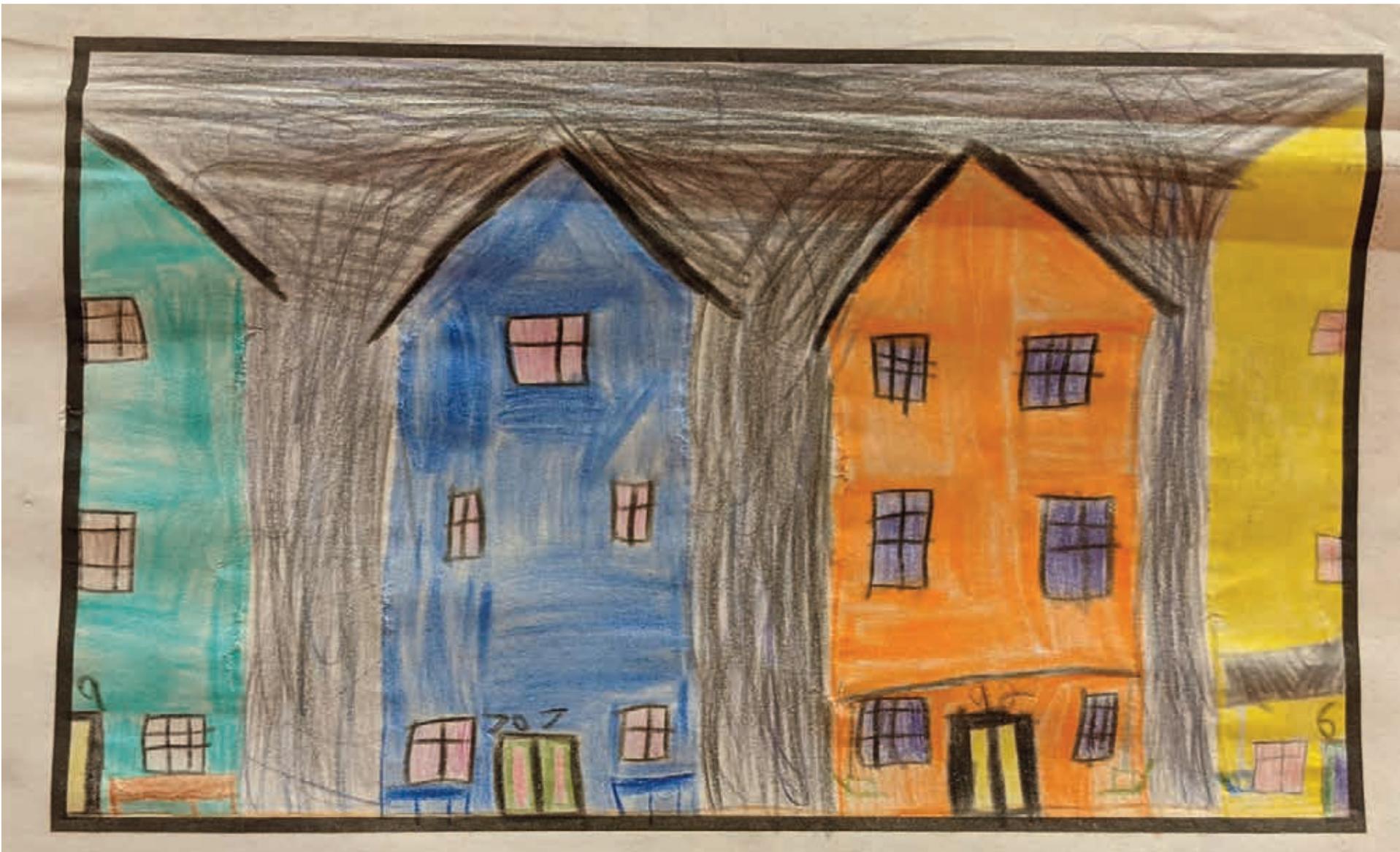
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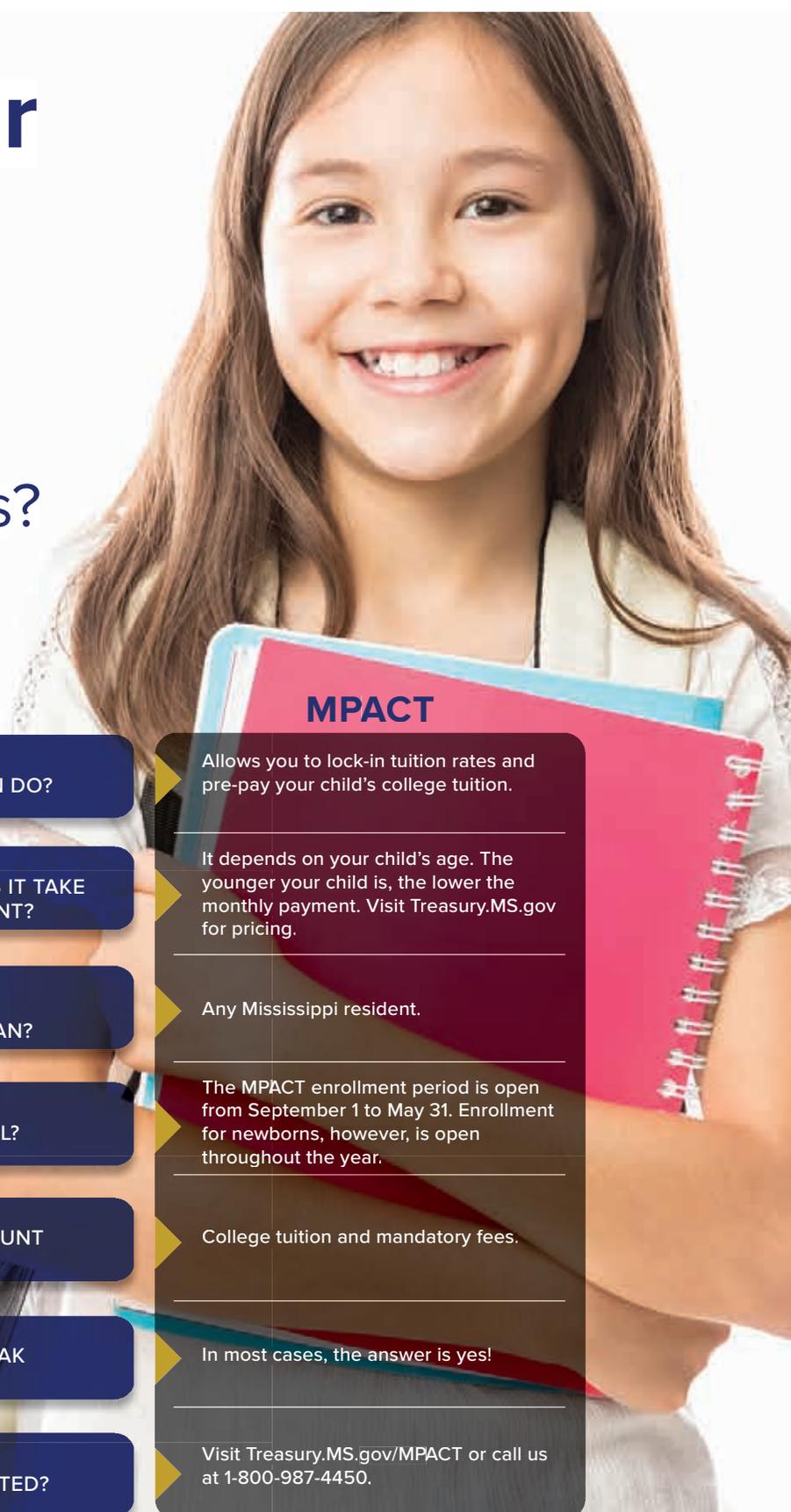
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