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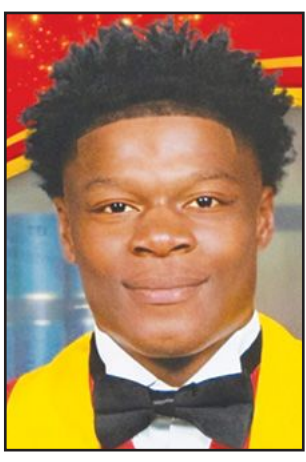
THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2026 ONE SECTION LEXINGTON, MISSISSIPPI 39095 VOLUME 68 - NUMBER 28

## Scholarship Recipients



**Jerry Reese**

Mr. Jerry Reese, Jr. is the recipient of the REAL Christian/Lexington Colts Scholarship. Jerry is presently attending Hinds Community College. This award is given to a deserving graduating senior athlete at Holmes County Central High School. The award is \$1,000.00



**Alfredo Randle**

Mr. Alfredo Randle Jr. is the recipient of the Coach Willie Reeves Memorial Scholarship given each year to a deserving graduating senior athlete at Holmes County Central High School. He is attending Alcorn State University in the Fall. He is majoring in Agriculture. The award is \$1,000.00

## Patriotic pride on display as America 250 guests share reflections: 'Awesome to be here'

*A father from Florida said being surrounded by fellow patriots and service members made the holiday special*

By Khloe Quill Fox News  
The Great American State Fair was packed this Independence Day, drawing crowds for a mix of holiday celebration and personal reflection.

As the festivities unfolded, attendees shared what spending the Fourth of July with their families means to them.

"It kind of makes us emotional because of our country and the people who died, you know, and gave up what they've done," Tom Rutledge, a grandfather who traveled to the fair from Texas, told Fox News Digital.

Rutledge brought his 13-year-old grandson along so he could experience the Fourth of July celebration firsthand.

"I wanted him at 13 to experience this," Rutledge said. "There's a gap, maybe, in our younger generation. The education ... has not been really communicating what this country's about, how many people love it."

Despite those concerns, the fair's youngest attendees showed plenty of patriotic spirit. Many young children expressed joy at being there,

undeterred by long travels, storm warnings and summer heat waves.

"I'm excited for the fireworks," one young girl told her father, while another child could be heard cheering as planes flew low overhead.

For the adults in the crowd, the fair offered a welcome reminder of national unity.

A father who traveled from Florida said the best part of the day was simply being surrounded by fellow patriots, from the youth to the service members who

protect the nation.

A proud grandfather shared why he brought his 13-year-old grandson to the fair — not just for the fun of it, but to bridge a generational gap and instill a deep respect for the country and those who served. (Fox News Digital)

"I'm just looking forward to being around all the American citizens who make this country awesome," he said.

That sense of community was on full display throughout the fairgrounds, where (Continued on page 11.)

## Extreme heat dome breaks numerous record highs across Central and Eastern US

A brutal heat wave dominated the Eastern and Central US during Fourth of July week, breaking numerous record highs

By Jennifer Gray, Miriam Guthrie and Jonathan Erdman

A massive heat dome is driving a dangerous heat wave across the Midwest, South and Northeast, persisting through the Fourth of July weekend. Tri-

ple-digit temperatures and heat indices above 110°F are expected in parts of the mid-Atlantic, with New York City, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. approaching all-time highs and night-time lows staying above 80°F, putting over 165 million people at risk.

Extreme heat begins to subside

A widespread, major heat wave spread from the Plains

to the East during the week leading up to and through the Fourth of July weekend. It brought both oppressive humidity and blistering highs that broke records in parts of the mid-Atlantic and Northeast states.

Through July Fourth, over 165 million Americans in the Midwest and East had been at risk of either "major" or "extreme" (Continued on page 4.)

## MAS Scholarship recipient



At the July 6, 2026 meeting the Holmes County Board of Supervisors presented Jordan Brooks with a \$250 check, as the Holmes County recipient of the Mississippi Association of Supervisors Minority Caucus 2026 County Scholarship. The purpose of the Mississippi Association of Supervisors Minority Caucus is to: Develop pragmatic leadership; improve the quality of local government by fostering an attitude to become pro-active, bound public needs and not by political favors in solving problems; forge concerns about the enhancement of the quality of life throughout the state of Mississippi concerning jobs, education, economic opportunities and a constant increasing standard of living for all Mississippians; and to secure the future for tomorrow's generation. For more information please visit the website at [www.mssupervisors.org/minority-caucus](http://www.mssupervisors.org/minority-caucus) or contact Executive Director Andrew Smith at [andrew@localgovernment.us](mailto:andrew@localgovernment.us). Front row, l-r: Charlie Luckett, Debra Mabry, Steve McClellan, Jordan Brooks, Leroy Johnson. Back row: James Young, Derrick Wilson.

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<b>Thursday</b> Partly Cloudy 73/92	<b>Friday</b> Mostly Sunny 73/93	<b>Saturday</b> Mostly Sunny 72/92	<b>Sunday</b> Thunderstorms 71/87	<b>Monday</b> Thunderstorms 71/88	<b>Tuesday</b> AM T-Storms 71/90	<b>Wednesday</b> Partly Cloudy 72/91
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