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THOMAS WELLS | DAILY JOURNAL

David Chapin sits in the living room of his New Albany home, near a picture he recently took with his biological mother, Lee Ann Fyten of Kansas, on Nov. 11, 2021. Last year, through the results of a DNA test, Chapin discovered the identity of his birth mother more than five decades after she gave him up for adoption.

OLD ROOTS, NEW BRANCHES

New albany man connects with birth mom five decades later

It was a hug 51 years in the making. • In March 2021, David Chapin, a New Albany resident, met his birth mother for the first time. For the first five decades of his life, he had no idea who she was. He didn't even know she existed.

TURN TO ROOTS, 2A

BY BLAKE ALSUP | DAILY JOURNAL

Burger-flipping fundraiser: Boys & Girls Clubs of North Miss. to host Holiday Burger Bash

By DANNY MCARTHUR
Daily Journal

TUPELO • Flipping burgers for a good cause — that's the goal of a Boys & Girls Clubs of North Mississippi (BGCNMS) fundraiser, next week. The nonprofit will host

a Holiday Burger Bash on Thursday, Dec. 2. Pick-up, located in downtown Tupelo in the CREATE Foundation alley on North Broadway Street, or delivery is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Meals will be available for preorder only.

Meals are \$8 and include a smoked Angus burger, chips, a drink and a cookie. Proceeds benefit the Boys & Girls Clubhouses and their afterschool programming.

The organization is still

TURN TO BURGER, 8A

Vaccines making Thanksgiving easier, but hot spots remain

By ED WHITE
Associated Press

Families across the U.S. today are facing their second Thanksgiving of the pandemic.

Overall, this year's holiday sees much of the nation in better shape than the last, thanks to the vaccine, though some re-

gions are seeing surges of COVID-19 cases that could get worse as families travel the country for gatherings that were impossible a year ago.

Nearly 200 million Americans are fully vaccinated. That leaves tens of millions who have yet to get a shot in the arm, some of them out of defiance. Hospitals in the cold Upper Midwest,

especially Michigan and Minnesota, are filled with COVID-19 patients who are mostly unvaccinated.

Michigan hospitals reported about 3,800 coronavirus patients at the start of the week, with 20% in intensive care units, numbers that approach the bleakest

TURN TO COVID, 8A



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