

PARADE of little people

Heston Brixx Akridge

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February 28, 2024

Contest Winners



WINNER
Heston Brixx Akridge



1st RUNNER UP
Alina Fordham



2nd RUNNER UP
Dallas & Challas Beck



3rd RUNNER UP
Ella Conway

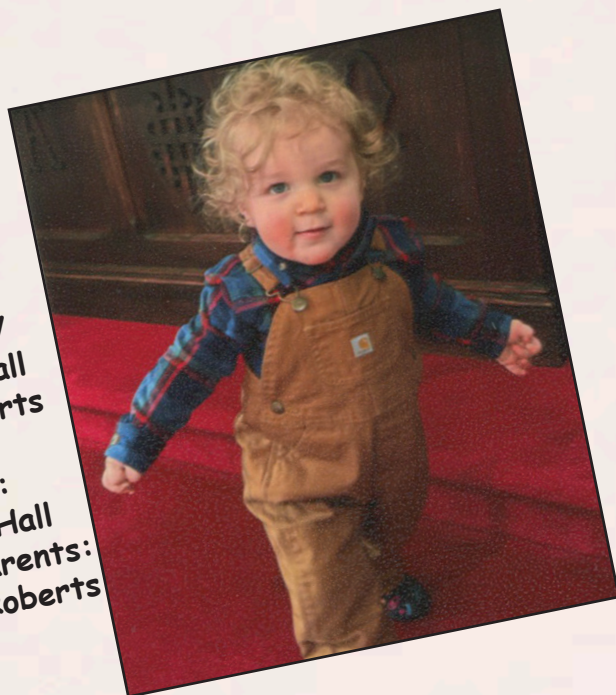
The Forest Blade would like to thank everyone who took the time to share their little people with us. This is one of our most special projects of the year. We hope you enjoy the photos as much as we have.



Solomon Roberts

11/8/22

Poughkeepsie, NY
Parents: Leigh Hall
and Edmund Roberts
Maternal
Grandparents:
Tom and Ellen Hall
Paternal Grandparents:
Dick and Sally Roberts



Trenton Cox

10/9/19

Swainsboro
Parents: Jeffery
and Bonnie Cox
Maternal
Grandparents: Rosa
Newcomb
and Tommy Fincher
Paternal
Grandparents:
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• Ray Cox
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-Isaiah 54:13*

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Millsaps

Paternal Grandparents:
Mike and Linda Braswell



Hinesley Jean
Price

4/16/20

Savannah

Parents: Clay and
Amanda Price

Maternal Grandparents:
Susan and Don Baldwin

• Wally and Cathy
Hinesley

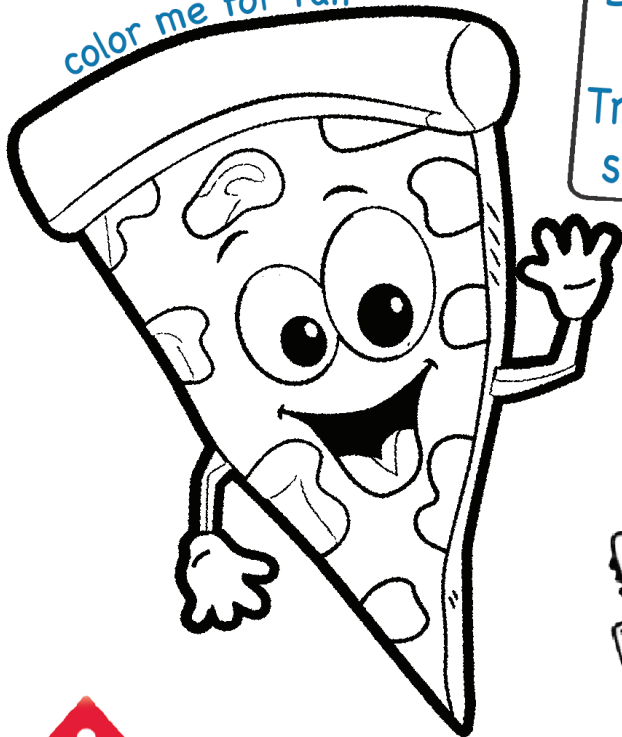
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Paternal Grandparents:

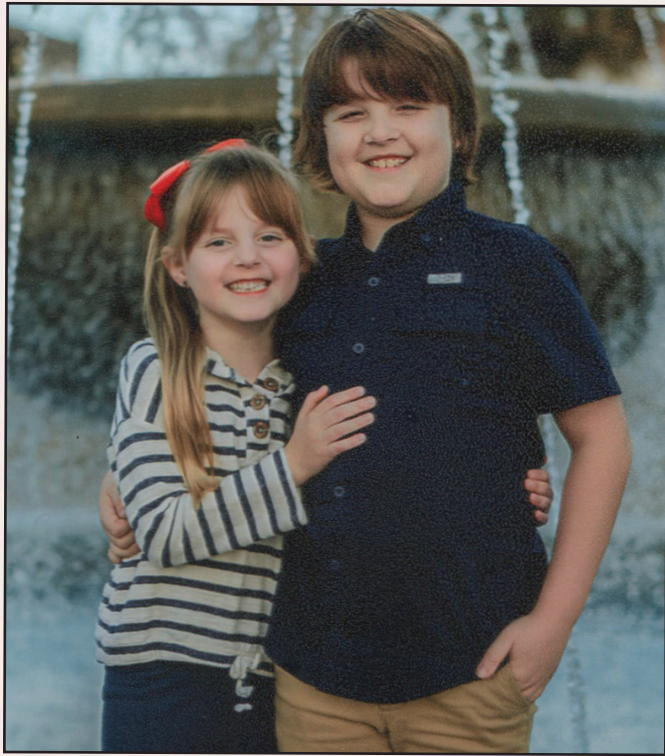
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12/17/14 · 5/3/17

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and Beth Jennings

Paternal Grandparents: Coach Richard and
Freda Hodges



Addison Grace, Colton and Callen Jennings

5/10/07 · 2/22/11 · 2/1/16

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Katie Dawn Kasper

7/10/12

Swainsboro

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Lynn Kasper

Maternal Grandparents:
Lynn and Dianne Edenfield

Paternal Grandparents:
Ginny Kasper and the late
Reid Kasper



**Walter Reid
Kasper**

5/10/18

Swainsboro

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Trudie Lynn Kasper
Maternal Grandparents:
Lynn and Dianne
Edenfield
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Paternal Grandparents: Ginny Kasper
and the late Reid Kasper





Lora Layne Edenfield

6/13/14

Swainsboro

Parents: Lance and Brianna Edenfield
Maternal Grandparents: Jamie and Lisa Edenfield · Lank and Kelly McRae
Paternal Grandparents: Lynn and Dianne Edenfield

Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him. - Psalm 127:3

Leni Jaymes Edenfield
5/25/21
Swainsboro
Parents: Lance and Brianna Edenfield
Maternal Grandparents: Jamie and Lisa Edenfield · Lank and Kelly McRae
Paternal Grandparents: Lynn and Dianne Edenfield



“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.”
Proverbs 22:6



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Hendrix

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Butch and Nancy Brinson

Paternal Grandparents:
Randy and Rhonda Hendrix



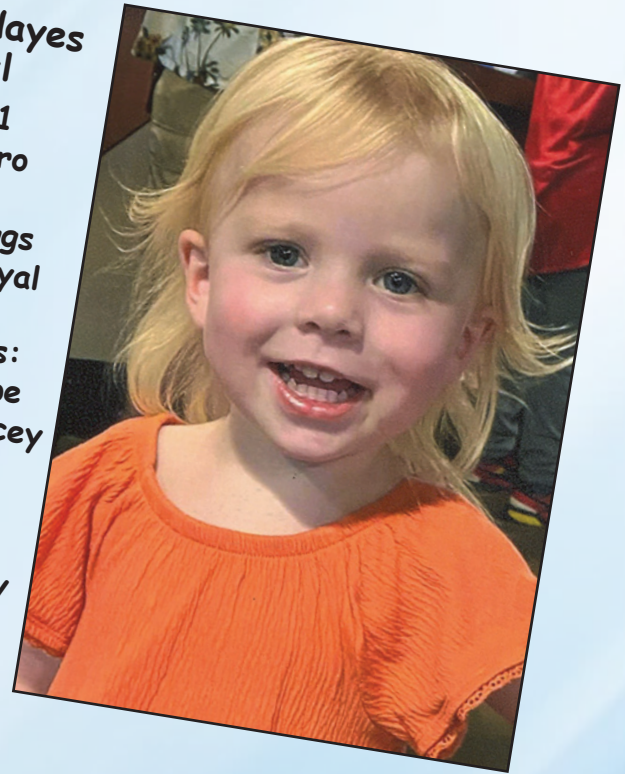
**Ellie Hayes
Royal**

4/14/21
Swainsboro

Parents:
Hadley Beggs
and Koty Royal

Maternal
Grandparents:
Marchelle Pope
• Brian and Tracey
Beggs

Paternal
Grandparents:
Ronnie and Becky
Royal



Jesus Said,

"Let the little children
come to me, and do
not hinder them, for
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heaven belongs to
such as these."

-Matthew 19:14



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and Jada Akridge
Maternal
Grandparents:
Kimberley Lewis
and Craig Collins
• Alan and Tiffany
Wilkerson
Paternal
Grandparents:
Bryan and Pam
Akridge
• Ivy Michelle Kirby



Berkley Grace Wilkerson
6/16/22
Wrightsville
Parents: Hunter Wilkerson
and Cierra Sherrod
Maternal Grandparents:
Chris Sherrod
• Crystal Gregory
Paternal Grandparents:
Kimberley Lewis and Craig
Collins • Alan and Tiffany
Wilkerson



Heston Brixx Akridge
8/26/20
Swainsboro
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Maternal Grandparents: Kimberley Lewis and
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 Paternal
 Grandparents:
 the late Ralph Wayne
 McMillan
 and Earnestine
 Kersey Woods



**Emersyn Taylor
 McMillan**
 12/2/14
 Waynesboro
 Parents: Mitch and
 Lauren McMillan
 Maternal
 Grandparents:
 Marion and Lisa Shaw
 Paternal
 Grandparents:
 the late Ralph
 Wayne McMillan
 and Earnestine
 Kersey Woods



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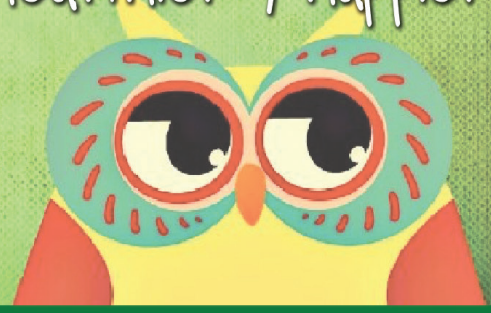


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 McMillan and Earnestine Kersey Woods





Comla'Rose Costley

9/1/20

Swainsboro

Parents: Sam'Mya Costley
and Adam Costley

• Chasity Young
and John Beck

Maternal Grandparents:

Tracy Culbreth
and Sammy Anderson

• Tracy Culbreth
and Reginald Young

Paternal Grandparents:

Janet Costley and Milton
Costley • Roxanne Beck
and Jeff Beck



**Dallas and Challas
Beck**

4/19/16 • 1/20/19

Swainsboro

Parents: Sam'Mya Costley
and Adam Costley

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 Paternal Grandparents:
 Frank Woods Sr
 • Teresa Cox



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 Maternal Grandparents: Allen and Donna Rigdon
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 Adrian
 Parents: Clint and Nikole Braswell
 Maternal Grandparents:
 Ray and Elizabeth Landing
 Paternal Grandparents:
 Fred Braswell
 and the late Peggy Braswell

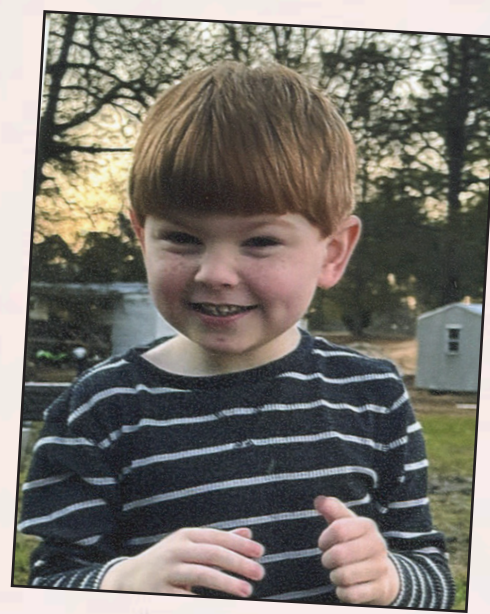
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 Betty and Shane Blalock



Baylor Hackle
 10/22/18
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 Thompson
 Paternal Grandparents:
 Julie Freeman and the
 late John Freeman



Amelia Rose Thompson
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 Paternal Grandparents: Lynn and
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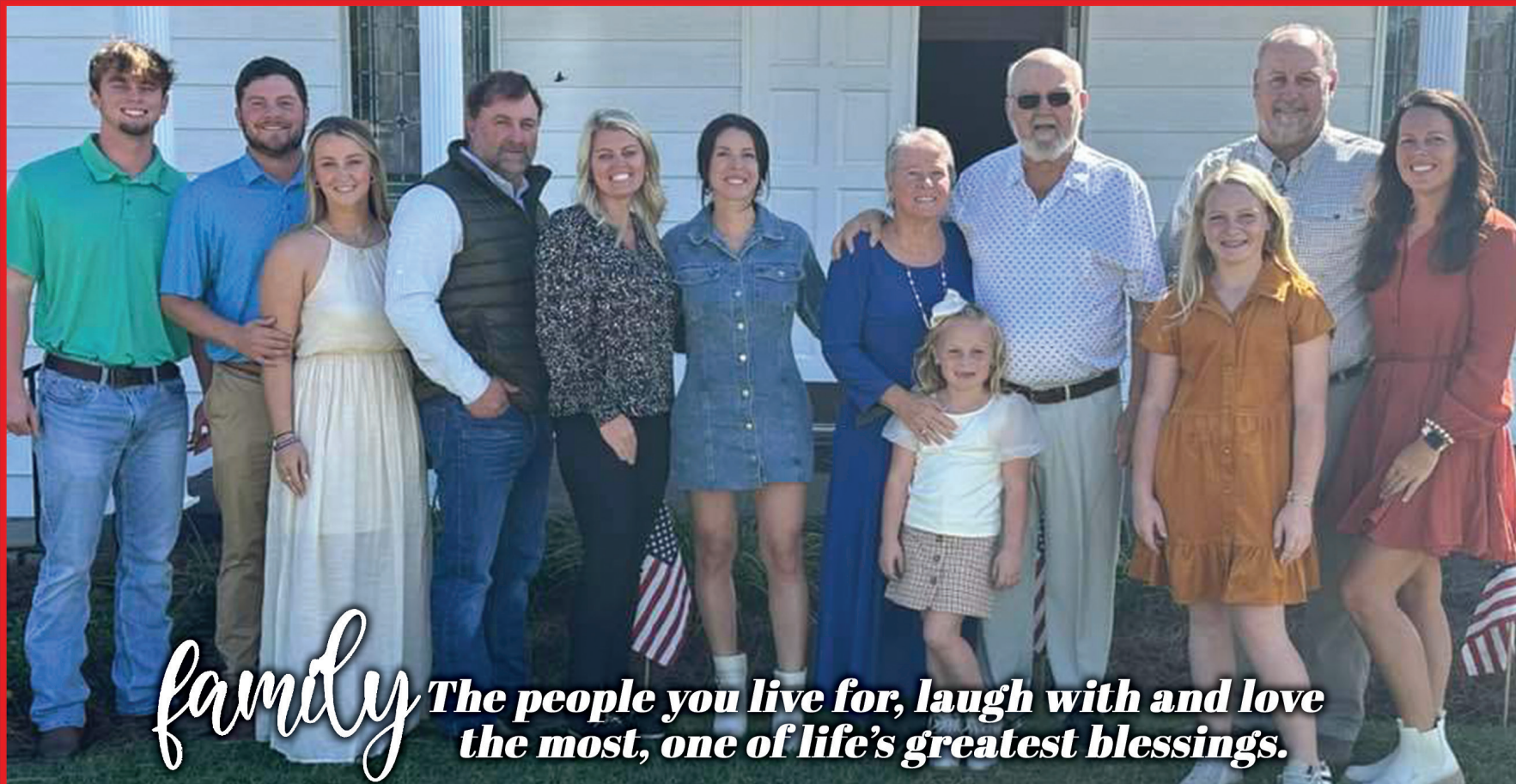




**Lorie Anne
Thompson**
8/1/23
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Allison Thompson
Maternal Grandparents:
Laura Moore and the late
Chris Moore
Paternal Grandparents:
Lynn and Sandie
Thompson



**Ivey Beck
Moore**
4/14/23
Swainsboro
Parents: Chris and
Morganne Moore
Maternal
Grandparents:
Susan Spell
• Michael and
Stephanie Poole
Paternal
Grandparents:
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the late Chris Moore



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 Maternal Grandparents: Tiffany Miles and Dee Merrion
 Paternal Grandparents: Ashley Dixon and Timothy Sherrod



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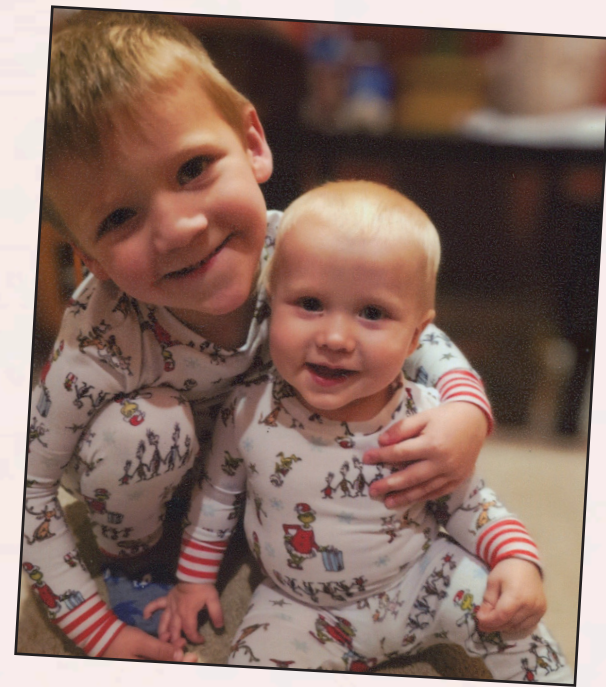


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Paternal Grandparents:
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 Sirmons



Alina Suzanne Fordham

12/27/23
 Swainsboro

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