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Every year since we began our Reader's Choice awards in 2010, it's gotten bigger and better, and this year proved no different.

With more than 50,000 submissions, our readers voted for their favorite plumbers, doctors, nurses and of course, where to get the best barbecue.

We thank our readers for their continued support of this annual publication and look forward to seeing it grow even more next year.

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READERS' CHOICE 2025 RESULTS



HEALTH

ASSISTED LIVING

- NHC Place
- Autumn Cove
- Carillon Oaks
- Legacy Village
- Dugger Mountain Assisted Living

INDEPENDENT LIVING

- NHC Place
- Carillon Oaks
- Legacy Village
- McClellan Senior Living
- Autumn Cove

NURSING HOME

- NHC HealthCare
- Piedmont Health Care Center
- Cleburne County Nursing Home
- Autumn Cove
- Anniston Health & Rehab

CHIROPRACTOR

- Tony Bolton
(Bolton Chiropractic)
- Brett Farr
(Healing Hands Chiropractic)
- Patrick Harrison
(Harrison Sports Chiropractic)
- Ryan Parrish
(The Vine Chiropractic)
- Chris Law
(Bolton Chiropractic)

DENTIST

- Morgan Gibson
(Gibson Family Dentistry)
- Caitlin Jones
(Jones Dentistry)
- Kellen Spivey
(Spivey Family Dentistry)
- Karen Connell
(Anniston Dental Group)
- John Flanagan
(Flanagan Dental)

DOCTOR / PHYSICIAN

- Vance Moore
(Oxford Family Practice)
- David Chalk
(Anniston Family Practice)
- Natalie Lindell
(Cheaha Adult and Pediatric Medicine)
- Russell Ulrich
(Piedmont Family Practice Center)
- Carlos Farmer
(Atrium Health Care)

MEDICAL ASSISTANT

- Shenna Butler
(Southern Immediate Care)
- Kim Wingo
(Dr. Patel's Office)
- Brianna Crawford
(Oxford Primary Care & Weight Loss Center)
- Renee Gray
(Anniston Wellness Center)
- Laura Williamson
(Southern Immediate Care)

NURSE

- Josh McKenzie
(Regional Medical Center)
- Becca Howard
(Anniston Medical Clinic)
- Cheryl Murphy
(Gentiva Hospice)
- April Shaddix
(Regional Medical Center)
- Natasha Roysden
(Enhabit Home Health)

NURSE PRACTITIONER

- Missy Coefield
(Southern Immediate Care)
- Carlos Farmer
(Atrium Health Care)
- Tracy Wade
(CARES)
- Brent Cobb
(Highland Health)
- Kanina Crosen
(Oxford Primary Care & Weight Loss Center)

EMERGENCY CARE FACILITY

- Southern Immediate Care
- CARES (Anniston/Oxford)
- Dr Keel & Associates
- Oxford Primary Care & Weight Loss Center
- Regional Medical Center

EYE CARE PROFESSIONAL

- Robert Ellis
(Elite Eyecare Associates)
- Darlene Harris
- Abdul Kazi
(Kazi Ophthalmology)
- Duane Mohon
(Eye Care Alabama)
- Stephen Downey
(Downey Eye Care)

FITNESS / HEALTH CLUB

- Club One Fitness
- MyOwn Body Goals Fitness Studio
- Bend the Bar Fitness
- Foundation Fitness & Nutrition
- Stoked Elite Fitness

HOME HEALTH AGENCY

- Amedisys Home Health
- Enhabit Home Health
- Gentiva Hospice
- Southern New Beacon Hospice
- Heavenly Host of Angels

MASSAGE THERAPIST

- Lori White
(Licensed Massage Therapy Associates)
- Susan Castleberry
(Creations Salon)
- Tyler Morrison (Relyt Massage)
- Tyler Heining (Tyler Heining LMT)
- Eden Brewer
(A Calm Mind Massage)



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Coldwater Beach

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Oxford Lake

2nd Place Best Public School
Oxford

2nd Place Best Police Officer
Chip Owens

1ST PLACE BEST COMMUNITY EVENT
OXFORDFEST

1ST PLACE BEST GOLF COURSE
CIDER RIDGE

1ST PLACE BEST PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER
MATTHEW TYSON

1ST PLACE BEST PARK
CHOCOLOCCO PARK

4th Place Best Police Officer
Johnathan Butler

4th Place for Best Firefighter
Chad Gilchrist

5th Place for Best Firefighter
Donovan Popp



JOHNATHAN BUTLER



CHAD GILCHRIST



OXFORDFEST



CHOCOLOCCO PARK



CIDER RIDGE



BILL PARTRIDGE



MATTHEW TYSON



CHIP OWENS



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MEDICAL
LABORATORY SERVICE

- LabCorp
- Oxford Primary Care & Weight Loss Center
- Core Medical Training Center
- Quest Diagnostics
- AMK Clinical Solutions

PEDIATRICIAN/PEDIATRIC
NURSE PRACTITIONER

- Chase Thoma
(Pediatrics Plus)
- Elizabeth Patrenos
(Pediatrics Plus)
- Jose Caballero
(Jose Caballero Pediatrics)
- Naresh Purohit
(Purohit Pediatric Clinic)
- Natalie Lindell
(Cheaha Adult and Pediatric Medicine)

PARAMEDIC / EMT

- Emily Howell
(Anniston EMS)
- Dakota Tidwell
(Piedmont Rescue & EMS)
- Hollie Hanbury
(Anniston EMS)
- Daniel Dietrich
(Cleburne County EMS)
- Paco May

PHARMACIST

- Mike Parris
(Martin's Pharmacy)
- Morgan Pentecost
(Cleburne Pharmacy)
- Paul Graham
(Downey Drug)
- Julie Clark
(Jacksonville Discount Pharmacy)
- Jay Colvin
(Crow Drug)

WEIGHT LOSS SERVICE

- Oxford Primary Care & Weight Loss Center
- The Natural ER
- MyOwn Body Goals Fitness Studio
- Infinity Med-I-Spa
- Lee Wellness

PHYSICAL THERAPIST

- Dakota Beane
(Encore Rehabilitation)
- Meagan Cabrer
(Anniston Orthopedics)
- Treacy Hunter
(Amedisys Home Health)
- Kim Bentley
(Steadfast Physical Therapy)
- Erin Austin
(Leaps and Bounds Pediatric Therapy Services)

PHYSICAL
THERAPY ASSISTANT

- Jeremy Forrest
(Anniston Orthopedics)
- Vickie Smith
(Anniston Orthopedics)
- Tonia Wright
(ATI Physical Therapy)
- Darrin McGatha
(Enhabit Home Health)
- Winter Triplett
(Steadfast Physical Therapy)

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

- Autumn Bobo
(Team for Kids)
- Stacy Ewing
(Amedisys Home Health)
- Karen Turgeon
(Anniston Orthopedics)
- Marissa Stanley
(Elite Therapy Services)
- Heather Bentley
(Amedisys Home Health)

OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPY ASSISTANT

- Diana Cash
(NHC Health Care)
- Rebekah Williams
(Amedisys Home Health)
- Olivia Parsons
(RMC Health Systems)
- Kayla Andrews
(Team for Kids)
- Alisa Garmon
(Amedisys Home Health)

BEAUTY &
FASHION

DAY SPA

- A Touch of Grace Day Spa
- Mindful Medical Spa
- The Natural ER
- SLYM Beauty Spa
- Bodied By Whoosah

NAIL SALON

- Golden Springs Nail Salon
- The Lounge Hair and Nails
- Enchanted Nail Boutique
- Polished by Kate
- Tracy Nails and Spa

BARBER SHOP

- Joshua Barrett Salon Barber
- eNVy Salon
- BackpackBarber
- Macy
The Loft Hair & Design)
- Hannah Morris
(Lavish Hair Studio)

BEAUTY SHOP

- eNVy Salon
- The Lounge Hair and Nails
- ADM Hair Studio + Spa
- The Loft Hair & Design
- Creations Salon

TATTOO SHOP

- Lucid Dreams
- Crow Custom Tattoo Parlor
- Turtle's Ink
- Artistic Addictions
- Classic 13 Tattoo

ARTS &
ENTERTAINMENT

LOCAL ARTIST

- Marlon Stallings
- Robert Grinds
(The Lush Garden)
- Tiffany Beal
(My Sweet Escape)
- Tera Townsend Whigham
- Jennifer Thrash
(Lonely Waters Artistry)

LOCAL MUSICIAN / GROUP

- Mark Braden
- FM Revival
- Leslie Morrison
- MVC Worship
- Stadium Drive

LOCAL RADIO /
TV PERSONALITY

- Jackson Hodges
(City of Anniston)
- Jock Burgess
(97.9 WVOK)
- Steve Stevens
(97.9 WVOK)
- Zach Harper
(WCKA)
- Derek Ford
(The Mountain)

PLACE FOR LIVE MUSIC

- Sinclair Social
- The Lush Garden
- Apothecary Draft House
- Rack & Roll Billiards and Sports Bar
- Roadside Grill

RADIO STATION

- 97.9 WVOK
(K98)
- 94.3, 97.1 & 810 WCKA
(Real Country)
- 95.1 WDN
(The Mountain)
- 95.9 WOXI
(Oxford)
- 96.3 WJXI
(Jacksonville)
- 102.9 WKXX

HOME & GARDEN
BUILDING SUPPLY

- Oxford Lumber
- Coldwater Landscape Supply
- Jacksonville Home Center
- Webb Concrete & Building Materials
- Saks Hardware

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CARPET / FLOORING DEALER

- Ted’s Floors & Beyond
- Floor Depot Plus
- Oxford Flooring & Design
- Oxford Carpet Sales
- Foote Bros. Carpet One Floor & Home

FURNITURE STORE

- Pope’s Furniture
- Room By Room
- Crawford Office Supply
- Oxford Furniture
- McClellan Mercantile

NURSERY

- Rainbow Omega Garden & Gift Shop
- Garrett’s Farm and Nursery
- Cheaha Plant Farm
- Bloomin’ Miracles
- J & M Plants

HOME RENTAL AGENCY

- Harris-McKay Realty
- King Property Management
- Good Faith Reality and Property Management
- J. Brittain Associates
- Freedom Realty

HEATING /
AIR CONDITIONING

- Valley Heating and Cooling
- Dunn’s HVAC, Plumbing & Electrical
- Mizzell Heating & Air Conditioning
- Southern Comfort Heating & A/C
- Holmes Heating & Cooling

PEST CONTROL

- Monday’s Pest Control
- Norris Pest Control
- Reid Pest Control
- WarZone Pest Control
- Sand Mountain Pest Management

PLUMBING SERVICE

- Ted’s Plumbing
- Dunn’s HVAC, Plumbing & Electrical
- Perez Plumbing and Gas
- A2Z Plumbing and Gas
- Last Call Services

ELECTRICIAN /
ELECTRICAL SERVICE

- J & J Electric
- Dunn’s HVAC, Plumbing & Electrical
- G W Electric
- Gardner Electrical
- Butler Electric

HANDYMAN

- Brian Martin
(Martin Construction)
- Kevin Johnson
(Johnson Reconstruction)
- Becky Nelson
(Paint Perfection)
- Greg Bearden
(Bearden Construction)
- Tony Mann

MATTRESS DEALER

- Mattress Max
- Pope’s Furniture
- Bedzzz Express
- Mattress & Springs
- Lighting and Design USA
Lighting Showroom

REAL ESTATE COMPANY

- Keller Williams Realty Group
- ERA King
- Harris-McKay Realty
- Freedom Realty
- Gold Star Realty

REALTOR

- Tyler Butler
(Keller Williams)
- Hunter Cain
(ERA King)
- Randall Doss
(Keller Williams Realty Group)
- Brandy Brenneman
(Keller Williams Realty Group)
- Terry Wright
(Freedom Realty)

PEOPLE
& PLACES

ATTORNEY

- Laura Alexander
(Ghee, Draper & Alexander)
- Justin Wilson
(LaPlante, Merritt, Faulkner, Wilson & Clay)
- T. Boice Turner, Jr.
(T. Boice Turner, Jr.)
- Judson Miller
(Miller Estate and Elder Law)
- Freeman Fite
(Fite Law Firm)

CHILD CARE

- Cornerstone Christian Academy
- Belles & Beaus Preschool
- New Adventures Learning Center
- Kids First Childcare
- A Vision For Kids Daycare

INSURANCE AGENCY

- Parnell Insurance Agency
- Model City Insurance
- Wynika Hendrix
(COUNTRY Financial)
- Insurance Planning Services
- Dorman & Reynolds Insurance

WAITER / WAITRESS

- Bailey
(Texas Roadhouse)
- Hayden Moore
(Outback)
- Sonya Allen
(Roadside Grill)
- Danielle Goray
(Dad’s BBQ)
- Deidre Martin
(Olive Garden)

PUBLIC OFFICIAL

- Bill Partridge
(Oxford Chief of Police)
- Ciara Smith
(Mayor of Anniston)
- Kim McCarson
(Calhoun County Circuit Clerk)
- Tim Hodges
(Revenue Department)
- Keith Kelley
(State Senator)

POLICE OFFICE
(Not elected or appointed)

- Chase Rhodes
(Calhoun County)
- Chip Owens
(Oxford)
- Bruce Dunnagan
(Anniston)
- Johnathan Butler
(Oxford)
- Franklin Green
(Jacksonville)

FIREFIGHTER

- Cameron Bearden
(Anniston)
- Rex Newton
(Anniston)
- Kyle Yancy
(Anniston)
- Chad Gilchrist
(Oxford)
- Donovan Popp
(Oxford)

BAIL BONDSMAN /
BAIL BONDER

- Kenny Bunn Bail Bonds
- Big Easy Bail Bonding
- Sunni’s Bail Bonds
- Abe’s Ace Bail Bonds
- 1111 ASAP Bail Bonds

COMMUNITY EVENT

- Oxfordfest
- Juneteenth Festival
- Angel Cakes Summer Kick Off
- Noble Street Festival
- SoundEmbrace with Danielle Hall

PLACE TO HAVE AN EVENT

- The Lush Garden
- Hubbard’s Off Main
- Onyx & Opal
- The NoAlan
- Rolling Hills Retreat

CIVIC CLUB

- The Legacy Club
- Oxford Kiwanis Club
- Anniston Kiwanis Club
- Junior League
- Anniston Lions Club



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- Sherwood Forest
(Oxford)
- Buckhorn
(Weaver)
- Edgefield Farms
(Anniston)
- Cotton Creek
(Jacksonville)

PUBLIC SCHOOL

- Piedmont
- Oxford
- White Plains
- Alexandria
- Jacksonville

PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER

- Lisa Hayes
(Piedmont Middle School)
- Matthew Tyson
(Oxford Middle School)
- Ashley Wilson
(Oxford High School)
- Summer Greenwood
(Coldwater Elementary School)
- Brandy Ward
(White Plains Elementary School)

PRIVATE SCHOOL

- Donoho School
- Jacksonville Christian Academy
- Faith Christian School
- Hope Christian Academy
- Trinity Christian Academy

PRIVATE SCHOOL TEACHER

- Monica Baker
(Donoho School)
- Justin Amberson
(Hope Christian Academy)
- Cindy Fair
(Jacksonville Christian Academy)
- Bethany Warren
(Jacksonville Christian Academy)
- Jennifer Senter
(Donoho School)

GOLF COURSE

- Cider Ridge
- Pine Hill Country Club
- Cane Creek
- Anniston Country Club
- Silver Lakes

PARK

- Choccolocco Park
- Coldwater Beach
- Oxford Lake
- Zinn Park
- Weaver Park

LOCAL TOURIST ATTRACTION

- Anniston Museum of Natural History
- Cheaha State Park
- Redbird Willow Farm
- Chief Ladiga Trail
- Berman Museum Anniston

PLACE TO WORK

- AOD Federal Credit Union
- Angel Cakes Creamery & Diner
- Gentiva Hospice
- Heavenly Host of Angels
- Edwin Mortgage team

SHOPPING

COMMERCIAL PRINTING

- Busby's Printing & Mailing Services
- Freestyle Graphix
- Moore Printing
- Mizzell Marketing
- NuArt

DEPARTMENT STORE

- Martin's Family Clothing
- Sissy's Treasures
- Rosa Lee Boutique
- The Shoppes at 1710
- McClellan Mercantile

DRY CLEANER

- Smith Cleaners
- Mike's Romac Cleaners
- Nu Kleen Cleaners
- Express Dry Cleaners

EVENT RENTALS

- 4 Kings' Rentals
- Uniquely Elegant Event Rentals
- Perry's Party and Event Services
- West Rentals
- Rolling Hills Retreat

FARMERS MARKET

- Anniston Downtown Market
- Jacksonville Farmer's Market
- Pickette's Produce Market
- Dugger Mountain Harvest Market
- Heflin Farmers Market

FLORIST

- Miller Florist & Gifts
- Evan's Flower Shop
- Iron City Bloomery
- Headley Flower Farm
- T's Eternal Blooms

FUNERAL HOME

- Miller Funeral Home
- Cremation Services of East Alabama
- Anniston Funeral Service
- Thompson Funeral Home
- Gray Brown-Service Mortuary

GIFT SHOP

- Old Noble
- Rosa Lee Boutique
- Sissy's Treasures
- The English Cottage
- Barefoot Merchantile

PAWN SHOP

- Mike's Treasure Chest
- B & B Pawn & Jewelry
- Quintard Jewelry and Pawn
- Paul's Pawn It
- Alexander's Jewelry and Pawn

PET / PET GROOMING STORE

- Moe's Boarding, Grooming, and Day Care
- Scruffy to Fluffy Mobile Spa
- OneWorld Pet Resort
- Ulti Mutt Bakery
- Canine Confetti

PHOTOGRAPHER

- Keaton Messer
(Cole Banks Photo)
- Tera Townsend Photography
- Mandy Johnson
(Love Photography)
- Lauryn Moore Photography
- Jess Nelson
(Moonstone Films)

VIDEOGRAPHER

- Longleaf MediaWorks
- Jess Nelson
(Moonstone Films)
- Jermaine Sims
(Cutgod Photography)
- Emil Loeken
(Nordic Photo)
- Evan Lanier
(LIVEMORE)

SPORTING GOODS STORE

- Shotgun Sports and Outdoors
- Tackle Box
- B & S Sporting Goods
- Pass It On Sports
- McClellan Sports & Outdoors

TRAVEL AGENCY

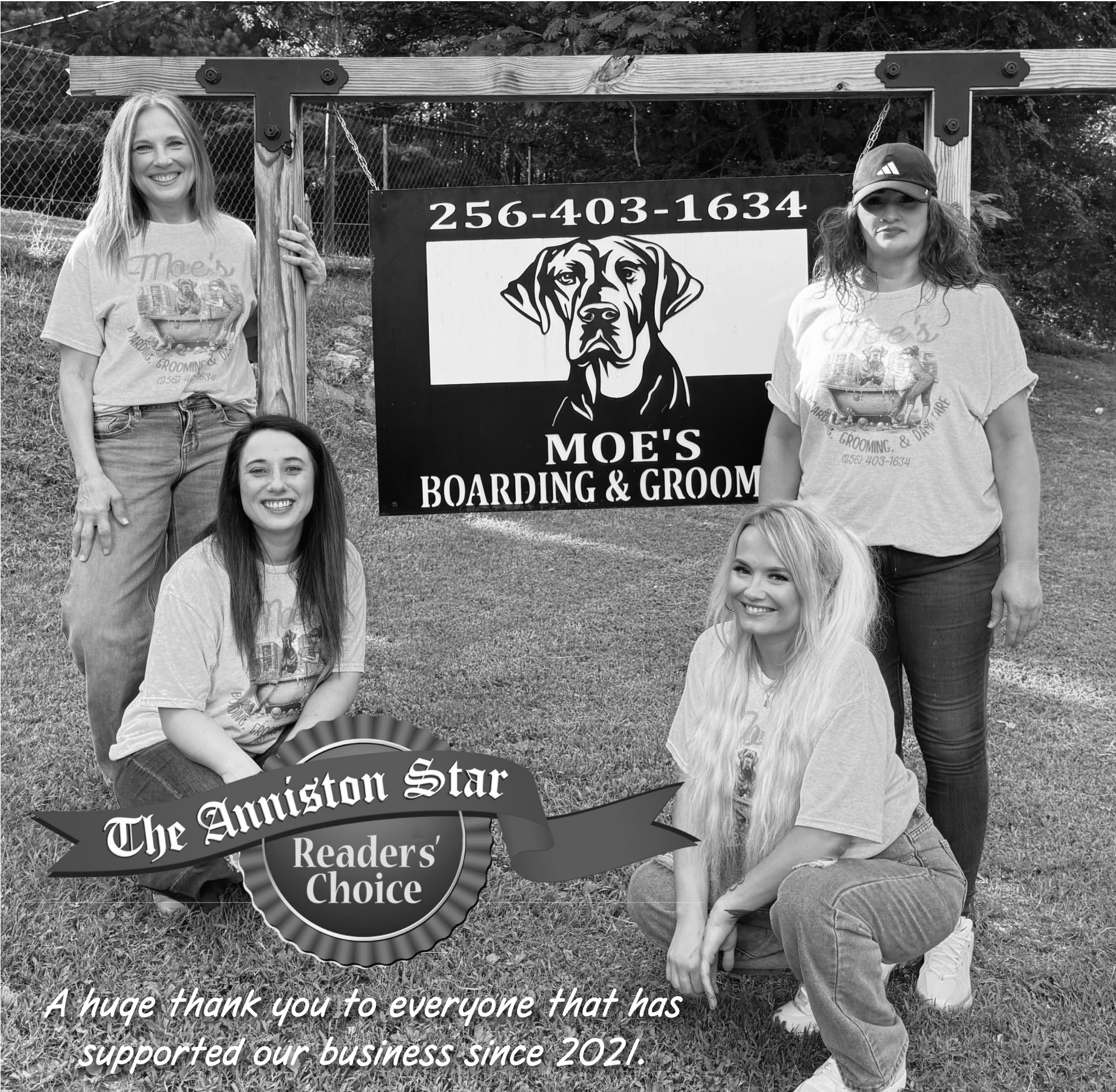
- Southern Belle Travel
- R & R Travel Services
- T&J Vacations
- Magical Wishes Travel Agency
- Cruisagen Travel Company

VETERINARIAN

- Tim Lusk
(Lusk Animal Clinic)
- William Brom
(Greenbrier Animal Clinic)
- William Berry
(Berry Animal Clinic)
- AJ Young
(Animal Care Experts)
- Eric Clanton
(Clanton Animal Hospital)

ANTIQUE MALL / THRIFT SHOP

- Kolectic Treasures Antique Market
- New 2 You thrift store
- Center of Hope
- Beauty for Ashes Recovery Thrift Store
- Sonja's Second Hand Shop



The Anniston Star
Readers' Choice

A huge thank you to everyone that has supported our business since 2021.

GUN SHOP

- Exile Armory
- Dugger Mountain Fudge and Firearms
- Shotgun Sports and Outdoors
- BAMA Guns & Outfitters
- Chief Ladiga Trading Post

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

- Martin's Family Clothing
- Sissy's Treasures
- Gracies Accessories
- The Shoppes at 1710
- Pink Rubies Boutique

JEWELRY STORE

- Couch's Jewelers
- Rosa Lee Boutique
- Sissy's Treasures
- Southern Link Jewelry + Designs
- Forevermore Jewelry Bar

WOMEN'S CLOTHING

- Rosa Lee Boutique
- Sissy's Treasures
- The Pageant Prepper
- The Shoppes at 1710
- Charisma Boutique & More

MEN'S CLOTHING STORE

- Martin's Family Clothing
- On Time Fashions
- Kolectic Treasures Antique Market
- Pickette's Feed & Pet Supply
- Blessed Farm Creations

LOCAL BOUTIQUE

- Rosa Lee Boutique
- Sissy's Treasures
- Madi Lou's Boutique
- The Pageant Prepper
- Charisma Boutique & More

SALESPERSON

- **Dara Murphy**
(*Rosa Lee Boutique*)
- **Ashley Gnatz**
(*Sissy's Treasures*)
- **Michael Cheeks**
(*Dillard's*)
- **Tera Whigham**
(*The Pageant Prepper*)
- **Carly Raven**
(*Enhabit Hospice*)

DESSERT

- Angel Cakes Creamery & Diner
- The Train Station Cafe
- Mad Hatter Cupcakes
- Sugar Darlinz
- Shell's Downtown

FINE DINING

- Classic on Noble
- Effina's
- Hubbard's Off Main
- Garfrerick's Cafe
- Shell's Downtown

FOOD TRUCK

- Send Noodz
- Nett's Kitchen Catering
- Lets B Sweet
- Thumb Suckers
- RNB FINZ N CHICKS

FRIED CHICKEN

- Johnson's Giant Foods
- Betty's Bar-B-Q
- RNB FINZ N CHICKS
- Hubbard's Off Main
- Roadside Grill

HAMBURGER

- The Rocket
- Angel Cakes Creamery & Diner
- Nett's Kitchen and Catering
- Roadside Grill
- JB's Wings & Things

FROZEN TREAT

- Below Zero Creamery
- Harpers
- Pelican's
- Angel Cakes Creamery & Diner
- Royal Slush

PIZZA

- Mata's Greek Pizza & Grinders
- Cutter's Pizzeria
- Pinhoti Pizza Company
- First Class Pizza
- The Classic Melt

LUNCH

- Calhoun Steakhouse
- Full Bellie Deli
- Angel Cakes Creamery
- Rack & Roll Billiards and Sports Bar
- Roadside Grill

RIBS

- Cooter Brown's Rib Shack
- Brad's Bar-B-Que
- Dad's Bar-B-Que
- Roadside Grill
- Shell's Downtown

STEAKS

- Calhoun Steakhouse
- Effina's
- Hubbard's Off Main
- Garfrerick's Cafe
- Shell's Downtown

SANDWICHES

- Mata's Greek Pizza & Grinders
- Full Bellie Deli
- Angel Cakes Creamery & Diner
- Elevated Grounds
- HMC 15th Cafe

ITALIAN RESTAURANT

- Mata's Greek Pizza & Grinders
- Effina's
- Calhoun Steakhouse
- Cutter's Pizzeria
- The Classic Melt

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ASIAN RESTAURANT

- Blue Fin Japanese Sushi and Steakhouse
- Yume
- Fuji Japanese Cuisine
- Li's Place
- Yoki Buffet

MEXICAN RESTAURANT

- Los Mexicanos
- Mexico Lindo Grill
- Baja California Grill
- Besitos Mexican Kitchen
- Mangos Cantina and Grill

PLACE FOR A ROMANTIC DINNER

- Classic on Noble
- Effina's
- Hubbard's Off Main
- Garfrerick's Cafe
- Shell's Downtown

BUSINESS & FINANCIAL

ACCOUNTANT

- Adam Morales
(Trinity Accounting)
- Randy Lovvorn
(Tax Time)
- Phyllis Kelley
(H & R Block)
- Jeff Owens
(Jeff Owens and Associates)
- Lee Taylor
(Taylor's Accounting)

BROKERAGE / INVESTMENTS

- Joe Bynum
(Raymond James)
- Ike Brown
(Merrill Lynch)
- Jessica Kirby
(Jessie D Realty)
- Clay Blackwell
(Pine Bend Wealth Management)
- Doug Huie
(Strategic Financial Partners)

CREDIT UNION

- AOD Federal Credit Union
- Emblem Credit Union
- America's First Federal Credit Union
- Fort McClellan Credit Union
- AlaTrust Credit Union

BANK

- First Bank of Alabama
- NobleBank and Trust
(Anniston)
- Farmers & Merchants Bank
- NobleBank and Trust
(Alexandria)
- Southern States Bank

HOME MORTGAGE

- AOD Federal Credit Union
- Jackson Mortgage
- Edwin Mortgage Team
- NobleBank & Trust
- Atlantic Bay Mortgage

AUTOMOTIVE

AUTO SERVICE

- Sunny King Toyota
- Grover and Son Alignment
- Alexandria Brake & Muffler Shop
- Mark and Barneys Automotive
- C. A. Russell Ford

AUTO SALESPERSON

- Carl Wilson
(C. A. Russell Ford)
- Nick Pope
(Sunny King Toyota)
- Rob Jones
(Sunny King Toyota)
- Sharon Thomas
(C. A. Russell Ford)
- Landon Key
(C. A. Russell Ford)

On behalf of Mattress Max, we are jumping with joy to receive the 2025 Reader's Choice Award. This award symbolizes the collective effort put forth by our team and the unwavering support of our family. For 41 years we have proudly served Calhoun County and other surrounding areas.

Our main goal is to offer our customers their best nights sleep. We achieve this goal due to our sleep team, Terri Camp, Lindsey Busby, Steven Cooper, and our delivery team UnRay Barclay and Dylan Smith.

At Mattress Max, we offer the best quality and service for the best price. We invite you to visit our Anniston or Oxford location, "Where Sleep Awaits"!

Sincerely,
Phillip and Cindy Brown



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**AUTOMOTIVE MANUFACTURER
/ SUPPLIER**

- Honda
- Sunny King Toyota
- Benton Nissan
- Alexandria Brake & Muffler Shop
- C. A. Russell Ford

BODY SHOP

- Jeff Dickeson Body Shop
- Skinner Body Shop
- McCraw's Auto Body & Paint
- Howell's Body Shop
- C. A. Russell Ford

CAR WASH

- Xtreme Car Wash
- Dirty Dog's Car Wash
- Raindrop Car Wash
- Neat & Clean
- Sud Stop Car Wash

NEW CAR DEALER

- Sunny King Honda
- Sunny King Toyota
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Local nurse practitioner EMBODIES COMMUNITY CARE IN HEFLIN

BY ASHLEY MORRISON | Star Staff Writer

HEFLIN — When Missy Coefield learned she was voted the top nurse practitioner in The Anniston Star's Readers' Choice Awards, her first reaction wasn't celebration — it was tears.

"I don't do well with praise," Coefield said. "I cried after you called me. This is pretty cool, but I do a lot better taking care of other people than taking praise for myself."

At 53, Coefield has dedicated her life to healthcare in the community where she was born and raised. Working at Southern Media Care's Heflin clinic, she's not just a medical professional — she's a hometown hero who knows many of the

patients who walk through her doors.

As a nurse practitioner, Coefield can diagnose patients, prescribe medications and refer to specialists. But her approach goes far beyond medical protocols. She sees her work as a calling, spending extra time with patients who need more than just medical treatment.

"The greatest compliment I could ever get is for somebody to say, 'Hey, what you did meant so much to me,'" she said. "If I help 50 people all day and only one feels I made a difference, I feel like that's what I was meant to do."

Her commitment is evident in how she approaches patient care. Coefield feels that it is important to spend time with each of her patients, providing emotional

support alongside medical care.

"It's what makes Heflin different," Coefield said. "We understand this is a rural community where people might have just one car, where timing and compassion matter as much as medical treatment."

Her colleagues describe her as the heart of their medical team, someone who leads by example and treats the clinic like a family. Despite working in urgent care — a notoriously challenging environment — she maintains a positive, patient-first attitude.

"I really love what I do," she said, her passion evident. "And I'm willing to do anything I expect of my team."

For Coefield, being voted the top nurse



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Nurse Practitioner Missy Coefield serves the Cleburne County community at Southern Immediate Care in Heflin.

practitioner isn't about an award. It's about continuing to serve the community that raised her, one patient at a time.

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Pet-care company in Wellborn *NAMED NUMBER ONE*

BY ASHLEY MORRISON | Star Staff Writer

ANNISTON — Moe's Boarding, Grooming, and Day Care was named the Best Pet / Pet-Grooming Company in The Anniston Star's Readers' Choice competition.

Owner, Wellborn native Summer Shears, named her company, Moe's Boarding, Grooming, and Day Care, after a Great Dane who had been a beloved family pet. "Moe" died 12 years ago, so in 2021 when she and her husband, Jordan, started the business, their pet's name was a natural choice for it.

"I have always loved animals and wanted to have a safe and fun place for the animals in our community,"

Shears said.

At her company, she helps do all the tasks that her five employees do, such as bathing, clipping and playing with the animals.

Shears' lifestyle is convenient for running the business. Several years ago, when her grandparents left their house and property in Wellborn to her, she and Jordan converted the house into a dog-care facility, and they built their own house nearby.

"I like being able to walk home and check on my dogs," she said.

Shears and Jordan have five pets of their own, two English mastiffs —

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Sue Cofield, Summer Shears, Ashlynn Street and Connie Johnson. Moe's Boarding, Grooming, and Day Care was named the Best Pet / Pet-Grooming Company in The Anniston Star's Readers' Choice competition.

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Dickeson earns Readers' Choice honors for

TOP BODY SHOP

BY BILL WILSON | Star Staff Writer

PIEDMONT — Tucked away off a quiet road in rural Calhoun County, Jeff Dickeson's body shop attracts a steady stream of dented fenders and banged-up bumpers as their owners seek restored beauty for their vehicles.

Over time, Dickeson, 59, has established a reputation that recently earned him The Anniston Star's 2025 Readers' Choice Award for Best Body Shop.

Dickeson opened his current shop in 2011 next to his home, and despite initial doubts about attracting customers to a remote location, he's been

"wide open ever since," he said.

"I have customers from as far as Mobile," Dickeson said. "Got a lot of people from Pell City, old people that I worked with at the depot."

His journey began as a student at White Plains High School, where he enrolled in a Jacksonville trade school. Though his first choices were cabinet making and mechanics — his father's trade — he landed in a body and fender class led by Don Johnson.

"He would select just a couple of us to come and work in his shop up in Piedmont," Dickeson recalled. "I was

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Jeff Dickeson at his body shop, Jeff Dickeson Body Shop in Piedmont. He won the 2025 Anniston Star Readers' Choice award for best body shop.

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Jeff Dickeson at his body shop, Jeff Dickeson Body Shop in Piedmont. He won the 2025 Anniston Star Readers' Choice award for best body shop.



I'm incredibly honored to receive this Readers' Choice award — what a meaningful moment for Team for Kids and the work we're so passionate about. To our amazing community, thank you for your votes, your trust, and your belief in what we do. To the wonderful families we serve — thank you for welcoming us into your lives. Watching your children grow in confidence, strength, and independence is the greatest reward. To the Team for Kids staff — your compassion, dedication, and teamwork are the heart of everything we do. I'm so proud of what we've built together. And to my husband — thank you for your endless support, encouragement, and love. You help make all of this possible.

This recognition belongs to all of us. Thank you for making Team for Kids a place where children can thrive and families feel supported. We are so grateful!

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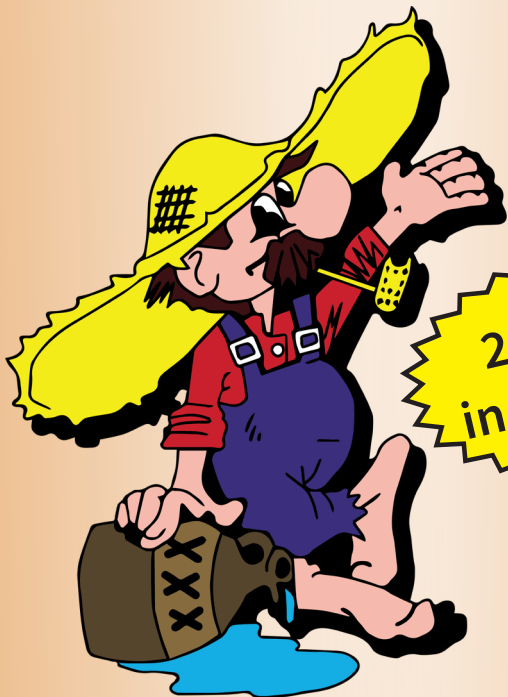
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Jeff Dickeson at his body shop, Jeff Dickeson Body Shop in Piedmont. He won the 2025 Anniston Star Readers' Choice award for best body shop.

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one of them that was pretty regular to go up there and work on Saturdays, and I just kind of stayed with it.”

After graduating in 1983, Dickeson bounced between body shops across the Anniston-Oxford area, chasing small raises and more experience. He briefly left the trade but returned, eventually co-founding Precision Body Shop in Jacksonville, where he stayed for about a decade.

After that partnership dissolved, he built his current shop in 1999 and opened two years later. He briefly closed it when a private contract fell through, then worked as a painter at the Anniston Army Depot — painting tanks — for eight years before returning to his own business full-time.

“I enjoy working,” he said. “I’ve had back surgery. I probably could have gone out on disability years ago, but I enjoy it. I think that’s one of the key things to

keeping healthy.”

Today, Dickeson works alone, with his wife helping on the paperwork side. He mainly handles insurance work, though he’s upfront with customers about long timelines for non-insurance related restorations.

“Everything’s pretty much by appointment only,” he said. “I’ll take in one insurance job, and I’ll finish it. I normally stay booked up — sometimes as much as three months ahead.”

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Martin's Pharmacy's MIKE PARRIS NAMED FAVORITE PHARMACIST by Star readers

BY JULIE EDWARDS | Star Correspondent

ANNISTON — Mike Parris of Martin's Pharmacy can't say exactly why he was voted as the No. 1 Favorite Pharmacist in the Anniston Star's Readers' Choice Awards.

"I don't know that I'm that much different than any of the others," he said. "I just try to treat people the way I want to be treated."

Parris attended Maryville College in Tennessee for his undergraduate degree and then finished his education at the McWhorter School of Pharmacy at Samford University in 2001. In his spare time, he enjoys gardening and college football. Having been raised in

White Plains, Parris is a local, serving locals.

In 2011 he switched from Winn Dixie to Martin's Pharmacy where he enjoys the environment of working for a locally-owned independent.

"You have a little more freedom to actually get to know a customer," he said. "A lot of these customers I've known since I've started so you build a relationship."

Parris is aware that people shop around to get the best prices on their medications. That means he might not be aware of everything a customer is taking. He stresses the importance of letting the pharmacist and doctors

know all the medications being taken to make sure there are no interactions.

What Parris said he enjoys most about pharmacy work is doing vaccinations.

"That's a huge benefit for the community because they don't have to wait. They can walk right in and do this," he said. "We also do wellness screenings for state employees. They test their blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar. It helps people be more proactive about their health care."

Parris is honored that his customers voted for him as their favorite pharmacist.

"I'm glad they thought that they've



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Martin's Pharmacy's Mike Parris named favorite pharmacist by Star readers.

been treated well enough, but it's not just me," he said. "I have great people here — Wanda and the rest of the staff. They definitely make me look good."

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HODGES named readers' choice for *BEST RADIO/TV PERSONALITY*

BY BILL WILSON | Star Staff Writer

ANNISTON — Jackson Hodges, the public relations director for the city of Anniston, has been voted Best Radio/TV Personality in The Anniston Star's 2025 Readers' Choice Awards — a recognition he says belongs just as much to the team around him as it does to himself.

"I'm incredibly honored to have been selected as your Readers' Choice for Best Radio/TV Personality," Hodges said. "To be recognized by the very people I serve and communicate with daily — it means the world. I thank God above for the opportunity to serve, and I thank the wonderful men and women that work alongside me every

day with the city of Anniston."

Hodges, a Birmingham-Southern College graduate in 2017 with a degree in political science, returned to his hometown after college to serve the city he says he's always been proud to call home. In his role as public relations director, Hodges is responsible for shaping and sharing the city's narrative — from public service announcements and emergency alerts to community highlights and council updates.

"I've always been passionate about storytelling and public service," he said. "Every day, I have the opportunity and the responsibility to help tell this city's story — not just through press releases and social media posts, but

through the real people, places, and events that shape who we are."

Known for his calm delivery and engaging on-air style, Hodges, 32, serves as the city's on-camera spokesperson for television segments and local radio updates, using what he calls "clear, honest, and engaging communication" to connect residents to their local government.

"At times, some may see public relations as just spin, but I see it as a frontline of trust," he said. "In a world full of noise and misinformation, I try to be someone who brings a little more clarity and a lot more connection."

In addition to his media work, Hodges



PHOTO BY BILL WILSON, THE ANNISTON STAR

JACKSON HODGES

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BY ASHLEY MORRISON | Star Staff Writer

ANNISTON — Seven years ago, Jim Huggins, 62, and his wife, Melanie, took a chance on a new venture, purchasing two express car washes — one in Lenlock and the other in Jacksonville. They named them Xtreme Car Wash. Today, their business is not only thriving but has also earned first-place community recognition through the Anniston Star Readers' Choice Awards, an endorsement that Huggins says means a great deal.

"We hope we continue to earn their

business," he said, expressing gratitude to customers who voted for them.

Despite the fast-paced nature of an express car wash, with their spinning brushes and soap machines, Huggins said the personal connections are what make the business special.

Melanie, whom he describes as the CEO of the operation, is deeply involved in its functions.

"We always get pleasure from our customers who are always fun to get

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Seven years ago, Jim Huggins and his wife, Melanie, took a chance on a new venture, purchasing two express car washes — one in Lenlock and the other in Jacksonville.

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to know," Huggins said. "Most come through on a regular basis, and we build relationships with folks. We have some who have been here the whole time we have been in business here."

Huggins, a retired UPS driver, said he and his team make it a point to interact with customers beyond the payment kiosk. They regularly step out into the vacuum bays — a complimentary service — to check in on patrons. The business also offers free towels, glass cleaner and an automated mat-cleaning station.

"We try to make ourselves available, too, to our customers," he said.

The businesses employ several students, and Huggins said he emphasizes the importance of safety and customer service. He encourages his staff to be courteous, to smile and to help customers however they can.

"We want to meet the customers' expectations," he said. "Cars are the second most expensive investments people have, and we want to help them take care of them."

Xtreme Car Wash is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., closing only on Christmas, Easter and on particularly rainy days.

"Those are the days I maintain the facilities," Huggins said.

He credits much of the business's day-to-day success to his managers, particularly Jessie Coggins, who oversees the Jacksonville location. Together, they manage the team and ensure everything runs smoothly.

The company offers membership packages ranging from \$17.95 to \$39.95, based on the products used. There is no contract required, and memberships come with added perks.

"We give discounts for military, first responders, teachers and those who own several cars," he said. "Come in as often as you like."

For Huggins and his team, providing a clean car is about more than just appearance — it's about making people feel good.

"People are happy," he said, "when they drive a clean car."

FROM RADIO - 26A

served as the city's public information officer and Main Street director. He and his wife, Charity, co-own Model City Media, a website and development business, and are raising their two children, Jack and Zaddie, in Anniston along with their schnauzer, Leo.

Hodges has been recognized with several honors in recent years, including the 2023 Outstanding Media Coverage Award from the Alabama Chapter of the American Planning Association, Young Professional of the Year (2022) from the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce, and multiple Main Street Alabama Awards of Excellence.

Still, he said, no accolade compares to the daily privilege of helping someone feel informed and connected.

"Whether I'm writing updates, lifting up local voices, or working behind the scenes — it's all for the people of this city," Hodges said. "We will keep showing up and doing the work — with heart, honesty, and a whole lot of hometown pride."

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pets known to weigh 180 pounds when full grown, two dachshunds and a pitbull mix.

"The dachshunds are the bosses," she said.

After Shears graduated from Wellborn High School in 1980, she obtained her certification as a vet tech from Jefferson State College in Birmingham. Then she worked for another company as a vet tech for 15 years before starting her own.

Currently, Moe's employees groom 10 to 15 pets a day, and there's the capacity to house 30 dogs.

"We handle our dogs on a case-by-case basis and my vet tech experience comes in handy," Shears said. "Some dogs are difficult to handle, and we try to build a

relationship with them. Some have come and hated the grooming at first and now they love to come. They understand the process and know we won't hurt them."

Moe's is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. until noon. In addition, they have a window of time from 4-5 p.m. on Sundays for dropping off or picking them up.

"Holidays are our busiest times," she said, "so Jordan and I take a couple of vacations each year."

The company is located at 433 Anthony Drive in the Wellborn community.

Visit Moe's Boarding, Grooming, and Day Care on Facebook to learn more. The phone number is 256-403-1634, and the email is Moes-boardingandgrooming@gmail.com.

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Ted's Floors & Beyond

A group of nine people, including staff and customers, are standing in front of the Ted's Floors & Beyond storefront. The group consists of five men and four women, dressed in a mix of business casual and casual attire. They are standing on a paved area in front of the store's entrance, which features large glass windows and a dark awning. The store's name is prominently displayed on a stone wall above the entrance.

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