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Miss Springtime Pageant Winners

The Miss Springtime Pageant was held on April 6 at the Pine Level Cultural Center. The winners were, from left, First Alternate Little Miss Springtime **Campbell Thornton**, Little Miss Springtime **Grayson Harris**, Miss Grand Supreme Springtime **Peyton Harris**, Petite Miss Springtime **Macey Thigpen**, First Alternate Petite Miss Springtime **McKenzie Taylor Harrison**, and up front, Tiny Miss Springtime **Annie Plaisance**.

For more information on upcoming pageants, visit aapageants.com or call Alison at 398-0683 or 398-2277.

'Make a Stand' Funds Pediatric Brain Cancer Research

"Make a Stand, Put the Squeeze on Brain Cancer" is a statewide fundraising campaign for The Cure Starts Now Foundation for pediatric brain cancer research. During the months of June and July, you and your neighbors can make a lemonade stand with the proceeds going directly to pediatric brain cancer research! Register your lemonade stand with Make A Stand at www.thecurestartsnow.org. When you do, you will receive a kit with a lot of fun stuff to help you make a stand-out stand! Pick the date that suits you, and you can make your stand at the park, in your front yard, at your grandmother's house, at the pool, at the ballpark, on a boat, at the golf course... anywhere you can dream up and get permission! The Cure Starts Now will even create for you a "virtual" on-line stand so your friends all over the country can donate to your stand! When you visit Make A Stand at The Cure Starts Now website, you will find all kinds of helpful tips, printable signs, and even T-shirts you can order to help you make your stand!



The Cure Starts Now was founded by Brooke and Keith Desserich after their daughter, Elena, was diagnosed with a rare and inoperable brain tumor. The foundation began three years ago and has already granted funding to brain cancer research at top hospitals such as Cincinnati Children's Hospital and St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The efforts of The Cure Starts Now are much needed, as cancer is the leading cause of childhood death by disease. Pediatric brain cancer is one of the deadliest of childhood cancers, and yet its research is the least funded.

A Montgomery couple, Elizabeth and Pat Adams, joined the cause with The Cure Starts Now after their daughter, Madeline, also died of a DIPG brain tumor. The Adamses are now directors of the Alabama Chapter of The Cure Starts Now and developed the Make A Stand campaign. Last year was the first year for the Make A Stand campaign and more than 40 families throughout Alabama participated. With their help, Make A Stand raised more than \$11,000 for brain cancer research! To learn more, visit www.thecurestartsnow.org.

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