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Welcome to the 2024 Minden Press-Herald READERS' CHOICE AWARDS

The votes have been tallied and the results are in ...

he Minden Press-Herald proudly presents our 2024 Readers' Choice Awards special section where you'll find a gallery of some of the area's BEST local people, places and businesses as selected by our readers and subscribers.

The Readers' Choice Awards are meaningful because they are chosen by the community. The results are based solely on the opinions of customers and the survey reflects service they have received or experienced with the specific people or businesses right here in our community.

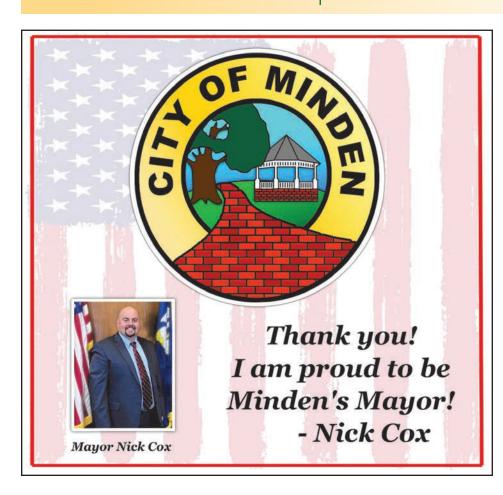
It is used to get the community and surrounding areas involved in recognizing businesses, organizations, events and people who make this area a better place to live, work and play. It may also introduce you to a "best" that you have never tried before.

So without further ado, let's cruise through our list of this year's top picks and find out which ones our readers consider the BEST.

The Press-Herald congratulates all the favorites in this year's edition of The Readers' Choice Awards!

Jacie Brent
MPH Advertising Manager

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2024 MPH Reader's Choice Categories

1. Favorite Ambulance Service

- Winner - Advanced EMS - Finalist - Pafford

2. Favorite Apartment Complex

- Winner - Chateau Normandy Apartments - Finalist - Lamplighter Manor Garden Apartments

- Finalist - Willow Brook Apartments

3. Favorite Appliance Store

- Winner - Mike Spillers Furniture

- Finalist - Ivan Smith Furniture

- Finalist - Discount Appliance of Louisiana

4. Favorite Auto Body Shop

- Winner - Holcomb's Body Shop

- Finalist - Hunter's Body Shop

- Finalist - Ark-La-Tex Collision Specialist, Inc.

5. Favorite Auto Parts Store

- Winner O'Reilly Auto Parts
- Finalist Advance Auto Parts
- Finalist AutoZone Auto Parts

6. Favorite Bakery

- Winner - Geaux Fresh

- Finalist - Baking It With Bailey

- Finalist - Brick Street Coffee

7. Favorite Bank

- Winner - B1 Bank

- Finalist - Gibsland Bank & Trust

- Finalist - Citizens National Bank

8. Favorite Barber Shop

- Winner - Main Street Barber Shop

- Finalist - Steve's Uptown Barber

- Finalist - Visions Of A Masterpiece















9. Favorite BBQ

- Winner Ol' West BBQ
 - Finalist Smokin J's
- Finalist Netas Bar-B-Q

10.Favorite Beauty Shop

- Winner Pink Magnolia
 - Finalist Beauty Bar
- Finalist Roots Beauty Room

11. Favorite Breakfast Restaurant

- Winner Brick Street Coffee
 - Finalist Huddle House
 - Finalist The Broken Bean

12. Favorite Buffet Restaurant

- Winner Chen's Garden
- Finalist Johnny's Pizza
- Finalist Panda Garden









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13. Favorite Car Wash/Detail

- Winner RocketFast Car Wash
 - Finalist The Shine Shop
 - Finalist Jr Boy VIP Services

14. Favorite Casino

- Winner Quick Draw
- Finalist Dixie Inn Travel Plaza & Casino
 - Finalist Love's Casino





15. Favorite Catering

- Winner Hugh Wood Catering and Specialty Meats
 - Finalist Cottle Catering
 - Finalist Geaux Fresh

16. Favorite Chicken

- Winner Cotton's Chicken
- Finalist Louisiana Chicken
- Finalist Kentucky Fried Chicken

17. Favorite Church

- Winner First Baptist Church
 - Finalist Living Word
 - Finalist City on a Hill

18. Favorite Clothing Store

- Winner Say Baby
- Finalist Mighty Oaks
- Finalist Momma's Little Corner/LaKait Boutique



for all Readers' BEST Choice Votes! 2024

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19. Favorite Coach (ANY SPORT)

- Winner Spencer Heard Minden High School
- Finalist Tony Sanders Glenbrook High School
- Finalist Reagan Smith Glenbrook High School

20.Favorite Contractor

- Winner Pruitt's Home Renovation
 - Finalist Perryman Welding
- Finalist Madden Contracting Company

21. Favorite C.P.A.

- Winner Wise Martin & Cole, LLC
- Finalist Shaffer Branch & McDaniel

22. Favorite Crawfish

- Winner Crawfish Hole #2
- Finalist Seafood Empire LLC - Finalist - Latte Kaffe







23. Favorite Customer Service (any business)

- Winner Mighty Oaks
- Finalist Bellavana Coffee
- Finalist STP 2 Nutrition & Energy

24. Favorite Dance Studio

- Winner - Cydni's School of Dance - Finalist - Wise Dancenter

25. Favorite Daycare Provider

- Winner First Baptist Church
- Finalist City on a Hill Learning Center
- Finalist Stepping Stones Early Learning Center

26.Favorite Dental Practice

- Winner Minden Family Dental
- Finalist Horseshoe Dental, LLC
- Finalist Southern Roots Dentistry

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Favorite Home Health Agency



Louisiana Home Health

Choice

27. Favorite Donuts

- Winner Super Donuts
- Finalist Johnson's Cafe & Donuts

28. Favorite Drive Thru Restaurant

- Winner Yummy Sushi
- Finalist Johnson's Cafe & Donuts
 - Finalist Smokin J's

29. Favorite Electrician

- Winner Tucker Electric, LLC.
 - Finalist Moro Electric Co.
 - Finalist Squyres Electric

30. Favorite Elementary School

- Winner E. S. Richardson Elementary
 - Finalist Glenbrook Elementary
 - Finalist Central Elementary

31. Favorite Evening Meal Restaurant

- Winner El Jimador
- Finalist Roma Italian Bistro
- Finalist Under Dawgs Sports Grill

32. Favorite Event Destination/Venue

- Winner The Venue On Pearl
- Finalist Easley Studios Courtyard
 - Finalist The ParTea Room

33. Favorite Eye Care Provider

- Winner Dr. Ray Spurlock
- Finalist Vision Source Moss Eye Center
 - Finalist Walmart

34. Favorite Financial Advisor

- Winner Meriwether Wealth & Planning, LLC
 - Finalist Wise Martin & Cole, LLC
- Finalist Edward Jones Bryan & Hayden Hildebrand

35. Favorite Fitness Center

- Winner All Hours Fitness
- Finalist Anytime Fitness
- Finalist Minden Recreation Complex

36.Favorite Florist

- Winner Minden Floral Shop
- Finalist Red Blooms Floral Designs and Events
- Finalist Mandino's Flower House & Gifts, LLC





37. Favorite Funeral Home

- Winner - Kilpatrick's Rose Neath Funeral Home

- Finalist Benevolent Funeral Home
 - Finalist Bailey's Funeral Home

38. Favorite Furniture Store

- Winner Mike Spillers Furniture
 - Finalist Ivan Smith Furniture
 - Finalist Home Outfitters

39. Favorite Gas Station

- Winner Bon Temps Valero
 - Finalist Buzz Buy
 - Finalist Smokin J's

40. Favorite Gift Shop (Non-Florist)

- Winner Ace Hardware
- Finalist Parish Design Co.
- Finalist Possibilities Antiques & Collectibles

41. Favorite Glass Shop (Non-Eyewear)

- Winner Grider's Glass Inc.
 - Finalist Brown's Glass
 - Finalist Kirkland's Glass

42.Favorite Grocery Store

- Winner Brookshires
 - Finalist Walmart
 - Finalist Save A Lot

43. Favorite Hamburger

- Winner Netas Bar-B-Q
- Finalist Under Dawgs Sports Grill
- Finalist Hamburger Happiness

44. Favorite Hardware Store

- Winner Ace Hardware
- Finalist Interstate Building Materials
 - Finalist Robertson's Hardware

45. Favorite Healthcare Provider

- Winner Minden Family Medicine
- Finalist Minden Family Care Center
 - Finalist Premier Family Clinic

46.Favorite Heating & Air Provider

- Winner Smithey's Heating & Air Conditioning
 - Finalist A/C Services of Minden
 - Finalist Wingfield Heating & Air

47. Favorite High School

- Winner Minden High School
- Finalist Glenbrook High School
- Finalist Lakeside High School

48. Favorite Home Health Agency

- Winner Louisiana Home Health
 - Finalist Passages Hospice
- Finalist Professional Home Health Services







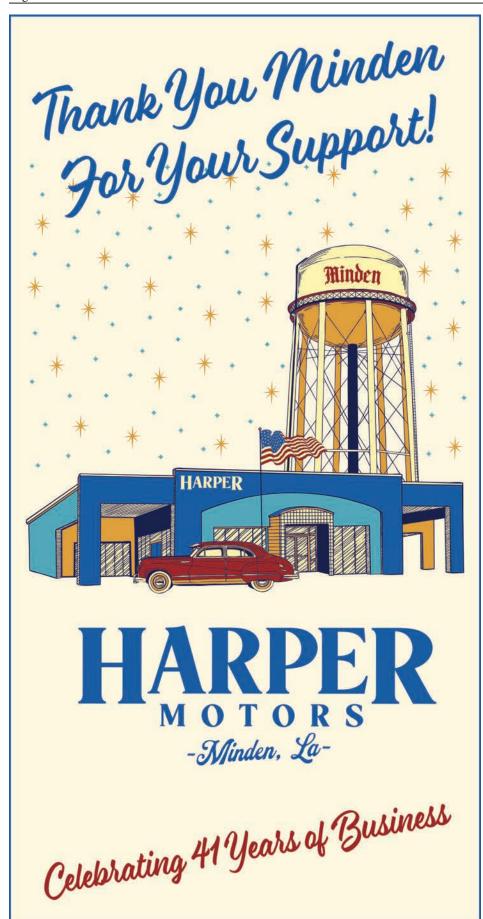
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49.Favorite Insurance Agency

- Winner State Farm Laura Horton
- Finalist State Farm Jeanne Martin - Finalist - Wimberly Agency

50.Favorite Jewelry Store

- Winner Gray's Jewelry
 - Finalist Say Baby
- Finalist Terry's Rings & Things

51. Favorite Landscaping/Lawn Care Provider

- Winner TG Companies, LLC
- Finalist Four Seasons Lawn Landscaping
 - Finalist Wesley Duck

52. Favorite Lawn Equipment Dealer

- Winner Hol-Mont Sales & Rental
- Finalist Hercules AG & Outdoors
 - Finalist Fairway Carts



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Dr. Christopher Earnhardt, M.D.

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- Trunk & Treat at WP Library (Zoie Salsburg & Dawson-Kate Holley)



- Meet our three Assistant Managers, Tegan Batton, Claire Gray, and Laci Cheatham



- Fundraiser for Dixie Darlings for National Championship tournament



- JSL Girls Night Out, owner **Claudine Thomas** with Alicia Adams, owner of Hers Bridal



- Pink Party with Home Federal Bank - fundraiser for Wiggin' Out



- Tasty Tuesday with Rick Rowe & owners Claudine Thomas & Ricky Thomas, Laci Cheatham, Heather Case, Hannah Michael & Tan White



- Fundraiser for Joe Morgan's cancer fund



- Owner Ricky Thomas and friend Randy Ward attending LSU women basketball Final Four





53. Favorite Law Firm

- Winner Yocom Law Firm
- Finalist Kitchens Law Firm
- Finalist Melanie F. McCullough Attorney At Law

54.Favorite Liquor Store

- Winner Mike's Hometown Spirits, LLC
 - Finalist Daiquiri Express & Liquor
 - Finalist Thirsty's Liquor

55. Favorite Lunch Location

- Winner Geaux Fresh
- Finalist Johnson's Cafe & Donuts
- Finalist Under Dawgs Sports Grill

56. Favorite Manufactured Home Dealer/Supplier

- Winner Barnes Mobile Home Supply
 - Finalist Heritage Housing
 - Finalist Brewer Quality Homes





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57. Favorite Mini Storage

- Winner Minden's Finest Storage
- Finalist Storage Solutions Germantown Self Storage
 - Finalist Shield Storage Centers

58.Favorite Mechanic

- Winner Brent's Automotive
- Finalist McClung's Service Center
- Finalist Roco Tires & Services Center

59. Favorite Mexican Restaurant

- Winner El Jimador
- Finalist Los Compas
 - Finalist Pepe's

60. Favorite Middle School

- Winner Lakeside Junior High
 - Finalist Glenbrook
 - Finalist Webster Junior High









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61.Favorite New Auto Dealer

- Winner Brown Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram L.L.C.
 - Finalist Harper Motors
 - Finalist Hebert's Town & Country

62. Favorite New Vehicle Salesperson

- Winner Andy Brown Brown Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram L.L.C.
 - Finalist Michael Roy Harper Motors
 - Finalist Chris Hebert Hebert's Town & Country

63. Favorite Nonprofit

- Winner Seeds Women's Center
- Finalist Joe LeBlanc Food Pantry
 - Finalist Mercy's Closet

64. Favorite Nursing Home/Assisted Living

- Winner Town & Country Health & Rehab
 - Finalist Savannah Court of Minden
- Finalist Meadowview Health & Rehab Center











65. Favorite Oil Change Location

- Winner Brown Service Center
 - Finalist Harper Motors
- Finalist Roco Tires & Service Center

66. Favorite Pawn Shop

- Winner DC Pawn
- Finalist Minden Pawn & Gun

67. Favorite Pediatrician

- Winner Dr. Elizabeth A. Phillips
- Finalist Dr. Cristal C. Kirby ABC Pediatrics
- Finalist Dr. Sarah McCann McNeill Busy Bee Pediatrics

68.Favorite Pest Control Provider

- Winner Anti Pest & Veitch Inc.
 - Finalist Sikes Pest Company
- Finalist CAMO-FOG Pest Control Specialists





69. Favorite Pet Groomer

- Winner Spotless Paws, LLC
- Finalist Shaggy Chic Grooming Salon
- Finalist Buffington Veterinary Hospital

70.Favorite Pharmacy

- Winner Minden Family Pharmacy
 - Finalist Walgreens
 - Finalist CVS

71. Favorite Physician/Surgeon

- Winner Dr. Erin Soleto
- Finalist Dr. Christopher Earnhardt
- Finalist Dr. Shannon D. Spigener

72. Favorite Pizza Restaurant

- Winner Johnny's Pizza House
 - Finalist Roma Italian Bistro
 - Finalist Geaux Fresh





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73. Favorite Place to Stay Overnight Winner The Villes at Spanish Court

- Winner The Villas at Spanish Court
 - Finalist Holiday Inn
 - Finalist Best Western

74. Favorite Plumber

- Winner Morgan Plumbing
- Finalist Mayfield Plumbing
- Finalist Cook's Plumbing Co.

75. Favorite Principal

- Winner Becky Wilson Minden High School
- Finalist Darden Gladney Glenbrook High School
 - Finalist Denny Finley Lakeside High School

76.Favorite Public Official

- Winner Mayor Nick Cox
- Finalist Sheriff Jason Parker
- Finalist State Representative Wayne McMahen



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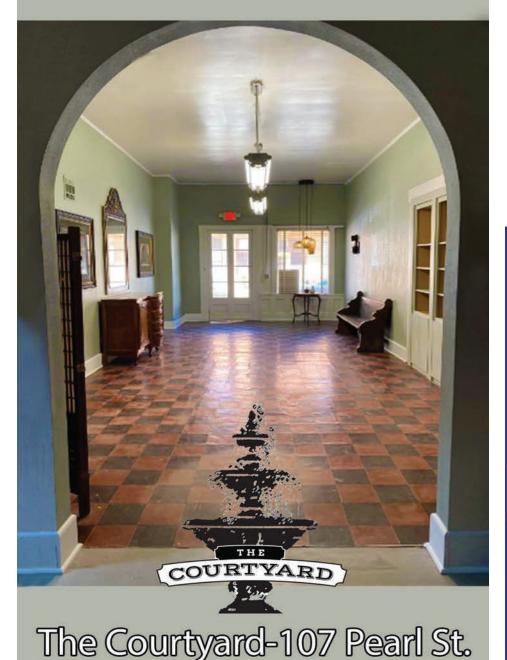
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77. Favorite Real Estate Office

- Winner LaState Realty
- Finalist Carey Real Estate
- Finalist Century 21 Jan Frye & Associates

78. Favorite Restaurant

- Winner Under Dawgs Sports Grill
 - Finalist El Jimador
 - Finalist Roma Italian Bistro

79.Favorite Roofing Company

- Winner Speer Roofing & Construction
 - Finalist Miller Roofing
 - Finalist BLJJ Roofing

80. Favorite School Teacher

- Winner John Dillon Minden High School
 - Finalist Michelle Durden Glenbrook
- Finalist Martin Cole Lakeside High School

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81. Favorite Seafood Restaurant

- Winner Crawfish Hole #2
 - Finalist Minden Seafood
- Finalist Seafood Empire LLC

82. Favorite Shoe Store

- Winner Shoe Department
 - Finalist Minden Athletic
 - Finalist Hibbett Sports

83. Favorite Small Business

- Winner Shug's Minden
 - Finalist Mighty Oaks
- Finalist Red Blooms Floral Designs and Events

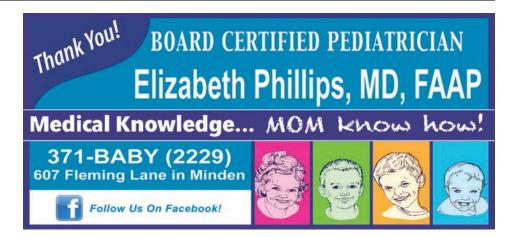
84. Favorite Tanning Salon

- Winner South Beach Tanning
 - Finalist All Hours Fitness
 - Finalist Gleaux By Kelsea

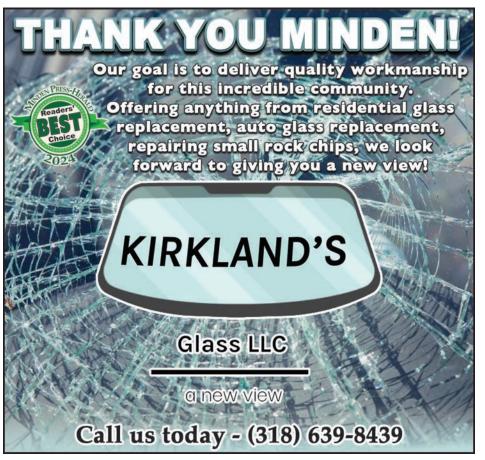
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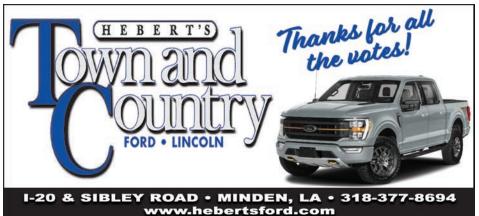
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85. Favorite Tax Preparer

- Winner Shaffer Branch & McDaniel
 - Finalist Wise Martin & Cole, LLC
 - Finalist GMS Tax & Accounting

86.Favorite Tire Store

- Winner A.J. Price
- Finalist Roco Tires & Service Center
 - Finalist Brown Service Center

87. Favorite Tuxedo Rental

- Winner Hers Bridal
- Finalist Merle Norman
- Finalist Squires Formalwear

88. Favorite Used Auto Dealer

- Winner Brown Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram L.L.C.
 - Finalist Carroway Pre-Owned
 - Finalist Harper Motors



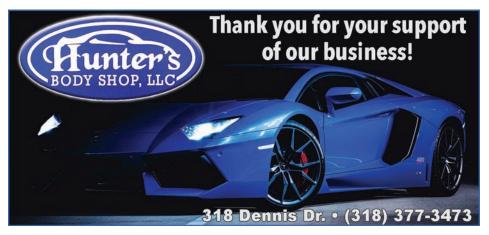


89. Favorite Used Vehicle Salesperson

- Winner Elliott Brown Brown Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram L.L.C.
 - Finalist Laura Faulk Carroway Pre-Owned- Finalist Pat Harper Harper Motors

90. Favorite Veterinarian

- Winner Minden Animal Clinic
- Finalist Buffington Veterinary Hospital
- Finalist Trinity Animal Veterinary Hospital







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91. Favorite Walk-In Quick Care Medical

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- Finalist Minden Primary Care

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