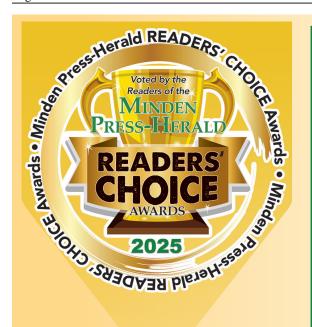


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Welcome to the 2025 Minden Press-Herald READERS' CHOICE AWARDS

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

he Minden Press-Herald proudly presents our 2025 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.

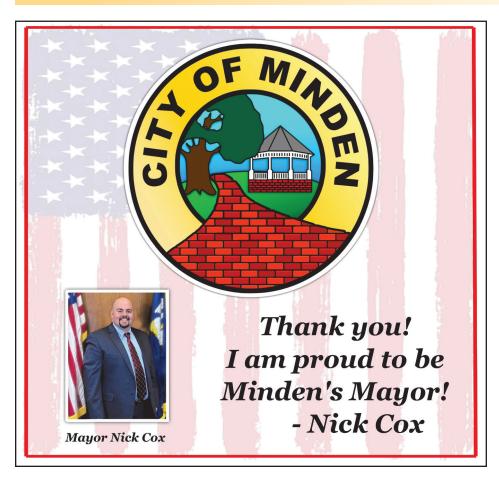
It is used to get the community and surrounding areas involved in recognizing businesses, organizations, events and people who make this area a better place to live, work and play. It may also introduce you to a "best" that you have never tried before.

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.

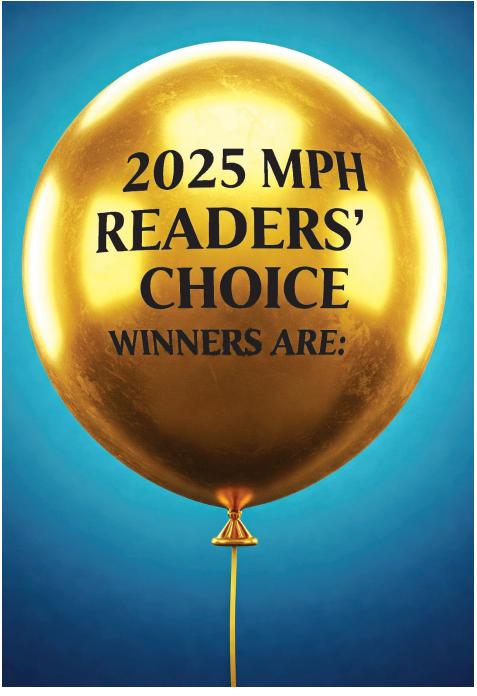
The Press-Herald congratulates all the favorites in this year's edition of The Readers' Choice Awards!

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Winner - Advanced EMS Finalist - Pafford

FAVORITE APARTMENT COMPLEX

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

FAVORITE APPLIANCE STORE

Winner - Mike Spillers
Furniture
Finalist - Ivan Smith
Furniture

FAVORITE AUTO BODY SHOP

Winner - Holcomb's Body Shop Finalist - Hunter's Body Shop Finalist - Ark-La-Tex Collision Specialist, Inc.

FAVORITE AUTO PARTS STORE

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

FAVORITE BAKERY

Winner - Geaux Fresh Finalist - Brick Street Coffee

FAVORITE BANK

Winner - Home Federal Bank Finalist - Barksdale Federal Credit Union Finalist - Carter Credit Union

FAVORITE BARBER SHOP

Winner - Main Street
Barber Shop
Finalist - Steve's Uptown Barber
Finalist - Visions Of A
Masterpiece

FAVORITE BBO

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

FAVORITE BEAUTY SHOP

Winner - Pink Magnolia Finalist - Roots Beauty Room

FAVORITE BREAKFAST RESTAURANT

Winner - Smokin J's Finalist - Brick Street Coffee Finalist - The Broken Bean

FAVORITE BUFFET RESTAURANT

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

FAVORITE CAR WASH/DETAIL

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

FAVORITE CASINO

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

FAVORITE CATERING

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

FAVORITE CHICKEN

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

FAVORITE CHURCH

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





FAVORITE CLOTHING STORE

Winner - Say Baby Finalist - Beall's

FAVORITE COACH (ANY SPORT)

Winner - Joshua Legendre -Glenbrook High School Finalist - Spencer Heard -Minden High School Finalist - Tony Sanders -Glenbrook High School

FAVORITE CONTRACTOR

Winner - Pruitt's Home

Renovation

Finalist - Perryman Welding Finalist - Madden Contracting Company

FAVORITE C.P.A.

Winner - GMS Tax & Accounting Finalist - Shaffer Branch & McDaniel

Finalist - Wise, Martin & Cole LLC

FAVORITE CRAWFISH

Winner - Crawfish Hole #2 Finalist - Acadiana Seafood Finalist - Latte Kaffe

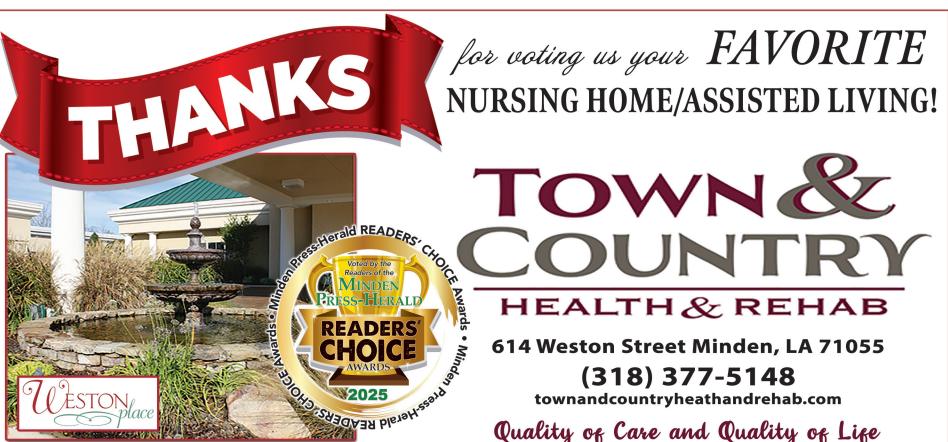


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FAVORITE CUSTOMER SERVICE (ANY BUSINESS)

Winner - Ace Hardware Finalist - Geaux Fresh Finalist - Broken Bean

FAVORITE DANCE STUDIO

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

FAVORITE DAYCARE PROVIDER

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

FAVORITE DENTAL PRACTICE

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

FAVORITE DONUTS

Winner - Super Donuts Finalist - Johnson's Cafe Donuts

FAVORITE DRIVE THRU RESTAURANT

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

FAVORITE ELECTRICIAN

Winner - Moro Electric Finalist - Squyres Electric

FAVORITE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

FAVORITE EVENING MEAL RESTAURANT

Winner - Under Dawgs Sports Grill Finalist - Smokin' J's Finalist - Roma Italian Bistro

FAVORITE EVENT DESTINATION/VENUE

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

Finalist - Edward Jones -Bryan & Hayden Hildebrand

FAVORITE FITNESS CENTER

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

FAVORITE FLORIST

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









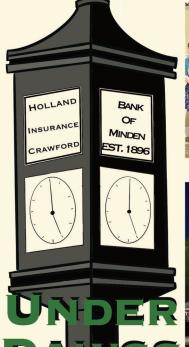


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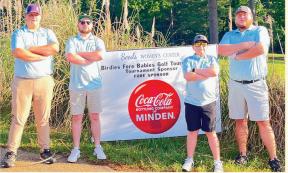
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Furniture
Finalist - Ivan Smith
Furniture
Finalist - Home Outfitters

FAVORITE GAS STATION

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

FAVORITE GIFT SHOP (NON-FLORIST)

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

FAVORITE GLASS SHOP (NON-EYEWEAR)

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

FAVORITE GROCERY STORE

Winner - Brookshires Finalist - Walmart Finalist - Save A Lot

FAVORITE HAMBURGER

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

FAVORITE HARDWARE STORE

Winner - Ace Hardware
Finalist - Interstate Building
Materials

Finalist - Robertson's Hardware

FAVORITE HEALTHCARE PROVIDER

Winner - Minden Family
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Finalist - Minden Family
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Finalist - Premier Family Clinic

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

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Winner - Shelter Insurance Mike Sutter
Finalist - State Farm Jeanne Martin
Finalist - Wimberly Agency

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

FAVORITE MEXICAN RESTAURANT

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

FAVORITE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

FAVORITE NEW AUTO DEALER

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

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

FAVORITE NONPROFIT

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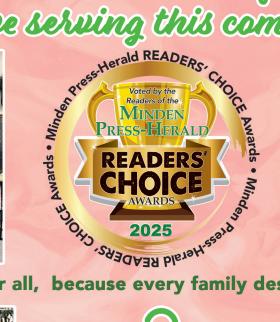
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