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Entertainment, Service, Business, Automotive,
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READERS' CHOICE

Here's how
the winners
were selected

Graystone Media Group mailed thousands of copies of *The Altus Times* to virtually every household in the Altus area in May. Included in that edition was a Readers' Choice Ballot.

For a ballot to be recognized, it had to be printed in the newspaper (no photocopies) and each entry had to enter at least 30 categories of the 108 categories. Some categories received no votes and aren't included in the printed awards.

Readers could submit as many ballots as they wanted as long as they met those two criteria.

After that mailing, *The Altus Times* included the ballot in the next two print editions of the newspaper. Readers

submitted their ballots within a two-week period ending on May 29.

The staff counted the ballots that were submitted and that's how we determined the winners.

This year, the newspaper decided to only announce the winners in each category.

Winners who bought advertising were honored with a certificate that they had won the Readers' Choice Award from our readers.

This was the second year of the Readers' Choice Awards. Next year, *The Altus Times* plans to convert the publication to a magazine format with bios of each winner. Look for that information next May.



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READERS' CHOICE *Winners 2019*



Best Automotive

New Vehicle Dealership

Wilmes Superstore

Used Vehicle Dealership

Wilmes Chevrolet

Auto Parts Store

O'Reilly's

Auto Repair

Wilmes Superstore

Auto Supply

O'Reilly's

Best Car Wash

Altus Express

Collision Repair Shop

Wilmes Chevrolet

Oil Change

Wilmes Chevrolet

Tires

Smith's Firestone

Best Business

Business in Jackson County

Lowell-Tims Funeral Home

Apartment Homes

Pear Tree Apartments

Bank

Frazer Bank

Convenience Store

Love's

Finance Company

World Finance

Fitness Center

Stand Strong

Funeral Home

Kincannon Funeral Home

Grocery Store

United Supermarket

Insurance Company

Dobbs and Braddock

Laundromat

Washed

Law Firm

Gunkel Law Group

Manufacturer

USD

Mortgage Company

USDA

Place to Work

Lowell-Tims Funeral Home

Radio Station

KWHW

Real Estate Company

Century 21

Tax Service

James Mahan

Veterinarian Clinic

All Pets Vet

Best Beauty, Apparel & Accessories

Boutique

Enchanted Door

Children's Apparel

Belles & Beaux

Hair Salon

Shear Expressions

Jewelry Store

Crown Jewelry

Men's Clothing

Stage

Nail Salon

OPI

Shoe Store

The Booterie

Best Entertainment

Casino

Apache Casino & Hotel, Lawton

Date Spot

Val's

Family Fun

Heritage Movie Theatre

Happy Hour

Val's

Local Band

SBE Band

Night Spot

Val's

Sports Bar

Val's

Wedding Venue

Quartz Mountain

Best Professional

Accountant

Trish Latham

Attorney

Preston Gunkel

Banker

Jim Gover, NBC

Boss

Diane Dykens, Century 21

Coach

Kevin Clothier

Employee

Charlie Bedesem, The Blossom

Shop

Financial Adviser

Emily Smith

Florist

The Blossom Shop

Funeral Director

Gary Kincannon

Insurance Agent

Cody Nelson

Medical Doctor

Dr. Joe Leverett

Optometrist

Dr. Mike Geiger

Pharmacist

Brad Pickett

Principal

Lori Redden, Altus

Intermediate School

Real Estate Agent

Diane Dykens

Registered Nurse

Lori Freeman

Teacher

Katrina Lifer, Altus Primary School

Best Service

Accounting Firm

Trisha Latham

Computer Services

TGI

Dry Cleaning

Altus Cleaners

Electric Supply Co.

Locke Supply

HVAC

Dan's Heating and Air

Landscaping Company

Miller

Pet Grooming

Debbie's Dog House

Plumbing Company

A&D Plumbing

Roofing Company

Lee Hunn Roofing

Tag Agency

Altus Tag

Best Food

Overall Restaurant

Roma's Italian Restaurant

BBQ

Billy Sims Barbecue

Breakfast

Friendship Inn

Burger

Robert's Drive In

Chicken Fried Chicken

Fred's Steakhouse & Saloon

Chicken Fried Steak

Fred's Steakhouse & Saloon

Coffee Shop

Just Brew It

Deli/Sandwich

Just Brew It

Dessert

Braum's Ice Cream

Donuts

Ye Old Donut Shop

Fast Food

Whataburger

Fish

Fred's Steakhouse & Saloon

French Fries

McDonald's

Fried Chicken

Express Chicken

Italian

Roma's Italian Restaurant

Lunch Spot

Friendship Inn

Mexican

The Plaza

Pizza

Pizza Hut

Salad

Roma's Italian Restaurant

Seafood

Fred's Steakhouse & Saloon

Steak

Backdoor Steak House, Blair

Best Medical Care

Hospital

Jackson County Memorial

Hospital

Dental Office

Dr. Whitney Lamb

Home Health Agency

Fusion

Hospice Care

JCMH Hospice

Medical Clinic

JCMH Clinic

Medical Supply

JCMH Home Health

Nursing Home

English Village

Pharmacy

Walgreen's

Vision Center

Geiger Eye Care

Walk-in Clinic/Minor Emergency

Altus Urgent Care

Best Shopping

Antiques

Helen's

Appliance

Maytag Home Appliance

Center

Carpet & Flooring

Walker Carpet Flooring

Electronics

Young Electric

Farm/Ranch

Atwood's

Firearms

Yellow Rose Firing Range

Furniture

H&H Furniture

Garden Center

Southwest Growers

Gifts

Hobby Lobby

Hardware Store

Ace Hardware

Mattress

Smalts Furniture

Lumber

Fox Building Supply

Pawn Shop

Action Pawn

Sporting Goods

Hibbett Sports



Best Restuarants

Readers select Crown Jewelry store as No. 1



Crown Jewelry won the Best Jewelry Store for the second year in a row. Employees include, from left, Darren Cramer, Debra Borders and Shannon Preston.

Just Brew It wins Best Coffee Shop, Deli /Sandwich



Readers picked Just Brew It again as the Best Coffee Shop for the second year in a row and the Best Deli/Sandwich location for the first time. Employees of Just Brew It are, front row, left to right, Lilly Villareal and Parker Thaggard and back row, from the left, John Borders, April Preston and Shannon Preston.

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Sat 7:30-5

Best Business

Pear Tree Apartments take top award

Tony Gemes' Pear Tree Apartments won in the category of Best Business Apartment Homes.



Best Restaurants

Pizza Hut remains Reader's Choice of Best Pizza



Employees of the Pizza Hut defended their title as the Best Pizza in Altus. It has two locations, one on Main Street and the other on Broadway. This is the Main Street crew celebrating their win again.

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Best Pizza

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Best Business

Readers rank Lowell-Tims as Best Business and Best Place to Work

Lowell-Tims Funeral Home won the Best Business in Jackson County and Best Place to Work. Pictured are employees Timmy Tims, left, and Carson VanZant.



Lowell-Tims

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Best Business



All Pets gets Readers' Choice for top vet clinic



Dr. Kenneth O'Hanlon and his crew at All Pets Medical Center was selected by readers as the top veterinarian clinic in Altus.

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Best Business

Gunkel Law Group wins Readers' Choice



Altus Times readers selected Gunkel Law Group as the top Law Firm and Preston Gunkel as the top lawyer.

Century 21 wins Best Real Estate Company, Agent



Altus Times readers selected Century 21 as the Best Real Estate Company in the area in the annual Readers' Choice Awards. Diane Dykens, second from the left, also won Best Real Estate Agent.



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AND
Preston Gunkel
Best Attorney

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Best Business

Frazer Bank places first in Best Bank category



Readers picked Frazer Bank in the Best Bank category. Picture are bank employees, from the left, Amber Brown, Megan Lewis, Robin Watson and Mike Wagoner.

Readers pick Kincannon Funeral Home for 2 top awards



Kincannon Funeral Home was a double winner this year. Gary Kincannon, third from left, was selected Best Funeral Director and the business won first place in Best Funeral Home. Pictured are Kincannon employees, left to right, Shirley Bailey, Tracy Kincannon, Gary Kincannon and Bob Gable.



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Best Automotive



Readers pick
Wilmes Superstore,
winner of Ford's
President's Award

The Wilmes Lincoln Superstore has been awarded the Ford Motor Company's President's Award for 2018. This is the 3rd year in a row and the 4th time that the Wilmes Lincoln Superstore has been honored with this award. Wilmes Superstore was one of two Lincoln Dealers in the State of Oklahoma to be presented this award. Only 49 Lincoln Dealers in the United States received this prestigious award.

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Best Automotive



Wilmes Chevy wins 3 First Place Awards for Readers' Choice

Wilmes Chevrolet won first place in the Readers' Choice Awards for Used Vehicle Dealership. It also won for Best Collision Repair Shop and Best Oil Change. Pictured are, from the left, Johnathan Deltzer, Joe Stephanovich and Mike Elkins of Wilmes Chevrolet.

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Best Beauty, Apparel & Accessories

Martin's stores win top award in 2 categories



Krystal Martin's two stores won first place in The Altus Times Readers' Choice Awards under Best Beauty, Apparel & Accessories. The Booterie finished first in the Best Shoe Store category and Belles & Beaux finished first in Best Children's Apparel.

The Enchanted Door wins Best Boutique



Sidney Tyner of The Enchanted Door holds the Best of the Best certificate for placing first in Best Boutique in the Altus Times Readers' Choice contest.

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Best Shopping

Readers pick Ace as No. 1



Employees of Ace Hardware share the award as the Readers' Choice for Best Hardware Store.

Best Medical

Geiger Eye Care wins Best Vision Center for 2nd time



Readers chose Dr. Mike Geiger as Best Optometrist and Geiger Eye Care for Best Vision Center.

Best Hardware Store

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Best Medical

Lamb wins Best Dental Office for second time



Dr. Whitney Lamb, center, and her staff were chosen by The Altus Times readers as the Best Dental Office in Altus for the second year in a row.

Readers pick JCMH Home Care and Hospice as top Hospice Care



Readers selected Jackson County Memorial Hospital Home Health and Hospice for first place in Hospice Care.



Jackson County Memorial Hospital's Home Health crew won the Readers' Choice award for Best Medical Supply.

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BEST HOME HEALTH
BEST MEDICAL CLINIC

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NBC's Gover named top banker

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Best Professional

Smith wins Best Financial Advisor

Edward Jones Financial Advisor Emily Smith won the Readers' Choice award for Best Financial Advisor.



Readers select Dan's for Best Heating and Air Conditioning



Luanne Sims displays a first place finish for Dan's Heating and Air Conditioning for Best Heating and Air Conditioning. The business finished second last year but came on strong to win in 2019.



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