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The results are in!

Where is the best place to buy a car? Who is the most trustworthy financial planner? And who is the Best Chef serving up culinary masterpieces in the Ozarks?

You'll find answers to these questions and plenty more in the West Plains Daily Quill 2025 Readers' Choice Awards.

The Readers' Choice awards are an annual tradition where you weigh in on who's got the best of everything. This year, the competition was fie cer than ever with the addition of several new reader-requested categories, including Best Print Shop and Best Chef, joining the list alongside favorites like best pizza, furniture, and auto body repair.

Since 2017, the Daily Quill has invited readers to nominate and vote for the best of everything West Plains and surrounding communities have to offer. Whether it's the best place to buy a beer, the best folks to help spruce up your home, or the best spot to host a party, you made your voices heard.

The results have been tabulated, allowing you to see how your "best" measured up against your fellow readers' picks. These awards serve as a reminder to local businesses that customers take notice of superior customer service, cleanliness, consistency, and an exceptional staff.

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Best Children's Safety and Wellbeing,
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Runner Up Best Overall Non-Profit,
Runner Up Best Volunteer Based,
Runner Up Best Youth Focused.

2025 Best of West Plains Readers' Choice Awards Results

Arts & Entertainment

★BEST ADULT ARTS PROGRAM

Winner: West Plains Council on the Arts classes

First runner up: TJ Swift House Honest Imagination Day Habilitation

★BEST ART GALLERY

Winner: Yellow House Community Arts Center

First runner up: The Frame Shop & Gallery

★BEST DANCE STUDIO

Winner: Impact Dance Complex

First runner up: We Tumble



★BEST FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

Winner: The Glass Sword Cinema 6

First runner up: Country Nights

★BEST LIVE MUSIC VENUE

Winner: Country Nights

First runner up: The Yellow House Community Arts Center

★BEST LOCAL BAND

Winner: Southern Edge Band

First runner up: Ha Ha Tonka

★BEST LOCAL FESTIVAL

Winner: Ozarks Heritage Festival (Old-Time Music Festival)

First runner up: OzFaire

★BEST THEATRICAL PRODUCTION

Winner: The SpongeBob Musical

First runner up: Prince of Egypt

★BEST THEATRICAL PRODUCTION COMPANY

Winner: West Plains Playhouse

First runner up: Avenue Theatre

★BEST YOUTH ARTS PROGRAM

Winner: Children's Ballet of the Ozarks

First runner up: Arts on the Avenue Fine Arts Academy

Automotive

★BEST AUTO BODY & COLLISION SHOP

Winner: Mr. Dent

First runner up: Mayfield Auto Repair

★BEST AUTO DEALER (NEW)

Winner: Morlan-Shell Ford & Toyota

First runner up: Taylor Grubaugh Chevrolet Buick GMC

★BEST AUTO DEALER (USED)

Winner: West Plains Auto World

First runner up: Morlan-Shell Ford & Toyota

★BEST AUTO GLASS

Winner: T&T Glass

First runner up: Jones Glass of Thayer

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★BEST AUTO MECHANIC SHOP

Winner: Gary's Tire & Automotive

First runner up: Mayfield Auto Repair

★BEST CAR RENTAL COMPANY

Winner: Enterprise Rent-A-Car

First runner up: Chariots: Repair-Rental-Leasing

★BEST CAR WASH

Winner: Tsunami Express Car Wash (Formerly Take 5)

First runner up: Mudbusters Car Wash

★BEST CUSTOM PAINT/ WRAPS

Winner: Mr. Dent

First runner up: Bell's Auto Body

★BEST CUSTOM SOUND INSTALLATION

Winner: Sound Solutions

First runner up: OnScene UpLifters

★BEST DETAILING SERVICE

Winner: Duke Boyz

First runner up: Clean and Simple Mobile Detailing

★BEST FULL SERVICE AUTO BODY PAINT

Winner: Mr. Dent

First runner up: Bell's Auto Body

★BEST MOTORCYCLE & ATV SHOP

Winner: Triple C Cycle

First runner up: Mega Motorsports

★BEST OIL & LUBE SHOP

Winner: Ozark Quick Lube & Car Wash / Valvoline Express Care

First runner up: Gary's Tire & Automotive

★BEST TIRE CENTER

Winner: Gary's Tire & Automotive

First runner up: Tony's Tire

★BEST TOWING/WRECKER SERVICE

Winner: Hughes Towing

First runner up: Midway Towing

Community

★BEST DOG FRIENDLY BUSINESS

Winner: All Pet & Equine Supply

First runner up: The Groom Room

★BEST EMPLOYER

Winner: Ozarks Healthcare

First runner up: Shrimp Runner Seafood Boil Barn

★BEST HOTEL/MOTEL

Winner: Holiday Inn

First runner up: Hampton Inn

★BEST KIDS' ACTIVITIES

Winner: Teeny Tiny Town

First runner up: Par 4 N More

★BEST MUSEUM

Winner: Harlin Museum

First runner up: Sixkiller Funeral Museum

★BEST PARTY VENUE

Winner: First United Methodist Church - West Plains

First runner up: The Historic Post Office

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Best Auto Mechanic Shop
Best Tire Center
RUNNER UP - Best Oil & Lube Shop

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★BEST PUBLIC PARK

Winner: Galloway Creek Nature Park

First runner up: Butler Children's Park

★BEST WEDDING VENUE

Winner: Pine Meadows

First runner up: Rubydoo's Vintage Event Center

Finance

★BEST ACCOUNTING FIRM

Winner: Welch, Couch & Co., PA

First runner up: Hawkins, Yarber & Chambers, CPAs

★BEST BANK

Winner: West Plains Bank & Trust Company

First runner up: Community First Banking Company

★BEST FINANCIAL PLANNING COMPANY

Winner: West Plains Bank & Trust Company

First runner up: Edward Jones

★BEST MORTGAGE COMPANY

Winner: West Plains Bank & Trust Company

First runner up: West Plains Savings and Loan

★BEST SHORT TERM LENDER

Winner: Security Finance

First runner up: World Finance

★BEST TAX PREPARATION COMPANY

Winner: Welch, Couch & Co., PA

First runner up: Hawkins, Yarber & Chambers, CPAs

Fitness & Beauty

★BEST BARBERSHOP

Winner: Misfits Barber Co.

First runner up: Perry's Barbershop

★BEST DAY SPA

Winner: Bloom Day Spa

First runner up: Lux Med Spa

★BEST FITNESS GYM

Winner: 417 Strength & Conditioning

First runner up: Fitmiss Fitness

★BEST HAIR SALON

Winner: Salon Bliss

First runner up: Embellish Salon & Style

★BEST NAIL SALON

Winner: Salon Bliss

First runner up: Megan Rae's Beauty Bar

★BEST TANNING SALON

Winner: Tantastic

First runner up: Knockout Tanning

★BEST TATTOO SHOP

Winner: Revelry Ink

First runner up: Devine Designs

★BEST YOGA STUDIO

Winner: Fitmiss Fitness

First runner up: Safe Harbor Yoga

Food & Beverage

★BEST BAKERY

Winner: Sugar Lily Bakery & Floral

First runner up: Jeff Wood (Independent Baker)

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RUNNER UP - BEST COMMUNITY OUTREACH

RUNNER UP - BEST VINTAGE/SECONDHAND MARKET



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★BEST BBQ

Winner: Bootleggers BBQ

First runner up: Jimmies Family Restaurant

★BEST BEER SELECTION

Winner: Mulligan's Package Store

First runner up: Hibby's Sports Grille

★BEST BREAKFAST OR BRUNCH

Winner: Ozark Cafe

First runner up: Jimmies Family Restaurant

★BEST BUFFET

Winner: Chen's Garden

First runner up: Pizza Shack

★BEST BURGER

Winner: Hibby's Sports Grille

First runner up: Country Nights

★BEST CATERING COMPANY

Winner: Bootleggers BBQ

First runner up: El Charro Mexican Restaurant & Grill

★BEST CHICKEN WINGS

Winner: Hibby's Sports Grille

First runner up: KC's Sports Bistro

★BEST CHINESE FOOD

Winner (TIE): Chen's Garden and Take-Out King

First runner up: Diamond Head

★BEST COCKTAIL

Winner: El Charro Mexican Restaurant & Grill

First runner up: Hibby's Sports Grille

★BEST COFFEE

Winner: The Fuel House

First runner up: Conjure House Coffee

★BEST CRAFT BREWERY

Winner: Ostermeier Brewing Company

First runner up: Piney River Brewing Company

★BEST DELI

Winner: Dennis's Specialty Cuts

First runner up: Mason's Midwest Meats

★BEST DESSERT

Winner: Nadine's Homemade Ice Cream

First runner up: Sugar Lily Bakery & Floral

★BEST DINER

Winner: Ozark Cafe

First runner up: Jimmies Family Restaurant

★BEST FINE DINING

Winner: Dev's Steakhouse & Live Music Lounge

First runner up: SanJuaneros Mexican Restaurant

★BEST FISH

Winner: Shrimp Runner's Boil Barn

First runner up: Jimmies Family Restaurant

★BEST FOOD TRUCK

Winner: K-Town

First runner up: Ree Creations

★BEST FRENCH FRIES

Winner: Hibby's Sports Grille

First runner up: Country Nights

★BEST FRIED CHICKEN

Winner: Ramey Supermarket

First runner up: Jimmies Family Restaurant

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★BEST FROZEN TREATS

Winner: Nadine's Homemade Ice Cream

First runner up: Dairy Queen Grill & Chill

★BEST HAPPY HOUR

Winner: El Charro Mexican Restaurant & Grill

First runner up: Hibby's Sports Grille

★BEST HOT DOG

Winner: Craft Cafe

First runner up: Mandy's Hot Dogs

★BEST MEAT MARKET

Winner: Dennis's Specialty Cuts

First runner up: Mason's Midwest Meats

★BEST MEXICAN RESTAURANT

Winner: SanJuaneros Mexican Restaurant

First runner up: El Charro Mexican Restaurant & Grill

★BEST NEW RESTAURANT OPEN IN 2025

Winner: Shrimp Runner's Boil Barn

First runner up: 7 Brew

★BEST OVERALL RESTAURANT

Winner: Hibby's Sports Grille

First runner up: El Charro Mexican Restaurant & Grill

★BEST PASTA

Winner: Ozark Pizza & Bread Company

First runner up: Jimmies Family Restaurant

★BEST PATIO DINING

Winner: Hibby's Sports Grille

First runner up: KC's Sports Bistro

★BEST PIZZA

Winner: Ozark Pizza & Bread Company

First runner up: Pizza Shack

★BEST PLACE FOR A BUSINESS LUNCH

Winner: El Charro Mexican Restaurant & Grill

First runner up (TIE): Jimmies Family Restaurant and Ozark Pizza & Bread Company

★BEST PLACE TO EAT WITH KIDS

Winner: Pizza Inn

First runner up: El Charro Mexican Restaurant & Grill

★BEST PRODUCE

Winner: D & D Produce

First runner up: Aldi

★BEST RESTAURANT SERVICE

Winner: El Charro Mexican Restaurant & Grill

First runner up: SanJuaneros Mexican Restaurant

★BEST SALADS

Winner: Hibby's Sports Grille

First runner up: Sugar Lily Bakery & Floral

★BEST SANDWICH

Winner: McAlister's Deli

First runner up: Country Nights

★BEST SEAFOOD

Winner: Shrimp Runner's Boil Barn

First runner up: Jimmies Family Restaurant

★BEST SPORTS BAR

Winner: Hibby's Sports Grille

First runner up: KC's Sports Bistro

★BEST STEAK

Winner: Cattlemens Steakhouse

First runner up: Dev's Steakhouse & Live Music Lounge

★BEST SUSHI

Winner: Kentzio Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Lounge

First runner up: Chen's Garden

★BEST TAKEOUT

Winner: El Charro Mexican Restaurant & Grill

First runner up: SanJuaneros Mexican Restaurant

★BEST WINE SELECTION

Winner: Mulligan's Package Store

First runner up: KC's Sports Bistro

★BEST WINERY

Winner: Viandel Vineyard

First runner up: Mountain Grove Cellars

Health

★BEST ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITY

Winner: Pleasant Valley Manor & Village

First runner up: Lamplight Village

★BEST CARDIOLOGY PRACTICE

Winner: Ozarks Healthcare Heart and Lung Center

First runner up: Baxter Health Cardiovascular Clinic

2025 Best of West Plains Readers' Choice Awards Results

★BEST CHIROPRACTIC PRACTICE

Winner: Rasor Chiropractic

First runner up: McFarland Spine & Sport

★BEST DENTAL PRACTICE

Winner: West Plains Dental Group

First runner up: Ted Deatherage, DMD

★BEST DISPENSARY

Winner: High Profile

First runner up: Codes

★BEST HEALTH FOOD STORE

Winner: Truck Patch

First runner up: JB's Health Mart

★BEST HEARING CARE PRACTICE

Winner: Ozarks Healthcare ENT

First runner up: Southern Missouri ENT & Allergy

★BEST HOLISTIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS CARE

Winner: West Plains Farmers & Artisans Market

First runner up: JB's Health Mart

★BEST HOSPICE CARE

Winner: Ozarks Healthcare At Home: Hospice

First runner up: Three Rivers Hospice

★BEST IN-HOME CARE

Winner: Ozarks Healthcare At Home

First runner up: Newton's Agency

★BEST INDEPENDENT LIVING

Winner: Ozark Independent Living

First runner up: Pleasant Valley Village

★BEST LONG TERM CARE/ NURSING HOME

Winner: West Vue Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

First runner up: Newton's Agency

★BEST MEDICAL SUPPLY COMPANY

Winner: Ozarks Healthcare Medical Equipment

First runner up: The Shoe Guys

★BEST MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICE

Winner: Ozarks Healthcare Behavioral Health Center

First runner up: The Porch Therapy Group

★BEST NEUROLOGY PRACTICE

Winner: Ozarks Healthcare Neurology

First runner up: Baxter Health Neurosurgery & Spine Clinic

★BEST ONCOLOGY PRACTICE

Winner: Ozarks Healthcare Cancer Treatment Center

First runner up: Highlands Oncology of Mtn. Home

★BEST OPHTHALMOLOGY PRACTICE

Winner: Jones Eye Center

First runner up: Kilgore Vision & Surgery Center

★BEST OPTOMETRY/EYE CARE CENTER

Winner: Hart Family Eyecare

First runner up: Vision Xpress

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★BEST ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY PRACTICE

Winner: Ozarks Healthcare Orthopedic and Spine Clinic

First runner up: Baxter Health Bone & Joint Clinic

★BEST OTOLARYNGOLOGY/EAR, NOSE & THROAT PRACTICE

Winner: Southern Missouri ENT & Allergy

First runner up: Mountain Home ENT & Allergy

★BEST PEDIATRIC PRACTICE

Winner: Ozarks Healthcare Pediatrics

First runner up: Burton Creek Rural Clinic

★BEST PHARMACY

Winner: Ozarks Healthcare Pharmacy

First runner up: Walmart Pharmacy

★BEST PHYSICAL THERAPY CLINIC

Winner: GTS Physical Therapy

First runner up: Ozarks Healthcare Therapies

★BEST PLACE FOR A MASSAGE

Winner: Bloom Day Spa

First runner up: Rasor Chiropractic

★BEST PLACE FOR ACUPUNCTURE

Winner: Rasor Chiropractic

First runner up: SOMO Chiropractic Dr. Chase

★BEST PODIATRIST PRACTICE

Winner: Ozarks Healthcare Podiatry

First runner up: Mountain Home Podiatry

★BEST REGIONAL HOSPITAL

Winner: Ozarks Healthcare

First runner up: Baxter Health

★BEST RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

Winner: Pleasant Valley Village (West Vue)

First runner up: Garner Villa

★BEST SENIOR LIVING

Winner: Cedarhurst of West Plains

First runner up: Pleasant Valley Village (West Vue)

★BEST SKILLED REHABILITATION CENTER

Winner: West Vue

First runner up: Brooke Haven

★BEST URGENT CARE FACILITY

Winner: Ozarks Healthcare

First runner up: Burton Creek Rural Clinic

★BEST WELLNESS CENTER

Winner: Bloom Day Spa

First runner up: Ancient Alignment & Intuitive Touch By Paige

★BEST WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE PRACTICE

Winner: Ozarks Healthcare Women's Health

First runner up: Burton Creek Rural Clinic

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1st Runner Up Best Full Service Auto Body Paint
1st Runner Up Best Custom Paint/Wraps

People

★BEST ACCOUNTANT

Winner: Sarah Drago - Drago Accounting

First runner up: Jeff Welch - Welch, Couch & Co., PA

★BEST ATTORNEY

Winner: Nikki Kinder - Henry, Williams & Kinder, P.C.

First runner up: Jacob Garrett - Law Office of Jacob Y. Garrett

★BEST BAKER

Winner: Jeff Wood (Independent Baker)

First runner up: Jennifer Pitcock - Sugar Lily

★BEST BARTENDER

Winner: Kiersten Stiebs - Elks Lodge No. 2418

First runner up: Destiny Magnuson - KC's Sports Bistro

★BEST CHEF

Winner: Rhonda Powell - Jimmies Family Restaurant

First runner up: Steven Thomure - Cedarhurst

★BEST DENTIST

Winner: Alanna Temple - West Plains Dental Group

First runner up: Brett Zobell - Ozark Kids Denistry

★BEST ELECTRICIAN

Winner: Shaun Spaulding - SRS Electric

First runner up: Ben Schrippe - BPS Electric

★BEST ENTREPRENEUR

Winner: Traci Wiley - Wiley Insurance

First runner up: Luis De La Cruz - Salon Bliss

★BEST FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Winner: Heather Foster - Edward Jones

First runner up: Jeff Welch - Welch, Couch & Co., PA

★BEST HANDYMAN

Winner: Bobby Logue - Rustic Touch

First runner up: Aaron Ross - That Handyman Van

★BEST INSURANCE AGENT

Winner: Liz Warner - Wiley Insurance Agency

First runner up: Dave Thomas - Shelter Insurance

★BEST LOCAL ARTIST

Winner: Lindsey Thompson - 13 Caloosa Pottery

First runner up: Garrett Melby - Tj Swift Honest Imagination Day Habilitation

★BEST LOCAL AUTO SALESMAN

Winner: Tray Whitsell - Toyota of West Plains

First runner up: Jason Fisher - West Plains Auto World

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★BEST LOCAL HAIRDRESSER

Winner: Annabelle Pryor - Hair by Annabelle

First runner up: Keara Johnson - Keara Johnson Hair Studio

★BEST MASSAGE THERAPIST

Winner: Kayla Diibon - Bloom Day Spa

First runner up: Becky Justus - Bloom Day Spa

★BEST NAIL ARTIST

Winner: Brittany Brixey - Megan Rae's

First runner up: Luis De La Cruz - Salon Bliss

★BEST OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

Winner: Tammy Thies - Ozarks Healthcare

First runner up: Caroline Lurie - Ozarks Healthcare Therapies



★BEST ORTHODONTIST

Winner: Dr. Sanders - Westrock Orthodontics

★BEST PEDIATRICIAN

Winner: Karen Johal - Ozarks Healthcare Pediatrics

First runner up: Dr. Garry Finke - Southern Missouri Community Health Center

★BEST PERSONAL TRAINER

Winner: Trevor Hatfield - 417 Strength & Conditioning

First runner up: Tiffany Hadley - Fitmiss Fitness

★BEST PET GROOMER

Winner: Lorelei Shelton - The Groom Room

First runner up: Donna Smith - Barks N Bubbles

★BEST PHOTOGRAPHER - EVENT

Winner: Emily Gray - Gray Photography

First runner up: Gary Sanders - InFocus Photography

★BEST PHOTOGRAPHER - PEOPLE

Winner: Ashton Turnbull - Ashton Turnbull Photography

First runner up: Patty Ingalls Photography

★BEST PHOTOGRAPHER - SCENIC

Winner: Dennis Crider - Dennis Crider Photography

First runner up (TIE): Gary Sanders - InFocus Photography and Tony Logue - Tony Logue Photography

★BEST PHYSICAL THERAPIST

Winner: Brandyn Batterton - GTS Physical Therapy

First runner up: Logan Miller - Ozark Healthcare Therapies

★BEST PLUMBER

Winner: Jason Elkins - JE Plumbing

First runner up: Cameron Ward - Next Gen Plumbing

★BEST PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER

Winner: Dr. Ryan Vaisler - Ozarks Healthcare

First runner up: Dr. Derek Morrison - Burton Creek Rural Clinic

★BEST REAL ESTATE AGENT

Winner: Tom Caldwell - Ozark Kountry Realty

First runner up: Jessie McDonald - Century 21, Ozark Hills Realty

2025 Best of West Plains Readers' Choice Awards Results

★BEST RESTAURANT SERVER

Winner: Jenn Fetters - Jimmies Family Restaurant

First runner up: Fernando Lopez - SanJuaneros Mexican Restaurant

★BEST TATTOO ARTIST

Winner: Mike Devine - Devine Design

First runner up: Sky Reno - Revelry Ink

★BEST VETERINARIAN

Winner: Dr. Geoff Green - West Plains Veterinary Clinic

First runner up: Wes Gunter - Priority Pet Care

★BEST VOLUNTEER

Winner: Ellen Bivins - First United Methodist Church

First runner up: CJ Collins - Always a Future for Kids

★BEST WOMEN'S HEALTH PRACTITIONER

Winner: Jennifer Rhoads, WHNP-BC - OZH Women's Health

First runner up: Lynn Crites, NP - Burton Creek Rural Clinic

Services

★BEST ABSTRACT & TITLE COMPANY

Winner: Brill Title Company

First runner up: Wiles Abstract & Title Co.

★BEST ANIMAL BOARDING & DAYCARE

Winner: Maggie's Farm Pet Boarding

First runner up: The Groom Room

★BEST ANIMAL GROOMING COMPANY

Winner: Barks N Bubbles

First runner up: All Pet & Equine Supply

★BEST AUCTION COMPANY

Winner: Billy Sexton Auction Services

First runner up: Gary Sexton Auctioneers

★BEST CARPET/FLOORING CLEANER

Winner: Devencenzi Cleaning

First runner up: Partners in Shine

★BEST CHILD CARE CENTER

Winner: Friendship Circle - First United Methodist Church

First runner up: Bright Adventures Learning Center

★BEST CLEANING SERVICE

Winner: Devencenzi Cleaning

First runner up: In Tech Carpet Cleaning and Disaster Restoration

★BEST COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE COMPANY

Winner: Ozark Kountry Realty

First runner up: Century 21, Ozark Hills Realty

★BEST ELECTRIC PROVIDER

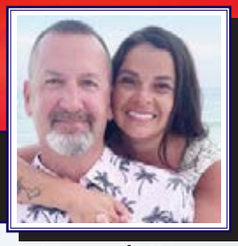
Winner: Howell-Oregon Electric Cooperative

First runner up: City of West Plains

BEST USED AUTO DEALER

and Jason Fisher, runner up Best Local Auto Salesman

THANK YOU FOR YOUR VOTES!



Jason & wife, Yvonne



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2025 Best of West Plains Readers' Choice Awards Results

★BEST ELECTRICAL REPAIR COMPANY

Winner: SRS Electric

First runner up: BPS Electric

★BEST ELECTRICAL SUPPLY STORE

Winner: West Plains Electric Supply

First runner up: Cape Electric

★BEST FENCING & RAIL COMPANY

Winner: Wiley Fencing

First runner up: Reliant Fence

★BEST FLOORING STORE

Winner: Quality Floors

First runner up: ABC Carpet One Floor & Home

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★BEST FUNERAL HOME

Winner: Robertson-Drago Funeral Home

First runner up (TIE): Always Faithful Memorial Services and Carter Funeral Home

★BEST GLASS COMPANY

Winner: T & T Glass

First runner up: Mo Ark Glass

★BEST HEATING & AIR COMPANY

Winner: Butler Heating & Air

First runner up: Current Inc.

★BEST HOME BUILDER COMPANY

Winner: Greg Moss Construction

First runner up: Holden Construction

★BEST HOME IMPROVEMENT COMPANY

Winner: Holden Construction

First runner up: Moore To Love Homes

★BEST INSURANCE AGENCY

Winner: Wiley Insurance

First runner up: Shelter Insurance - Dave Thomas

★BEST INTERIOR DESIGN FIRM

Winner: Moore to Love Homes

First runner up: Ashley Furniture

★BEST INTERNET PROVIDER

Winner: Current, Inc

First runner up: Starlink

★BEST IT SERVICES & COMPUTER REPAIR

Winner: Unified Systems

First runner up: Alpha Computers

★BEST LANDSCAPING COMPANY

Winner: Landscape Legends

First runner up: Barks and Blades

★BEST LAUNDROMAT

Winner: Laundry Land

First runner up: Wash Board

★BEST LAW FIRM

Winner: The Law Office of Jacob Y. Garrett

First runner up: Turner Law Firm

★BEST MOVING COMPANY

Winner: Bartlett Moving & Storage

First runner up: Bales Moving Company

2025 Best of West Plains Readers' Choice Awards Results

★BEST PEST CONTROL COMPANY

Winner: B&B Pest Control

First runner up: All Pest and Termite Services

★BEST PLUMBING COMPANY

Winner: Adams Plumbing

First runner up: Next Gen Plumbing

★BEST PRESCHOOL

Winner: Friendship Circle - First United Methodist Church

First runner up: Bright Adventures Learning Center

★BEST PRINT SHOP

Winner: West Plains Daily Quill

First runner up: KMC Creations

★BEST RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE COMPANY

Winner: Ozark Kountry Realty

First runner up: Century 21, Ozark Hills Realty

★BEST ROOFING COMPANY

Winner: West Plains Roofing

First runner up: Hollis Roofing

★BEST TREE SERVICE COMPANY

Winner: Chop Chop Tree Service

First runner up: Fallwell's Tree Service

★BEST VETERINARY CLINIC

Winner: Mo Cat & Cow Veterinary Clinic

First runner up: West Plains Veterinary Clinic

★BEST WEDDING & EVENT PLANNING COMPANY

Winner: Rubydoo's Vintage Events

First runner up: Historic Post Office

Shopping

★BEST APPLIANCE STORE

Winner: Hawkins Home & Lawn

First runner up: Brown Furniture & Appliance

★BEST ARCHERY STORE

Winner: Broken Bow Archery

First runner up: West Plains Pawn

★BEST AUTO PARTS STORE

Winner: O'Reilly Auto Parts

First runner up: AutoZone

★BEST BOOK STORE

Winner: Book Nook

First runner up: Life Phases

★BEST BOUTIQUE

Winner: Amyx Place

First runner up: Main Street Boutique

★BEST CONSIGNMENT OR THRIFT STORE

Winner: Ozarks Healthcare Foundation Thrift Store

First runner up: Era by Era

★BEST FARM & FEED STORE

Winner: Hirsch Feed & Farm Supply

First runner up: Tractor Supply

★BEST FARM EQUIPMENT STORE

Winner: HIRSCH Feed & Farm Supply

First runner up: Edgeller & Harper Farm Equipment





2025 Best of West Plains Readers' Choice Awards Results

★BEST FLORAL SHOP

Winner: Posey Patch

First runner up: Sugar Lily Bakery & Floral

★BEST FURNITURE STORE

Winner: Brown Furniture and Appliances

First runner up: Green's Furniture

★BEST GIFT STORE

Winner: Amyx Place

First runner up: Country At Heart

★BEST GROCERY STORE

Winner: Aldi

First runner up: Truck Patch

★BEST GUN SHOP

Winner: Guns 4 U

First runner up: West Plains Pawn & Fine Jewelry

★BEST HARDWARE STORE

Winner: Westlake Ace Hardware

First runner up: Harbor Freight

★BEST HOME & GARDEN STORE

Winner: Hirsch Feed & Farm Supply

First runner up: Westlake Ace Hardware

★BEST HOME FURNISHINGS & DÉCOR STORE

Winner: Amyx Place

First runner up: ETC (Koshkonong)

★BEST JEWELRY STORE

Winner: Mulberry Home

First runner up: West Plains Pawn



★BEST LIQUOR STORE

Winner: Mulligan's Package Store

First runner up: Party Pantry

★BEST LUMBER YARD

Winner: R.P. Lumber

First runner up: Meek's

★BEST MATTRESS STORE

Winner: Green Furniture

First runner up: NEA Mattress Direct and Furniture- West Plains

★BEST NEW RETAILER OPEN IN 2025

Winner: Mulberry Home

First runner up: Thirteen Crows Clothing, Oddities & More

★BEST NURSERY & GARDEN CENTER

Winner: West Plains Greenhouses and Nursery

First runner up: Hirsch Feed & Farm Supply

★BEST ORGANIC OR NUTRITION STORE

Winner: The Truck Patch Natural Market

First runner up: JB's Health Mart

★BEST PAWN SHOP

Winner: West Plains Pawn & Fine Jewelry

First runner up: Washington Avenue Pawn

★BEST PET SUPPLY STORE

Winner: All Pet & Equine Supply

First runner up: Richards Brothers

★BEST RENT-TO-OWN BUSINESS

Winner: Graceland of West Plains - Portable Buildings and Metal Buildings

First runner up: RNR Tire Express

★BEST SPECIALTY RETAIL STORE

Winner: Amyx Place

First runner up: All Pet & Equine Supply

★BEST SPIRITUAL RETAIL SHOP

Winner: Amyx Place

First runner up: Life Phases

★BEST SPORTING GOODS STORE

Winner: Monty's Outdoors

First runner up: West Plains Bike Shop

★BEST VAPE & SMOKE SHOP

Winner: Wally's & Bro's Tobacco & Vape

First runner up: Vapor Maven

★BEST VINTAGE/ SECONDHAND MARKET

Winner: Era By Era Resale Emporium

First runner up: Christos House

★BEST WESTERN WEAR

Winner: Circle C&K Clothing and Western Store

First runner up: HB Boot Corral

Nonprofit & Charity Organizations

★BEST ANIMAL RESCUE/ SERVICE

Winner: Ozarks Pet Rescue

First runner up: Friends of Ferals

★BEST ARTS-FOCUSED

Winner: Yellow House Community Arts Center

First runner up: Honest Imaginations

★BEST CHILDREN'S SAFETY/WELL-BEING

Winner: The Chaos Closet

First runner up: 37th Judicial CASA

★BEST CIVIC/SERVICE CLUB

Winner: West Plains Lions Club

First runner up: West Plains Optimist Club

★BEST COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Winner: The Chaos Closet

First runner up (tie): Always a Future for Kids and Christos House, Inc.

★BEST FAITH-BASED

Winner: Whetstone Boys Ranch and Therapeutic Boarding School

First runner up: West Vue

★BEST HISTORICAL/ CULTURAL PRESERVATION

Winner: Lincoln School Project

First runner up: Harlin Museum

★BEST OVERALL NONPROFIT

Winner: West Plains Downtown Revitalization

First runner up: The Chaos Closet

★BEST VOLUNTEER-BASED

Winner: West Plains Optimist Club

First runner up: The Chaos Closet

★BEST YOUTH-FOCUSED

Winner: West Plains Kiwanis Club

First runner up: The Chaos Closet

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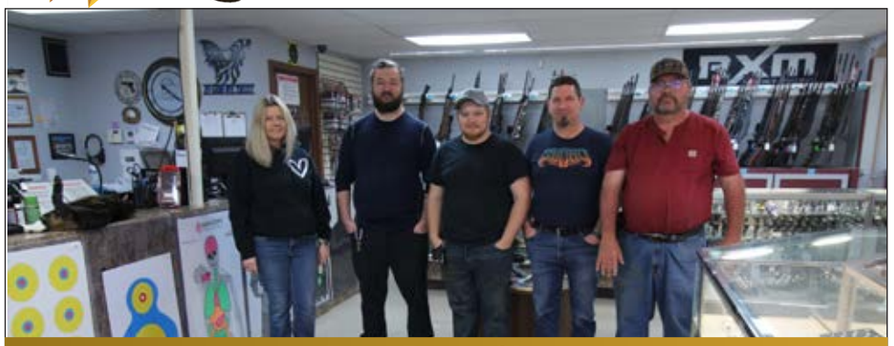


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West Plains Pawn & Fine Jewelry



Best Pawn Shop
Runner Up Best Archery Store, Runner Up Best Gun Shop
& Runner Up Best Jewelry Store

West Plains Pawn & Fine Jewelry, 1713 U.S. 160, Suite 210, West Plains, was voted Best Pawn Shop and runner up in the Best Archery Store, Best Gun Shop and Best Jewelry Store categories. It is conveniently located four minutes south of Walmart on the right side on the way out of town. "When you see the buffalo, turn in!" say staff. With a huge selection of items for sale, customers are sure to find what you're looking for. The shop sells power tools, gas tools, handguns, long guns, ammo, gun accessories, bows, video consoles and games, musical instruments, televisions, jewelry and much more. The crew at West Plains Pawn invite all to come see them from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, or call 417-256-3000. COURTESY

Mr. Dent Collision Repair



Best Auto Body & Collision Shop,
Best Full Service Auto Body Paint &
Best Custom Paint/Wraps

The team at Mr. Dent Collision Repair says, "Thank you for voting us No. 1 Auto Body and Collision, Auto, Full-Service Auto Body and Best in West Plains and the surrounding area in the Best of the Best 2025 Readers' Choice Awards. We are thrilled to have won the award for Best Auto Body Shop for nine consecutive years and look forward to serving the greater West Plains area in 2025." Mr. Dent Collision Repair is located at 725 Missouri Ave. in West Plains. The business' motto is "You're driving home our reputation." For all auto body needs, call 417-257-3368. COURTESY



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Howell-Oregon Electric Cooperative



Best Electric Provider

Howell-Oregon Electric Cooperative, voted by Quill readers as Best Electric Provider, has a mission to be a leader in delivering cost-efficient, reliable energy with value-added service to its member-owners. Headquartered in West Plains, HOEC provides reliable distribution of cost-efficient electricity to over 25,000 homes and businesses of south-central Missouri across six counties: Douglas, Ozark, Texas, Shannon, Howell and Oregon. HOEC was formed on Aug. 15, 1939, under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936. HOEC is owned by the members it serves; therefore, the members control the cooperative. With this local control, the board of directors, elected by members, make decisions in the best interest of the members in the co-op's service area. HOEC is not profit-driven; as a cooperative, it strives to keep costs low and quality of service high for its member-owners. FILE PHOTO

West Plains Posey Patch



Best Floral Shop

West Plains Posey Patch, 437 Porter Wagoner Blvd., is family-owned and operated by florists with over 100 years of combined experience. The business opened as Honeysuckle Rose in 1986 before later becoming West Plains Posey Patch. "We have enjoyed serving the community for 40 years," said staff. "Thank you West Plains for voting us Best of the Best throughout the years!" COURTESY

Robertson-Drago Funeral Home



Best Funeral Home

Robertson-Drago Funeral Home was voted Best Funeral Home in the Quill's readers' choice contest. The funeral home is located at 211 W. Main St., West Plains and offers funeral and memorial services and also cremation. In business since 1934, the funeral home is owned by Charles and Pam Drago. Call 417-256-2121 for funeral needs." COURTESY

West Plains Electric Supply



Best Electrical Supply Store

West Plains Electric Supply is a family-owned business that opened to the community in 1986, serving West Plains and the surrounding areas. Striving to meet all residential, commercial and light industrial needs, the business prides itself on exceeding the standard customer service expectations while building long-lasting relationships with its customers. Owner Sherri Jolliff came to work for the business' original owner Ronnie Newberry in 1987, then, in 1996, purchased the store from Newberry. Shortly after, Rick Jolliff joined the crew in 1997 working as a counter salesman and as part of the purchasing department. Sales manager and counter salesman Nat Sledge has been with the business since 1995 providing the company with 50 years of electrical knowledge. Kayla Watson started working within the business at 15 and is now the office manager. Addison Watson is the next generation in training. While the staff keeps this business running, its customers are what keep the doors open. "Without them we would not have been able to provide nearly 40 years of service," said staff. "Thanks to all that have voted for this business as West Plains Best of the Best Electrical Supply House 2025. We are greatly honored and looking forward to serving our community in the years to come." COURTESY

The Fuel House



Best Coffee

The Fuel House owners Lucas and Katrina Williams would like to thank everyone for voting them Best Coffee for 2025. "We're proud to serve our community from our location at 703 Porter Wagoner Blvd. in West Plains, and also in Eminence!" they said. The couple continued, "We're a family-owned coffee shop that opened in 2024 with a mission to keep you fueled for the day. We offer a wide variety of drink options to suit every taste and mood. As we continue to grow, we're slowly adding more to our menu and business, so be sure to follow us on Facebook for the latest updates! Thank you for supporting local. We can't wait to serve you soon!" COURTESY

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West Plains Dental Group



Best Dental Practice & Best Dentist, Alanna Temple

West Plains Dental Group was chosen Best Dental Practice and Dr. Alanna Temple, DDS, was voted Best Dentist in the 2025 Best of West Plains Reader's Choice Awards. Dr. Temple, along with Dr. Brian Morrison, DDS, specialize in maintaining clients' dental health and helping them improve their appearance. They offer comprehensive dental treatment and take great pride in the comfortable, family-friendly environment they provide for their patients. Make an appointment by calling 417-256-3020. The office is located at 1725 Hull St. in West Plains. Staff, front row, from left: Stef Clark, Jesse Hawkins, Crista Ledbetter, Kristine Eades and Casey Whisenant. Back row: Temple, dental hygienist Christy Ramseur, Angela Juline, Brandi Alterman, Katie Bowers, Diana Ford and Morrison. COURTESY

West Plains Council on the Arts



Best Adult Arts Program and Best Festival, Ozark Heritage Festival (Old-Time Music, Ozark Heritage Festival)

West Plains Council on the Arts was voted Best Adult Arts Program in the recent Readers' Choice Best of contest. The council was established in 1975 by a group of individuals who wanted to make arts a vital part of the West Plains' community. Exhibitions, performances, art education, sponsoring the Ozark Heritage Festival (Old Time Music Ozark Heritage Festival), as well as holding various classes and workshops make up the council's mission. Tara Shahan teaches monthly traditional crafting workshops such as the candle and wax melt shown in the photo. For more information about this and other upcoming workshops and events see the arts council on Facebook: @westplainsarts2 or email info@westplainsarts.org, or call Kathleen Morrissey at 417-293-7751. COURTESY

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Winner - Best Place for a Massage
Winner - Best Wellness Center
Winner - Best Massage Therapist - Kayla Diibon - Smith
Runner Up - Best Massage Therapist - Becky Justus

Ozarks Heritage Festival (Old-Time Music, Ozarks Heritage Festival)



Best Local Festival

The Ozarks Heritage Festival (Old-Time Music, Ozarks Heritage Festival), presented by West Plains Council on the Arts, was voted Best Local Festival. The festival began over 30 years ago when musicians came to the arts council and suggested a festival celebrating their local music which they called old-time. Different from country or bluegrass, old-time is passed down through generations and heard in homes and barns and on front porches. The endeavor has required partnerships and community support to thrive for 32 years. "We are honored to be among the Best of West Plains," say council members. "We rest on the shoulders of those participants from every walk of life who make this festival their own. It is the best of who we are and who we are becoming in our own hometown. The festival will be held Oct. 16 and 17 this year. The Roe Family Singers, pictured above, have performed for several years at the festival. We invite the public to come and celebrate the Ozarks heritage this year! COURTESY

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Southern Edge Band



Best Local Band

Southern Edge Band was chosen as Best Local Band in the Quill's Best of West Plains contest. The outfit describes itself as a "country band on the edge of rock." For booking information, call Monte at 417-254-4103 or Gene at 417-274-1557. The band can also be found Facebook @SouthernEdgeBand. COURTESY

Southern Missouri ENT & Allergy



Best Otolaryngology/Ear, Nose & Throat Practice & Runner Up Best Hearing Care Practice

Southern Missouri ENT & Allergy was chosen Best Otolaryngology/Ear, Nose & Throat Practice and Runner Up Best Hearing Care Practice. Dr. Jeffrey Hull and his staff have been providing specialized ear, nose and throat care to West Plains and southern Missouri since 2002. Dr. Hull, along with his team work together to diagnose and treat patients' ENT symptoms and provide solutions to improve their healthcare. They offer the latest, most innovative care and state-of-the-art medical and surgical technology is used for the diagnosis and management of ear, nose, throat and allergy disorders. The office, along with Southern Missouri Hearing Specialists, LLC, provides treatment for hearing loss/disorders and vertigo. Dr. Hull provides surgical services at the West Plains Ambulatory Surgery Center as well as Ozarks Healthcare and Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center. The friendly staff is eager to assist customers and their families in their otolaryngology needs. Southern Missouri ENT & Allergy, PC is proud to offer services to patients of all ages. Call 417-255-1373 or visit the office at 1409 Doctors Drive, West Plains. COURTESY

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"At Wiley Fencing, we offer a proven track record of creative quality fencing design and construction," they continued. "We take great pride in providing exceptional service by providing custom solutions for each project. Coupled with the best pricing, this makes the perfect solution for success. It is our goal to offer services that are unmatched by the rest. No job is too big or too small; we offer services you can trust."

They concluded, "We are proud to have earned the reputation of being a market leader in residential and commercial fencing design and construction. Call to schedule your free quote and find out why we have been voted the best of the best!"

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Toyota of West Plains



Best New Auto Dealer

Toyota of West Plains was voted Best New Auto Dealer. Located at 1802 Porter Wagoner Blvd., West Plains, the business was established in 1989. Toyota offers a huge selection of new and used vehicles, Toyota service and parts, an online inventory and outstanding financing options. Come in and visit your hometown Toyota dealer today. Call 417-256-1212 or find the dealership on the web: toyotaofwestplains.com. FILE PHOTO

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Best Plumbing Company

Adams Plumbing was voted Best Plumbing Company. Started in May 1975 by Ron and Sharon Adams, Adams Plumbing specializes in new home construction. The business provides a range of plumbing services to residential and commercial clients. Their sons Steve and Scott Adams run the daily operations, and the two of them have over 70 years combined experience in plumbing. They offer reliable and efficient solutions for various plumbing needs, ensuring customer satisfaction and peace of mind. Call Adams Plumbing at 417-256-6347 for your plumbing needs. From left: Scott Adams, Steve Adams, Ron Adams, Hayden Lovin and Jim Lewis. COURTESY

Pizza Inn



Best Place to Eat with Kids

"On behalf of my wife, Sara, and the entire staff, we are thrilled to be recognized as the Best Place to Eat with Kids by readers of the West Plains Daily Quill! This recognition is a heartfeltt testament to the family-friendly atmosphere, delicious food and welcoming service that Pizza Inn West Plains strives to provide daily," shared owner Jeff Hicks, owner of the West Plains Pizza Inn. Pizza Inn is more than just a place to eat — it's a place where memories are made. From the endless buffet to the friendly smiles from staff who treat every guest like family, it warms the Hicks' hearts to know that parents and kids alike see Pizza Inn as their go-to family dining destination, he said, adding, "And right now, you can enjoy the amazing buffet for only $8, Monday through Friday! It's the perfect way to enjoy a great meal without breaking the bank. Whether you're celebrating a special occasion, enjoying a family night out or just craving a slice of your favorite pizza, Pizza Inn is proud to be your top choice for kid-friendly dining in West Plains." Visit the restaurant at 1805 Bruce Smith Parkway or call 417-596-9800. FILE PHOTO



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West Plains Farmers & Artisans Market



Best Holistic Health and Wellness Care

Staff at West Plains Farmers and Artisans Market, 218 W. Main St., West Plains, extend their heartfelt thanks to everyone who voted the business Best Holistic Health and Wellness Care. "This recognition reflects the incredible community support behind our market and the dedication of the 40 local farmers, artisans and small businesses who work tirelessly to provide fresh, wholesome and handcrafted products to our area," they said. "Each vendor brings passion, knowledge and care into what they create, and together they help promote healthier lifestyles and stronger local connections." The year-round, indoor farmers market features locally raised and produced goods including grass fed, grass finished beef, pork, lamb, poultry and rabbit; eggs; fresh baked goods and sourdough; produce; fermented foods; local honey; spices; teas; fresh roasted coffee; prepared meals; bath and body products; seeds and plants; crafts; gifts; and more. The first soap refill station in West Plains featuring plant-derived, dye-free, fragrance-free will be coming soon! Stop by between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturdays. Visit the Facebook page at "West Plains Farmers & Artisans Market." STAFF / ABBY HESS

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Teeny Tiny Town



Best Kids' Activities

Teeny Tiny Town, at 919 Preacher Roe Blvd. in West Plains, was voted Best Kids' Activities in the Quill's Best of West Plains contest. Owners Steven and MaKenzie Hackworth, shown here on their first opening day as owners, want to thank everyone for voting for them. Their goal is to provide a safe and nurturing children's indoor play area that prioritizes motor skills, communication and imagination. Teeny Tiny Town's mission is to let children learn through imaginative play and hands-on exploration. Play areas include a fi e station, gas station, cafe, doll house, market, vet clinic, construction, classroom and a sensory room that allows children to experience different fun and safe sensory activities with different textures. Open parties or a private party room is available for all party needs. No appointment is necessary during regular weekly hours: Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.Saturday. The facility is closed Wednesdays and Sundays, but appointments may be scheduled for those days. Find Teeny Tiny Town on the web at teenytinytownllc.com or call 417-257-9811 for more information." COURTESY

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El Charro Mexican Restaurant & Grill



Best Cocktail, Best Happy Hour, Best Place for a Business Lunch, Best Restaurant Service & Best Takeout Runner Up Best Place to Eat with Kids, Runner Up Best Catering Company, Runner Up Best Mexican Restaurant & Runner Up Best Overall Restaurant

"Thank you to our community for nominating and voting El Charro Mexican Restaurant & Grill in the 2025 Best of the Best!" staff at El Charro Mexican Restaurant & Grill, winner of numerous accolades from Quill readers. "We thank our customers for your continued support." See menu offerings online at westplains.elcharrobelle.com. The restaurant at 1409 Mitchell Drive is open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sundays. Call 417-255-0992 for more information. COURTESY

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Best Fitness Gym
Trevor K. Hatfield - Best Personal Trainer

417 Strength & Conditioning was voted Best Fitness Gym and Trevor K. Hatfield, owner, was voted Best Personal Trainer. "Although we have only been open a short six months, I have been doing this for 14 years. To my family, friends, and clients, I want to say thank you for choosing me. In a world where there's so many options, thank you for choosing to support my business time and time again. For that, I am grateful for all of you. With that said, let's forge some lifelong fitness, friendships and memories together, " said Hatfield. Go by and see them at 220 North Kentucky Ave., West Plains, call 417-293-8137 or see them on Facebook. They are a 1st Phorm Authorized Dealer. From left: athlete Liz Warner, athlete Nikita Gale and owner Trevor K. Hatfield COURTESY

SOUTHERN EDGE - Voted Best Local Band



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Current High Speed



Best Internet Provider

Current High Speed, 668 U.S. 63, West Plains, was voted Best Internet Provider for the second year in a row. The company was founded out of necessity to serve areas where reliable internet service might not have been available. "What began as a need in our community to serve customers who enjoy the country lifestyle, has turned into a bustling network," said company officials. "What is the Current Difference? We are a local company, whose employees live in your area. Our office is local, and you are always welcome to stop in, make a payment, check service availability or just visit. We take great pride in offering exceptional customer service, and our knowledgeable technicians are the best, whether it is our aboveground, underground, splicers or service/installers. Give us a call today to see if our service is available in your area, 417-778-4178." COURTESY

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B & B Pest Control



Best Pest Control Company

"What a privilege it is that you have selected B & B Pest Control as one of the Best of the Best of West Plains for 2025. We are so honored," said owner Bobby Pankey. "Your support over the years has allowed us to remain in business for over 30 years. So, to that we say thank you West Plains and surrounding area!" Call B & B Pest Control at 417-256-9846. . FILE PHOTO



The Harlin Museum of West Plains



Best Museum,
Runner Up Best Historical/Cultural Preservation

Recognized by readers of the Quill as Best Museum and Runner-Up for Best Nonprofit Historical and Cultural Preservation Organization, the Harlin Museum of West Plains is a community-centered institution dedicated to preserving and sharing the history and art of the Ozarks. Located at 405 Worcester St. in West Plains, the museum continues a long tradition of cultural stewardship. The museum traces its origins to the former home of James P. Harlin, a long-serving mayor and prominent local banker. While the original residence is no longer standing, the museum is evolving to meet the needs of modern preservation, exhibition and public engagement. Today, the facility includes gallery spaces designed to support rotating exhibits, regional artwork, historical artifacts and educational programming. In 2005, the upstairs Hathcock Gallery was named in honor of Roy Hathcock, a longtime board member and museum president whose dedication helped guide the museum's growth. Operating as a volunteer-run, nonprofit cultural center since the early 1970s, the museum thrives through the support of its board, volunteers, artists and community partners. The Harlin Museum's mission is to promote and preserve the history and art of the Ozarks while engaging visitors through exhibits, programs and hands-on experiences. The museum is open noon to 4 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays. COURTESY



Heather Foster - Edward Jones



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Best Financial Advisor

"Daily, I dedicate myself to providing an exceptional experience for my clients. My approach to working with families focuses on three key areas: building their wealth, enhancing their lifestyle and helping them create the legacy they envision," said Heather Foster, a financial advisor with Edward Jones voted the best in her field by Quill readers. "My clients often have complex wealth needs, seek effective tax strategies and prefer to delegate investment management."

"Before engaging with a prospective client, I conduct an in-depth analysis of their lifestyle, goals and aspirations, ensuring I understand what is most important to them and what they aim to achieve both now and in the future," Foster continued. "I possess education and experience to help you meet your financial goals. I earned my bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia and my master's degree from Missouri State University. To further enhance my ability to serve clients, I earned the CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER®, or CFP®, certification."

Foster's service also extends beyond her role as a financial advisor. "Prior to Edward Jones, I served within the U.S. House of Representatives and Missouri State University," she shared. "My husband, Steve, and I have a blended family of seven, and you'll often find us at high school or university athletic events or serving on community boards. Making a lasting, meaningful difference is important to me! Let me know how my team and I can help you."

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Children's Ballet of the Ozarks



Best Youth Arts Program

The Children's Ballet of the Ozarks studio opened its doors in January 2016 with a heartfelt purpose: to give children in the Ozarks a place to grow, both as dancers and as people. When founder Malai Copling moved to the area, she struggled to find a ballet studio that met the training, care and values she wanted for her own children. With over 40 years of experience in dance and teaching, she chose to create that space herself. From the very beginning, the studio has been about more than dance. "While correct, safe and thoughtful training is at the core of everything we do, what truly matters is watching our dancers grow in confidence, kindness and resilience," said studio staff. "Dance teaches responsibility, teamwork, perseverance and grace on and off the stage. Over the past 10 years, we have had the privilege of walking alongside our dancers through their journeys. We celebrate their achievements, support them through challenges and take pride in the strong, compassionate individuals they become. Our studio is a place where dancers are encouraged to work hard, dream big and care deeply. We are honored to be part of so many stories and look forward to many more years of growth and artistry." COURTESY



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Ozarks Healthcare has been selected by readers of the West Plains Daily Quill as the 2025 Best Regional Hospital, an honor that reflects the organization's continued commitment to providing exceptional care and services across the region. In addition to the top hospital recognition, Ozarks Healthcare clinics, services and providers earned numerous first-place awards spanning a wide range of specialties.

Ozarks Healthcare was named Best Employer and received first-place recognition for Best Cardiology Practice, Best Hospice Care, Best In-Home Care, Best Medical Supply Company, Best Mental Health Practice, Best Neurology Practice, Best Oncology Practice, Best Orthopedic Surgery Practice, Best Pediatric Practice, Best Pharmacy, Best Podiatrist Practice, Best Urgent Care Facility, and Best Women's Health Care Practice. The organization's foundation also earned top honors for Best Consignment or Thrift Store, further reflecting the breadth of services that support patients and the community.

Several individual providers were also recognized with first-place awards, including Tammy Thies as Best Occupational Therapist, Dr. Karen Johal as Best Pediatrician, Dr. Ryan Vaisler as

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Best Occupational Therapist, Tammy Thies; Best Pediatrician, Dr. Karen Johal; Best Primary Care Provider, Dr. Ryan Vaisler & Best Women's Health Practitioner, Jennifer Rhoads, WHNP-BC
Runner Up Best Physical Therapy Clinic
Runner Up Best Occupational Therapist, Caroline Lurie & Runner Up Best Physical Therapist Logan Miller

Best Primary Care Provider, and Jennifer Rhoads as Best Women's Health Practitioner.

In addition to the first-place awards, Ozarks Healthcare received runner-up recognition for Best Physical Therapy Clinic, with Caroline Lurie named runner-up for Best Occupational Therapist and Logan Miller named runner-up for Best Physical Therapist.

Our Community. Our Commitment. Our Care.

At Ozarks Healthcare, our mission goes beyond medicine — it's rooted in a promise to care for our friends, families, and neighbors with excellence and compassion. We continue to grow and evolve to meet the ever-changing healthcare needs of the communities we serve across south-central Missouri and north-central Arkansas. Our healthcare system offers a full spectrum of services through a growing medical group that includes over 30 clinics and specialty locations. From family medicine to advanced specialty care, we are proud to provide high-quality, accessible healthcare close to home.



Primary and Specialty Care

At the heart of Ozarks Healthcare is a strong network of primary care providers located throughout the region, including West Plains, Gainesville, Mountain View, and beyond. Our family medicine and internal medicine clinics serve as the foundation for wellness, prevention, and long-term care. In addition to primary care, our patients have access to a wide range of specialty services, including cardiology, endocrinology, orthopedics, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, psychiatry, pain management, general surgery, and more. Whether it's managing chronic conditions or offering expert care during unexpected health challenges, our specialists bring years of experience and advanced training to every patient interaction.

Hospital-Based Services

Our hospital in West Plains serves as a central hub for inpatient and outpatient care, surgical services, emergency care, and more. Ozarks Healthcare continues to invest in the resources and technologies needed to deliver modern, efficient care. We also offer intensive care, labor and delivery, diagnostic imaging, laboratory testing, and pharmacy services, all under one roof. Our team is committed to delivering care with the latest medical advancements, while maintaining a personal, hometown approach.

Behavioral Health and Therapies

Our Behavioral Health Center is a vital part of the system, providing outpatient and inpatient mental health services for children, adolescents, and adults. We believe in treating the whole person — mind and body — and strive to reduce the stigma around mental health care by offering compassionate, confidential services in a safe environment. Our comprehensive therapies department includes physical, occupational, and speech therapy, as well as a certified hand therapist. These services support patients recovering from injury, surgery, or illness, helping them regain strength, function, and independence.

Cancer Treatment and Infusion Services

The Ozarks Healthcare Cancer Treatment Center offers local access to world-class oncology care. From chemotherapy to hematology and supportive services, our team provides personalized care plans that meet each patient's unique needs.

Growing with You

As our medical group continues to grow, we remain focused on one thing: you. Every new provider we welcome, every clinic we open, and every service we expand is a reflection of our ongoing commitment to this region.

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At Ozarks Healthcare, we are proud to be more than a health system — we are your neighbors, your advocates, and your partners in health.

Welch, Couch & Co., PA



Best Accounting Firm & Best Tax Preparation Company Runner Up Best Accountant & Runner Up Best Financial Advisor, Jeff Welch

Quill readers voted Welch, Couch & Co., PA, Best Accounting Firm and Best Tax Preparation Company. Welch, Couch & Company, 1386 Bill Virdon Blvd., a public accounting firm founded over 50 years ago with offices in West Plains and Batesville, Salem, and Little Rock, Ark., offers services including tax planning and preparation, bookkeeping, payroll and financial statement audits to individuals, businesses, nonprofits and governmental entities. With a staff of about 25 accounting professionals, the firm prides itself on being a trusted advisor held to high professional standards as a CPA firm and the local office is led by partners Jeff Welch and Allen Brinkman. Welch, who was voted as runner up for Best Accountant and Best Financial Advisor, is a certified public accountant and attorney with 25 years of experience in taxation and business advisory. He handles income tax planning and compliance, auditing, estate and business planning, IRS representation and wealth management for individuals and businesses. Licensed in Missouri and Arkansas, Welch resides in West Plains with his family and assists clients in achieving their financial goals. Call 417-256-6624 or email info@welchcouch.com. Seated, from left: Carla Tryon, Kacy Welch and Emily Gregory. Standing: Cheryl Presswood, Allen Brinkman, Jeff Welch and Cathy Ousley. COURTESY

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Dennis Crider - Dennis Crider Photography



Best Photographer (Scenic)

Dennis Crider, voted Best Scenic Photographer in the Quill's Best of West Plains contest, stands in front of his current exhibit, The Great American West, on display at the West Plains Civic Center through mid-February. Crider has been doing photography since he was 4 years old, photographed for a wedding at the age of 15 years and was a photographer in high school and college. Many readers will remember Crider from his West Plains Daily Quill days. He started with the Quill in 1969 as a general assignment reporter/photographer, became sports editor in 1986 and retired from the Quill in 2008. In 2023, he was inducted into the Missouri Photojournalism Hall of Fame. He currently shows his work in exhibits and art shows in Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas and Oklahoma. Contact Crider at 417-274-7101, email criderpics@gmail.com or visit his website criderphotography.biz. COURTESY

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The West Plains clinic is led by Brandyn Batterton, a doctor of physical therapy from Viola, Ark., where he lives with his wife and two daughters. His hometown roots influence the way care is delivered every day: with integrity, compassion and a genuine desire to help people get back to living fully. The clinic provides both physical and occupational therapy, focusing on identifying the root cause of pain and limitations rather than temporary fixes.

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"Every dish we serve is made with passion and with the commitment to provide you with an authentic and memorable experience.

"Thank you for being a part of our story and this great achievement, We will continue working with the same enthusiasm and dedication to always welcome you with the flavors of Mexico and the warmth that distinguishes us.

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Impact Dance Complex



Best Dance Studio

Impact Dance Complex, voted Best Dance Studio, is a full dance studio located at 305 Washington Ave., West Plains, offering programs for students ages 2 to adult. Studio staff believe in the impact of solid arts and athletics programs in the lives of youth, and in the impact those youth will have in their community. Join them for ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, musical theater, tumbling and contemporary/modern and discover what it means to "dance your impact!" The photo here is from the studio's production of " a Roarin' Holiday Spectacular." Impact Dance's next production will take the stage June 27 and 28 at the West Plains Civic Center. Contact the studio by phone at 417-280-6992 or email impactdancecomplex@gmail.com. COURTESY

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West Plains Lions Club



West Plains Lions Club members donate warming blankets to Ozarks Healthcare Cancer Treatment Center. COURTESY

Best Civic/Service Club

The West Plains Lions Club has received the honor of being named 2025 Best Civic/Service Club, a distinction that celebrates the club's ongoing commitment to community service and its life-changing work, providing glasses for local children in need.

Founded in 1917, Lions Club International has grown into the world's largest service organization with a presence in over 200 countries. Members are guided by its enduring motto "We Serve." Lions continue to lead grassroots efforts in a wide range of humanitarian needs from recent disaster supplies to youth programs.

Locally, the West Plains Lions Club has made a profound impact with its vision program, ensuring the children from underserved families receive vital exams and corrective glasses. Poor vision remains a significant barrier to success in school and the Lions' assistance helps students see clearly to reach their full potential.

"Receiving this award is a reflection to our members' dedication and the support that we receive from our local community," said members. The Lions' commitment to care dates back to 1915, when Helen Keller famously challenged the Lions to become "knights of the blind."

The club has also been involved with used eyeglass collection/repurposing; college scholarships for local high school students; food and hygiene donations to Christos House, Samaritan Outreach and Foster Adopt Connect; warming blankets for Ozarks Healthcare Cancer Center; and $5,000 in disaster relief supplies following the March 14, 2025, tornado.

The West Plains Lions Club is actively seeking new members who are passionate about giving back.

"Thank you to each one of you that voted for our club and for this honor. We are proud to serve and excited for our future," said members. "We would love to have you join us as we meet the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the West Plains Holiday Inn. You can also find us on Facebook for updates."

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Best Archery Store

Broken Bow Archery would like to thank Quill readers for their continued support and for voting the company the Best Archery Store. "We are excited to announce that Broken Bow is now located inside Hirsch Feed & Farm Supply at 789 Worley Drive, West Plains," said company officials Founded and operated by Robert Burtrum, Broken Bow Archery has served generations of archers in the Ozarks and has been recognized as one of the top 100 archery retailers in the nation. "We look forward to seeing you at our new location," staff said. To learn more, call 417-256-3749. COURTESY

Billy Sexton Auctions



Best Auction Company

Billy Sexton Auctions was voted Best Auction Company. Sexton has run his own auctioneering business for over 36 years. Justin Kraft, who has been an auctioneer for the last 18 years, joined Sexton in 2018, helping out in all aspects of each auction event in West Plains and the surrounding area. They often donate their efforts for good causes and benefits, including the annual West Plains Cystic Fibrosis Music Concert. Contact Sexton at 417-257-4595 or Kraft at 417-274-0073, or check them out on the web www.sextonauctions.com. FILE PHOTO

Hirsch Feed & Farm Supply



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Hirsch Feed & Farm Supply has been named Best Farm and Feed Store, Best Farm Equipment Store, Best Home & Garden Store and Runner-Up for Best Nursery & Garden Center; an honor that reflects the business' continued growth and long-standing commitment to serving the agricultural and rural needs of the community.

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In addition to retail offerings, Hirsch Feed & Farm Supply features a full-service repair shop open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, staffed by experienced technicians, as well as a growing selection of equipment rentals to meet short-term and seasonal needs.

Customers continue to rely on Hirsch Feed & Farm Supply for dependable products, knowledgeable staff and personalized service. The store's commitment to adapting to customer needs while maintaining strong community values has earned it a loyal customer base.

"This recognition means a great deal to us," said representatives of Hirsch Feed & Farm Supply. "It reflects the trust our customers place in us and the dedication of our team to providing quality products and services. Visit us Monday through Saturday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m." COURTESY

Cattlemens Steakhouse



Best Steak

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Jimmie's Family Restaurant placed in several categories in the Best of 2025. Jenn Fetters was voted Best Restaurant Server and Rhonda Powell was voted Best Chef. Fetters has worked with owner Jimmie Kincheloe for 13 years, and Powell has worked with him for 23 years. Along with the two individual awards, the restaurant received runner up mentions for Best BBQ, Best Breakfast or Brunch, Best Diner, Best Fish, Best Fried Chicken, Best Pasta, Best Place for Business Lunch and Best Seafood. Located at 805 Porter Wagoner Blvd., West Plains, the restaurant was started in 2003. It is known not only for its specialty of catfish and walleye, but also offers a diverse menu to satisfy 'most anyone's cravings. Breakfast is served daily all day long and hot plate specials are on the menu. Stop in and try their popular BBQ ribs, served on Saturdays. Jimmie's is open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays. Dine in or call 417-256-1538 for carryout. From left: Karen Lohner, Powell, Jackie Burgess and Fetters. COURTESY

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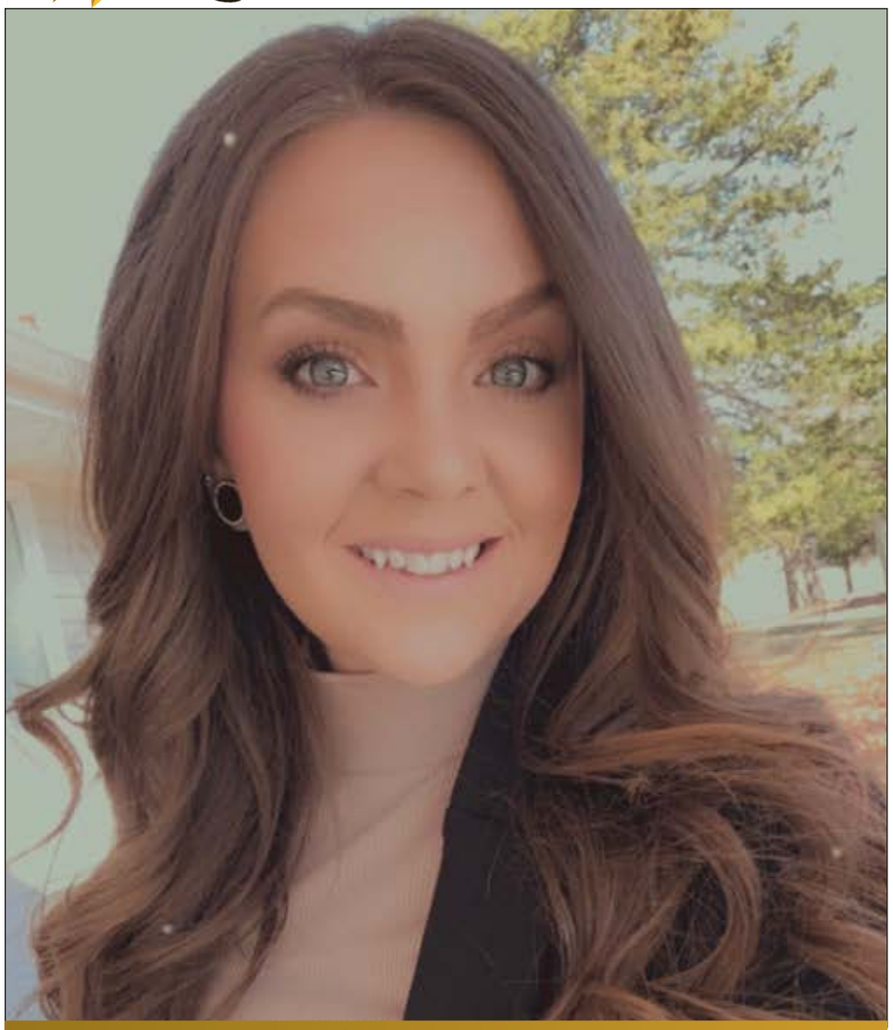
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West Plains Elks Lodge 2418



Kiersten Stiebs, Best Bartender

Kiersten Stiebs joined the West Plains Elks Lodge as a bartender the night of the huge flood in 2017. "For almost 10 years she's been a part of our lodge family," said lodge officials. "Kiersten doesn't just serve drinks; she serves our members with a smile, a quick wit and great sense of humor. Whether it's a busy event or a quiet afternoon, she handles it all with total ease. A huge congratulations to the best of the best bartender around Kiersten Stiebs! The West Plains Elks Lodge 2418 wouldn't be the same without her. Cheers to you, Kiersten—thank you for everything you do!"

And a special congrats from Kiersten's kiddos:

"Congratulations to not only the best bartender, but also the best mom and best friend we could ever hope for! We are incredibly proud of everything you have accomplished this past year. You are an exceptional role model, hard-working, talented and always striving to be better than the day before. Thank you so much for building us this amazing life and for all memories along the way. Just know that as we grow older, we will always need our Tum Tums! And we know that no matter where we are, we always have you to lean on and seek advice from. Congratulations again, and I'm sure you know, but you have always been the best! Now you have the title to show for it! Keep being amazing, funny, strong, loving and, of course, the best! We love you so much, Mom!" . COURTESY

Annabelle Pryor, Hair by Annabelle



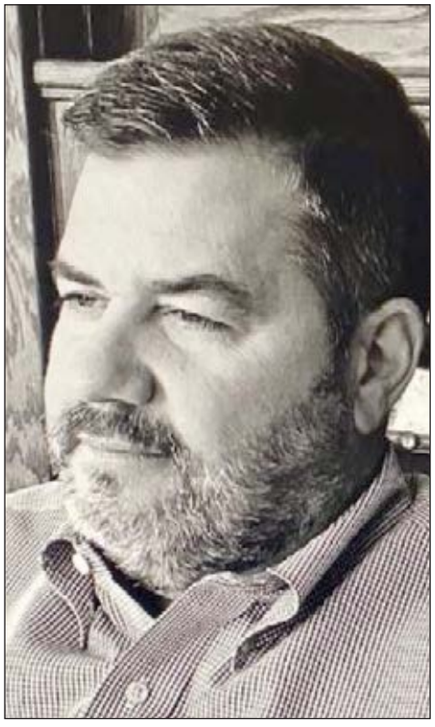
Best Local Hairdresser

Annabelle Pryor of Hair by Annabelle was voted Best Local Hairdresser in the Best of West Plains contest. Annabelle operates out of Avenue Salon, located at 108 E. Third St. in West Plains, where she provides a range of professional hair services to area clients. She specializes in curly hair and enjoys doing a variety of braid and dreadlock styles. She shares her work and connects with customers on Facebook at Hair by Annabelle, on Instagram @hair.by_annabelle, and on TikTok @hair_by_annabelle. Message her or call 573-247-4393 to book an appointment.. COURTESY

Law Office of Jacob Y. Garrett

Best Law Firm & Runner Up Best Attorney

Jacob Y. Garrett, a native of West Plains, has been in the practice of law for 34 years. Attorney Garrett emphasizes his practice in the areas of estate planning, probate, corporate law and criminal law. The Law Office of Jacob Y. Garrett is located in the historic Zorn Building, 202 Aid Ave., West Plains. Garrett was recently voted Reader's Choice Best Attorney 2025. One may contact Garrett or one of his knowledgeable staff members at 417-255-2222. FILE PHOTO



Misfits Barber Co.



Best Barbershop

"We at Misfits Barber Co. would like to say thank you to our community for the nominations and votes for Best of West Plains," said owner Kody Miller. "It's an honor to have even been considered, so we'd like to extend our deepest appreciation for our hometown community for all the love and support over the last five years! Come and see us to get cleaned up for any occasion. We're open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. We look forward to serving the community for many years to come!" COURTESY

Jeff Wood



Best Baker, Runner Up Best Bakery

“I am overwhelmed and honored to receive this award!” said independent baker Jeff Wood of West Plains. “I am indebted to my wife who I work alongside every day with and does everything, my son who helps bake and decorate and my other son who helps with the adds. Mostly I thank God for the opportunity to put a smile on someone’s face by giving them something I baked and decorated. I’m so grateful for loyal patient customers.” He noted that his baking career has seen a generation grow up. “Some of them, I have done their 1-year-old kid’s cake and their senior graduation cakes and wedding,” Wood laughed. “I pray every day for all the other decorators and bakers that they will succeed tremendously! After all that’s what makes a great community is everyone being blessed. Baking and decorating can be very humbling at times, but just trust God for ideas and His help everyday! Thank you very much to the Daily Quill for such an amazing opportunity.”. COURTESY



Lincoln School Project



Best Nonprofit Historical/Cultural Preservation Organization

“We extend our heartfelt thanks to our community for voting for Lincoln School Project as Best Historical Cultural Preservation this year. Your support affirms that our shared history matters and that the stories rooted within these walls continue to resonate across generations,” said project founders Crockett and Tonya Oaks III. “This recognition is especially meaningful as Lincoln School celebrates its centennial — 100 years of existence. Built during the segregation era as a one-room Black school, Lincoln School stands as a testament to resilience, determination and hope. It was shaped by ancestors who believed education was liberation and who invested in a future they might never fully see. Over the decades, many have known this building in different ways — as a school, a VFW Post, a life skills center or a place of Alcoholics Anonymous; yet its purpose never wavered. Those who passed through its doors found guidance, support, dignity and solutions. Lincoln School has always been a place of refuge. As we honor its past, we celebrate its continued presence as a living monument — reminding us that preservation is not just about buildings, but about people, purpose and possibility. Thank you for helping us carry this legacy forward.”. COURTESY

Best of 2025

Thank you for your votes!

WEST PLAINS COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

Winner: Best Adult Arts Program

The council was established in 1975. They sponsor exhibitions, performances, art education, as well as holding various classes and workshops. For information about upcoming workshops and events see us on Facebook: facebook.com/westplainsarts2/ or our website info@westplainsarts.org or you may call Kathleen Morrissey at 417-293-7751.

OZARK HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Winner: Best Local Festival

West Plains' Signature Event

For over 30 years, the West Plains Council On The Arts has sponsored the Old Time Music Ozark Heritage Festival (now named Ozark Heritage Festival). This event will be held October 16 & 17, 2026. For information go to ozarkheritagefestival.org

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The Ozark Café



Best Breakfast or Brunch & Best Diner

The Ozark Café, 622 Missouri Ave. in West Plains, was voted Best Breakfast or Brunch and Best Diner. Business hours are from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays, and 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays. Check out the menu at theozarkcafewestplains.com or call 417-255-0623 for more information. COURTESY PHOTO

Pine Meadows Venue



Best Wedding Venue

"We are very grateful to have won the Best of West Plains again this year!" officials with Pine Meadows Venue, 1449 Highway 76 in Willow Springs. The business was chosen by Quill readers as the Best Wedding Venue of 2025. "As a locally owned and operated business, it has been a joy being a part of so many special moments," they added. "We offer a large indoor event space surrounded by picturesque countryside. We are currently booking weddings and events for 2026 and 2027. To see all we have to offer visit pinemeadowsvenue.com or check us out on Facebook @pinemeadowsvenue and Instagram @pinemeadows.venue." COURTESY / ASHTON TURNBULL PHOTOGRAPHY





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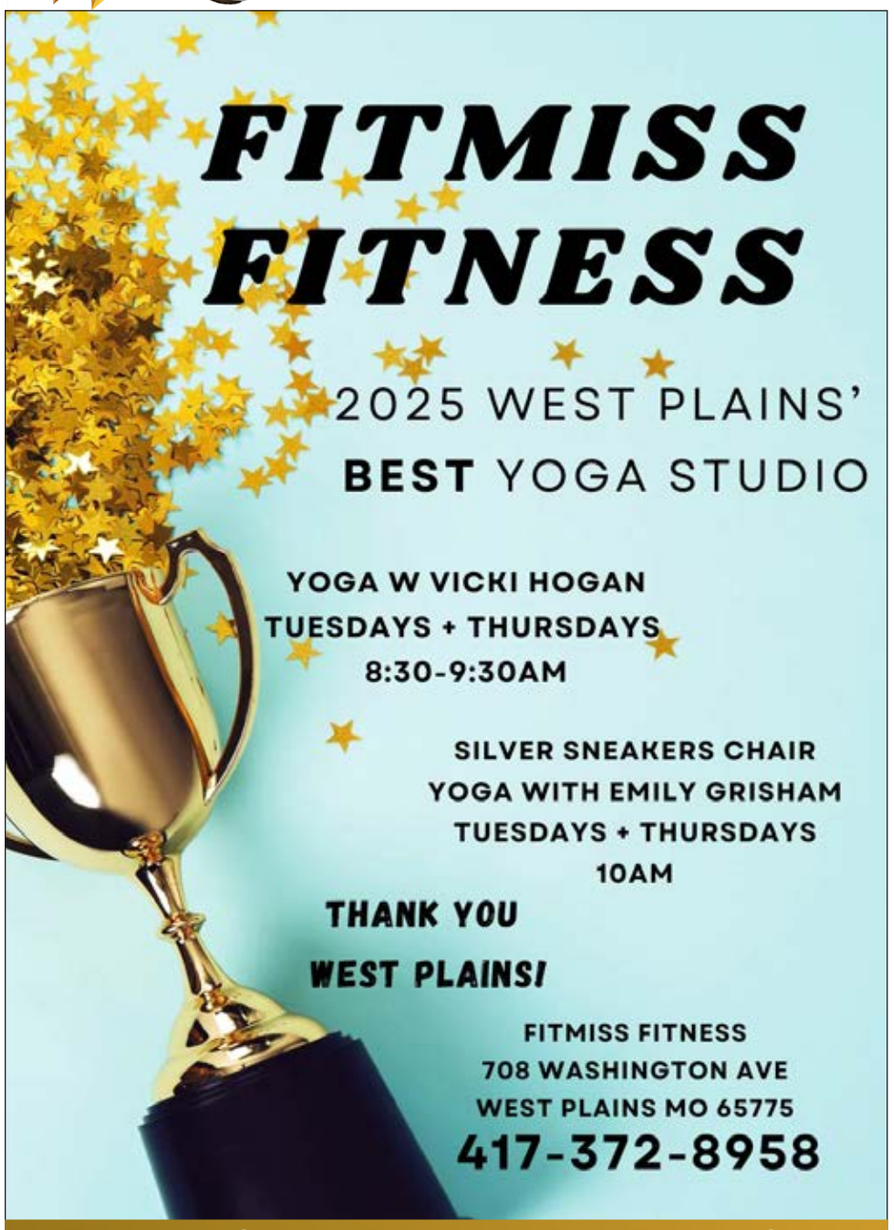
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Fitmiss Fitness



Best Yoga Studio, Runner Up Best Fitness Gym
Tiffany Hadley, Runner Up Best Personal Trainer

Fitmiss Fitness was voted Best Yoga Studio 2025. "This win belongs to all of you! Thank you for showing up, supporting local and moving with us day after day. We wouldn't be here without you," said Emily Grisham and Vicki Hogan, yoga instructors at Fitmiss Fitness. "Every shared breath, every wobble, every moment of strength you rise into reminds us of the work we do." Business owner Tiffany Hadley added, "This building is not just a yoga home but rather the collective energy of every person who walks through our doors. Thank you for bringing your whole self onto the mat and sharing these moments with us. Vicki and Emily with a combined total of 65 years of teaching, offer traditional yoga as well as chair yoga in a private classroom inside Fitmiss Fitness. Visit or call Fitmiss Fitness at 417-372-8958, 708 Washington Ave., West Plains MO for details on classes and gym!" COURTESY PHOTO

Quality Floors



Best Flooring Company

Quality Floors has been voted Best Flooring Company by Quill readers for 2025. The company has been in business since 1999 and is located at 1575 W. U.S. 160, West Plains. Quality Floors is owned by Chuck, Cherie and John Holmes and offers hardwood, wood laminate, vinyl plank, vinyl sheet, carpet and carpet tile floor coverings and installation, plus bathroom remodels and Hunter Douglas window treatments. Seated, from left: Cherie Holmes holding Sox the office cat, and Jessica Holmes. Standing: Chuck Holmes, John Holmes, Ryan Morgan and James Lewis. Stop by or call 417-255-1727 for more information. STAFF/ KIMBERLY LANGSTON

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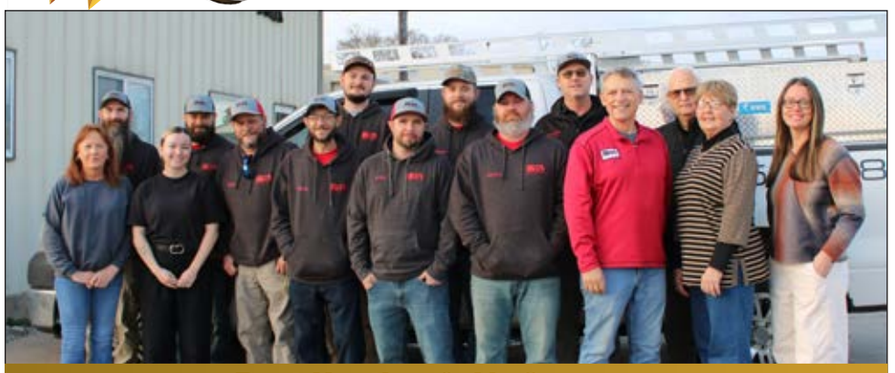
Rasor Chiropractic



Best Chiropractic Practice & Best Place for Acupuncture
Runner Up Best Place for a Massage

Rasor Chiropractic, 1546 Bill Virdon Blvd., West Plains, was chosen by Quill readers for Best Place For Acupuncture and Best Chiropractic Practice, and Runner Up Best Place for Massage. Dr. Kelsie Rasor Huddleston, Dr. Michaela Kile Ward and Shawn Marvin, massage therapist, would like to thank everyone for their support. Rasor Chiropractic specializes in chiropractic, acupuncture and massage therapy. The staff are committed to helping families in the community experience improved health and wellness. Their mission is to educate others on the importance of chiropractic care throughout all stages of life as a preventative medicine rather than strictly for pain relief. Call them at 417-256-1455. COURTESY / ALAINA THOMPSON PHOTOGRAPHY

Butler Heating & Air



Best Heating & Air Company

"We're incredibly honored that Butler Heating & Air has been voted Best of the Best for the ninth consecutive year. Thank you to our community, our loyal customers and our dedicated team who make it all possible," says Becky Butler, speaking on behalf of the business. The business has been a part of the West Plains community and the surrounding areas since 1994. The Butlers and their staff are committed to providing reliable residential and commercial heating and air conditioning installation and service. Front row, from left: Melody Lewis, Taylor Knoche-Butler, Shane Graham, Adam Strong, Mike Lyons, Jarett Hiester, Todd Tyrrell, Shirley Butler and Becky Butler. Back row: Clint Spivey, Austin Coble, Cole Butler, Nate Bradley, Jeff Butler and Larry Butler. Call the shop at 417-256-7984 or visit 1626 Earls Drive, West Plains, across from the Heart of the Ozarks Fairgrounds. COURTESY

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Ozarks Pet Rescue



Bear was recently taken in by Ozarks Pet Rescue and made available for adoption after the dog's owner needed to relocate and couldn't take Bear along. The organization has an online adoption form for prospective owners to fill out at www.shelterluv.com/matchme/adopt/OZAR/Dog.I. COURTESY

Best Nonprofit Animal Rescue/Service

Founded in 2023, Ozarks Pet Rescue has quickly become a vital resource for animals in need across the Ozarks region. Created in response to the growing number of abandoned, abused and injured animals in rural Missouri, the nonprofit is dedicated to rescue, rehabilitation and responsible placement of animals while addressing the root causes of pet overpopulation.

Since its founding, Ozarks Pet Rescue has assisted hundreds of animals, including dogs, cats and livestock, many arriving with urgent medical needs. Each animal receives veterinary care, vaccinations and spay or neuter services when possible before being placed in foster homes or adopted into permanent, loving families.

Beyond rescue efforts, the organization focuses heavily on prevention through low-cost spay and neuter programs, public education and community outreach. These initiatives help reduce unwanted litters and ease the strain on shelters and rescues throughout the region.

Run entirely by volunteers and supported through donations and community partnerships, Ozarks Pet Rescue works closely with local veterinarians, law enforcement and animal welfare advocates. Though still a young organization, its impact has been significant.

"Our goal is simple," the organization states. "Every animal deserves safety, compassion, and a second chance."

Salon Bliss



Best Hair Salon & Best Nail Salon
Runner Up Best Entrepreneur &
Runner Up Best Nail Artist, Luis De La Cruz

"Everyone here at salon bliss is extremely grateful for all the votes," said staff with Salon Bliss, chosen by Quill readers as 2025's Best Hair Salon and Best Nail Salon. "We are coming towards our second year of having the salon and we are very happy with how our clients and the community has taken us in. We try really hard to help everybody and be kind to everybody. We for sure feel the love back. We hope to have many more years! THANK YOU SO MUCH!" Business owner and nail tech Luis De La Cruz was also voted Runner Up Best Entrepreneur and Runner Up Best Nail Artist. Seated is Julia Pfitzne , barber/stylist. Standing, from left, are Jesus Murillo, nail tech; Dolores Winkler, stylist; De La Cruz; and Veronica Candelario, nail tech. Staff also includes stylists Cheryl Wilson, Robin Burden and Teresa McDaniel. STAFF / KIMBERLY LANGSTON



First United Methodist Church



Best Party Venue; Best Child Care Center & Best Preschool, Friendship Circle; & Best Volunteer, Ellen Bivens

First United Methodist Church, 503 W. Main St. in West Plains, won top reader's choice for Best Party Venue, and church volunteer Ellen Bivens was recognized as Best Volunteer for 2025. In addition, the church's Friendship Circle Ministries was voted Best Preschool and Best Day Care. Friendship Circle has been serving the West Plains community for 53 years. Staff would like to thank everyone who voted for Friendship Circle Preschool and Friendship Circle Day Care Best in West Plains. "We are looking forward to serving the children of our community in a safe and caring environment," said staff. "Please come by and inquire about all the new options we are offering to parents in our community. There will be both full and part-time options Monday-Friday 7:15-5:30. Our 3- and 4-year-old children will receive a prekindergarten program designed to get them ready for school. If you do not have a church home, please consider giving First United Methodist Church a try." Sunday Services are at 8:30 and 11 a.m. each Sunday. Child care and Sunday school are available. For more information, call the church office, 417-256-6167. COURTESY

Wiley Insurance



Best Insurance Agency, Best Entrepreneur, Traci Wiley & Best Insurance Agent, Liz Warner

"We are incredibly honored once again," said Wiley Insurance owner Traci Wiley, whose business was named Best Insurance Agency, and who herself was named Best Entrepreneur by Quill readers for 2025. In addition, Liz Warner with the company was named Best Insurance Agent for the year. Wiley and her agents have over 45 years of combined experience serving the insurance needs of Missouri and Arkansas. "This award means the world to us because it reflects the trust and support of our clients, neighbors and friends over the last 12 years," said Wiley. "We're grateful for each individual who took the time to vote for us and recognize the work we put into protecting what matters most to you. At Wiley Insurance, we pride ourselves on providing personalized, comprehensive service — and this recognition motivates us to keep raising the bar. Thank you for making us your agency of choice. We look forward to serving you with continued excellence and care for all your insurance needs." Call for a free quote for auto, home, farm, commercial and life insurance at 417-256-3372 to join the Wiley Insurance family. From left: agency employees Liz Warner, Mariia Yepur, Traci Wiley, Abby Wiley Jayden Wiley. COURTESY

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Sarah Drago, Drago Accounting



Best Accountant

Drago Accounting, led by Sarah Drago, CPA, left, proudly serves individuals and small businesses with personalized, detail-driven accounting services. "We are committed to accuracy, strategy, and long-term financial success for our clients," said Drago, voted by readers as 2025's Best Accountant. She is joined here by her husband, Robert Drago. For small businesses, Drago Accounting goes beyond basic bookkeeping, she explained: "We focus on understanding your operations to ensure every allowable expense is captured, cash flow is monitored, and financial information is clear, timely, and actionable. Our goal is to help business owners keep more of what they earn while making confident, informed decisions. We also provide tax preparation and planning for individuals and businesses, taking a proactive approach to minimize tax liability today while preparing for tomorrow. From straightforward individual returns to complex business filings, each client receives tailored guidance and thoughtful planning. In addition, Drago Accounting offers - nancial statement compilations and reviews, delivering reliable financial reporting that supports lenders, stakeholders and strategic planning needs. At Drago Accounting, our mission is simple: guarding your wealth, growing your future. We strive to help clients make the most of their money now while building security for the future they desire. It's never too early — or too late — to begin planning for your financial future. Drago Accounting, 230 W. Main St., is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays with an hour lunch break at noon. COURTESY

SRS Electric



Best Electrician, Shawn Spaulding & Best Electrical Repair Company

SRS Electric was chosen Best Electrical Repair Company and owner Shawn Spaulding, shown, was chosen Best Electrician in the Quill's Best of West Plains readers' choice contest. SRS Electric has been serving the West Plains and surrounding communities since 2007. The business services residential and commercial electric and is licensed and insured. For more information or for services, call 417-274-0787. COURTESY

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Tray Whitsell, Toyota of West Plains and Morlan-Shell Ford



Best Local Auto Salesman

Tray Whitsell of Toyota of West Plains and Morlan-Shell Ford was voted Best Local Auto Salesman in the Quill's Best of West Plains readers' choice contest. He has been selling quality new and preowned vehicles for 10 years. Whitsell, a West Plains resident, is married to Allie and they have two beautiful daughters, Sadie and Lucy. Buyers looking for a new or preowned Toyota or Ford are invited to call Whitsell at 417-293-3894 or stop by Toyota at 1802 Porter Wagoner Blvd., West Plains. BY TONY LOGUE FOR THE QUILL

The Truck Patch



Best Health Food Store & Best Organic or Nutrition Store
Runner Up Best Grocery Store

"Thank you West Plains for voting us No. 1 Best Health Food Store, Best Organic or Nutrition Store and Runner Up Best Grocery Store," said staff at The Truck Patch, 412 Porter Wagoner Blvd. Business hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. Call 417-372-8970 for more information. COURTESY

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Shrimp Runner Seafood & Boil Barn



Kelby and Sherri Hutsler, owners of Shrimp Runner Seafood & Boil Barn COURTESY

Best Fish, Best New Restaurant Open in 2025 & Best Seafood Runner Up Best Employer

Shrimp Runner Seafood & Boil Barn is located at 109 St. Louis St. in West Plains, right across the street from the West Plains Civic Center in a bright teal and orange building. Call 417-372-2015 to order or come dine in.

"Shrimp Runner Seafood began in 2020 bringing fresh shrimp from the Gulf back to West Plains," explained owners Kelby and Sherri Hutsler. "Soon we started bringing back more than just shrimp; live blue crabs, fish, oysters, sausages, live crawfish and many Cajun products joined the list. We began selling at the 'Go Farm' Farmers Market located in the parking lot of Endurance church. Other locations we delivered to were located along Highway 60 to Springfield. Many people in southern Missouri began finding out about the fresh, frozen and live products which we offered.

"We began cooking at the farmers market in 2022. At the time, we began with crawfish and shrimp boils. By early 2024, the idea of opening a physical location was being tossed around. In the spring of 2025, that idea came to fruition as we worked with OzSBI (Ozarks Small Business Incubator) to help us build this dream.

"We found our current location across from the civic center and started working to set things up. We officially opened the weekend before Labor Day. We started by just offering shrimp, crawfish and crab boils. We now cook regularly various Cajun and Creole inspired dishes. Some of the favorites are seafood gumbo, crawfish étouffée, Creole redfish and sauce piquant among others. In February 2026 we will roll out a new menu.

"At our current location we are open Wednesday through Saturday. There is seating inside the restaurant, and we are available for takeout orders as well. The market entrance is on the side of the building, which doubles as the handicap entrance for those that don't want to battle the stairs.

"In the market, when in season, you may find fresh shrimp, fish, crab meat, shucked oysters, live crawfish and live blue crab. There is also an assortment of various sausages, boudins, frozen fish filets, gator meat, frog legs, crab legs and many Cajun products.

"Kelby & Sherri & family, as well as the whole Boil Barn Crew thank you! Praise God from whom all blessings flow!". COURTESY

Unified Systems



Best IT Services & Computer Repair

"We are thrilled to win Best of West Plains for the second straight year — our commitment to our community and our customers literally defines us as a company, and this award means the world to us," said staff at Unified Systems, voted by Quill Readers Best IT Services and Computer Repair for 2025. "Thank you so much! - Finley, Sean, Mitch , Forrest, and Jen." Administrative staff pictured, from left, Forrest Ogden, Finley Aiton, owner Sean Feiler and Mitch Biggers. Jen Dryer is the administrative coordinator. COURTESY

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West Plains Bank and Trust Company, employee give back to their community and enjoy time with their teammates. In business since 1883, the financial institution is a full-service community bank with branches in West Plains, Mountain View, Willow Springs and Houston, Mo., and a loan production office in Mountain Home, Ark. All walk-in locations are staffed by familiar faces ready to help you realize your financial goals with deposit products and services, as well as loan options. COURTESY

Best Bank, Best Financial Planning Company & Best Mortgage Company

West Plains Bank and Trust Company opened its doors to customers in April 1883, making it the oldest continually operated business in the area. Across a nearly 143-year history of community banking, West Plains Bank and Trust Company has developed relationships with multiple generations of area families.

Employees of the bank are committed to creating a personal experience for each customer. From a customer contact center staffed with knowledgeable employees ready to assist by phone or online, to branches full of experienced bankers skilled in relationship building and committed to ensuring your financial success, true community banking can still be found at West Plains Bank and Trust Company.

According to West Plains Bank and Trust Company President and CEO David M. Gohn, bank employees appreciate the trust customers place in them when it comes to financial services and advice. “We realize there are many choices when selecting a bank,” Gohn said. “We are committed to not only earning, but nurturing relationships, leaving our customers with a feeling of having been heard. We also appreciate the expectation our customers have of us to support our communities. That’s why you’ll see us out and about, sleeves rolled up, volunteering

to make things happen.”

2025 was another exciting year for West Plains Bank and Trust Company:

• West Plains Bank and Trust Company was named a Biz417 Best Places to Work for the fifth, consecutive year. The bank has consistently placed in the top 10 each year. Seventy-five percent of the score is tied to employee feedback, indicating a high level of satisfaction with West Plains Bank and Trust Company as an employer.

• The community debit card program generated more than $104,788 in donations to local schools, Missouri State University-West Plains and Ozarks Healthcare Foundation. This amount brought the total for the program, which began in 2012, to more than $685,788!

• West Plains Bank and Trust Company partnered once again in 2025 with Lady Zizzer Basketball for Pink Out, benefiting the Cancer Treatment Center at Ozarks Healthcare. The effort resulted in an impressive total - $30,000!

For additional information regarding products and services or activities the bank is involved in, visit westplainsbank.com or find West Plains Bank and Trust Company on all major social media. To reach the bank, call 417-256-2147.

West Plains Optimist Club



Best Volunteer-Based Organization & Runner Up Best Civic/Service Club

Members of the West Plains Optimist Club, some of whom are shown here, said the club is deeply honored and grateful to have been named Best Volunteer-Based Organization and Runner Up Best Civic/Service Club. “This recognition belongs to our entire community, whose generosity and support make our work possible,” they said. Founded in 1919, Optimist International has grown into a leading service organization with clubs across the U.S., Canada and the Caribbean. Members are guided by the motto "Bringing Out the Best in Kids." Optimist clubs focus on youth programs, scholarships and community initiatives that help young people reach their full potential. Here in West Plains, our club, established in 1972, has been privileged to serve through youth programs and community service projects that support local children and families. “Every success we've had comes from the incredible partnership we share with this community,” members said. “This award is a humbling reminder of the trust placed in us and the collective effort of our dedicated members and supporters. We're grateful for every person who believes in our mission and helps us make a difference. The West Plains Optimist Club warmly welcomes anyone interested in serving alongside us. If you're passionate about helping young people in our community, we'd be blessed to have you join us. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to everyone who voted for our club and continues to support our work. It's a privilege to serve West Plains, and we're excited to continue this journey together. Our group meets for lunch every Thursday at noon at Pizza Inn, with the exception of the first Thursday of each month.” For more information and updates, visit the Facebook page @wpoptimist or website, www.wpoptimist.org. COURTESY

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Holden Construction



Best Home Improvement Company, Runner Up Best Home Builder

Galen and Candie Holden would like to thank the West Plains community and surrounding areas for voting for Holden Construction as Best Home Improvement Company and Runner Up Best Home Builder for Best of West Plains for 2025. “We have been in business since 2003 building residential homes with a skilled team with the experience to make any job a success,” they said. “Our crew and we take pride in all the work we do for our customers and we work hard to achieve the best quality work you would want in a home. We thank our crew and our sub-contractors that work for us to make our customers' homes a success!” Call Holden Construction at 417-293-1740. References are available. COURTESY

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Runner Up Best Primary Care Provider, Dr. Derek Morrison &
Runner Up Best Women's Health Practitioner, Lynn Crites

Burton Creek Rural Clinic was represented in several categories of the 2025 Best of West Plains: Runner Up Best Pediatric Practice, Runner Up Best Urgent Care and Runner Up Best Women's Health Practice. In addition, Dr. Derek Morrison was voted Runner Up Best Primary Care Provider and Nurse Practitioner Lynn Crites was voted Best Women's Health Practitioner. "At Burton Creek Rural Clinic, Your Health is Our Priority!" said staff. "That is more than just a tagline. It is the genuine belief that the health and well being of every patient matters most. Although only one person could be named the winner, we believe our entire physician team is the best! Thank you to everyone who voted." FILE PHOTO

Guns 4 U



Best Gun Shop

Guns 4 U was voted Best Gun Shop in the 2025 Best of West Plains readers' choice contest. The business carries a large assortment of rifles, handguns, ammunition and hunting accessories to meet customers' needs. Brands include Ruger, Smith & Wesson, Henry, Savage, Browning, Winchester, Glocks and a full line of Hawke scopes. In addition, the business specializes in and has in stock numbers Ruger 10/22 Limited Edition rifles. Customers are invited to browse through the inventory, find what they need and securely order items with the confidence that they as a customer deserve. Shoppers who can't find what they are looking for are welcome to call 417-256-5716 or toll-free 800-311-1082, or go visit the shop at 9874 County Road 8890, West Plains. Toy and Gene Stanley, pictured, would love to help you. FILE PHOTO

Gary's Tire & Automotive



Best Auto Mechanic Shop, Best Tire Center
Runner Up Best Oil & Lube Shop

Gary's Tire & Automotive, 109 W. Trish Knight St., is the 2025 Reader's Choice pick for Best Auto Mechanic Shop and Best Tire Center, and Runner Up Best Oil & Lube Shop. Gary's has been in business for 28 years and recently built a new addition to the building. Gary's staff would like to thank the community for its continued support to make this possible. Business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays. FILE PHOTO

Hughes Towing



Best Towing and Wrecker Service

Hughes Towing, located at 110 W. Broadway, West Plains, was the Reader's Choice Winner for Best Towing and Wrecker Service. The company has been in business for eight years as a family-run outfit offering 24/7 towing, lock-out service and tire changes. It offers 24-hour emergency service! "Our only product is service," said company officials. "Thanks for your continued support and for voting us No. 1." Call 417-256-9312 for more information. STAFF / DURREALL VONALLMEN

West Plains Downtown Revitalization



Best Overall Nonprofit Organization

West Plains Downtown Revitalization won the Best Overall Nonprofit readers' choice award for 2025.

2025: A Year of Momentum in West Plains Downtown

In 2025, West Plains Downtown experienced meaningful progress rooted in collaboration, investment and community commitment. Guided by the Main Street Approach, the district advanced economic vitality, strengthened public spaces and deepened its role as a community gathering place — work made possible through strong partnerships, including ongoing support from the City of West Plains.

Economic vitality efforts encouraged reinvestment and growth through initiatives such as the Commercial Real Estate Tour and the Downtown Merchants Group. These efforts contributed to 22 net new businesses, 30 new jobs and more than $768,000 in private investment, reinforcing downtown as a place where opportunity and creativity thrive.

Promotion initiatives brought people downtown through 22 free public events that welcomed more than 10,000 attendees. Signature programs like Sounds Downtown and Scare on the Square increased visitation, supported local businesses and expanded community engagement both in person and online.

Design improvements, completed in partnership with the City of West Plains, enhanced walkability, activated alleyways and introduced new murals, public art and seating. Organizational growth, expanded partnerships, and 2,413 volunteer hours ensured these efforts were sustainable.

Together, the community positioned West Plains Downtown as a more vibrant, connected and resilient place. COURTESY

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West Plains Auto World



Best Auto Dealer (Used) &
Runner Up Best Local Auto Salesman, Jason Fisher

West Plains Auto World, 1252 Preacher Roe Blvd., West Plains, was voted Best Used Auto Dealer in the Quill's Best of West Plains readers' choice contest. Family owned and operated by the Davis Family since 2001, the business is a trusted hometown dealership, and staff want it to be customers' go-to spot for top quality pre-owned trucks, cars and SUVs. Financing options are available for all credit needs. West Plains Auto World Salesman Jason Fisher was voted Runner Up Best Local Auto Salesman. Fisher has been selling quality vehicles for 11 years and would be happy to help buyers find theirs at West Plains Auto World. Call 417-256-0605 or visit online at westplainsautoworld.net. COURTESY

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Moore to Love Homes



Best Interior Design Firm &
Runner Up Best Home Improvement Company

Moore To Love Homes, chosen by readers as Best Interior Design Firm and Runner Up Best Home Improvement Company, is owned by Brock and Beverly Moore. The business is an interior design studio and construction company that brings beautifully designed spaces to customers' homes. The Moores offer 3D design services to enhance the whole building or remodeling experience. To know exactly what it will look like before the project even starts is so exciting for their clients and ensures that they will love it when renovations or new builds are complete, they shared, adding, "It's exciting to see a blueprint come to life in a rendering!" Whether it's a one-room redo, a whole-home remodel or new home construction project, they have their clients covered. Contact Moore To Love Homes at 417-293-0616 to design a space, no matter which construction company is being used. Moore to Love Homes will work with all builders and contractors. To see photos of projects, visit @mooretolovehomes on Instagram, Facebook and TikTok. COURTESY

West Plains Playhouse



Best Theatrical Production Company

The West Plains Playhouse, winner for Best Theatrical Production Company, was founded in late 2023 by Tray and Allie Whitsell, and is a theatre production company and group of 100+ local players dedicated to showcasing local talent in downtown West Plains. During its 2024-2025 seasons, the Playhouse produced 15 events, including plays, musicals, concerts, table reads and talent shows. Based at 37 Court Square, in West Plains, the company regularly performs at the Historic Opera House and the West Plains Civic Center, and recently launched its children's program, Little Lanterns, led by Grace Loukota. "If we are the best at anything, it's because we have the best people," Tray Whitsell says, showcasing his board of directors and players in this photo. Board member Jon Guilbert was unable to attend due to a previously scheduled cheese festival. BY TONY LOGUE FOR THE QUILL

Bartlett Moving Services



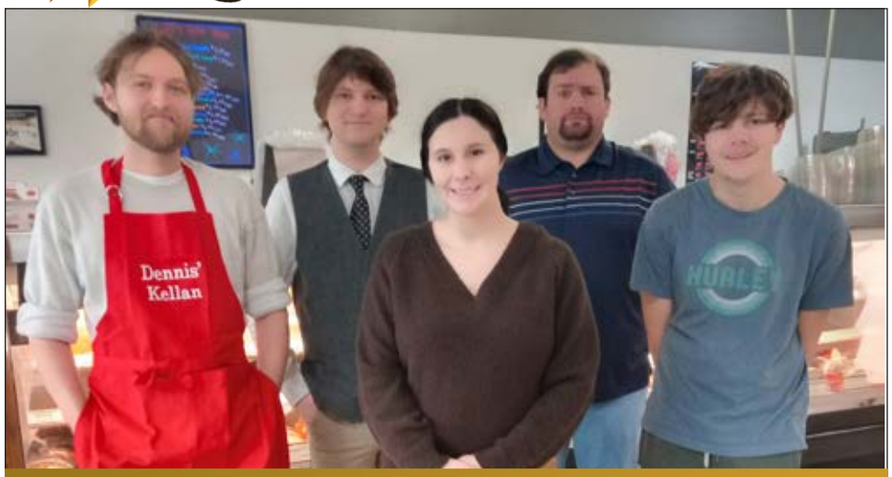
Best Moving Company

Bartlett Moving Services was voted Best Moving Company and is a full-service moving company with the equipment and skills necessary to tackle any job, no matter how big or small. Charlie Wharton, owner, has more than 45 years of experience in the residential and commercial moving industry. During his career, Wharton was an owner/operator for Mayflower for 22 years and a sales representative for United Van Lines. Bartlett Moving also offers packing and moving of pianos, gun safes and pool tables. The company's mission is to provide reliable service in a timely and professional manner. For more information or a free estimate, call 417-505-9161, visit Bartlett Moving Services on Facebook @ bartlettmoving01 or at www.bartlettmovingservices.com. From left: Elle Bentley, Nash Bentley, Charlie Wharton, Melissa Wharton, Sawyer Smith, Mason Cox and Reece Edelen. COURTESY





Dennis' Specialty Cuts Meat Market



Best Deli, Best Meat Market

Dennis' Specialty Cuts Meat Market, 911 Preacher Roe Blvd., was voted Best Meat Market and Best Deli. The store offers a deli with a full selection of cold cuts, cheeses and salads, as well as midwest-produced beef, pork, chicken, lamb and veal, all of which can be custom-tailored to the customer's speci - cations. From left: Kellan Shaw, Tristan Shaw, Krimson Collins, Kyle Mazingo and Isiah Scroggins. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. Call 417-255-1108 for more information. STAFF / VICKY RUTTER-GRISHAM

Nikki Kinder, Henry Williams & Kinder, P.C.



Best Attorney

Chosen Best Attorney 2025, Nikki Kinder is a partner at the Law Office of Henry, Williams & Kinder, P.C., located at 1207 Porter Wagoner Blvd., West Plains. Having worked in the law firm for over 15 years, Kinder has extensive experience handling all aspects of cases, from start to finish; as an attorney for nearly 11 years, she has focused her practice on personal injury and wrongful death claims, as well as adoptions. Henry, Williams & Kinder, P.C., previously voted Best Law Firm in 2024, has earned a solid reputation in the community for providing high-quality, personalized legal representation. Kinder is proud to be a native of West Plains and is committed to advocating for her clients. For a free, no obligation consultation with Attorney Nikki Kinder call 417-256-8133. COURTESY

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West Vue, Inc.



Best Long Term Care/Nursing Home, West Vue Nursing and Rehabilitation Center; Best Retirement Community, Pleasant Valley Village; Best Skilled Rehabilitation Center, West Vue Nursing and Rehabilitation Center; & Best Assisted Living Community, Pleasant Valley Manor and Village
Runner Up Best Senior Living, Pleasant Valley Village; Runner Up Best Independent Living, Pleasant Valley Village; & Runner Up Best Faith-Based Nonprofit/Charity Organization

West Vue, Inc., won in several categories in the recent Best of contest. They were chosen winner for Best Long Term Care/Nursing Home, Best Retirement Community, Best Skilled Rehabilitation Center, Best Assisted Living Community, and runner up for Best Senior Living, Best Independent Living, Best Faith Based Non Profit/Charity Organization. West Vue Inc. recently commemorated its 60th year providing care and housing to the elderly and infirm in the West Plains area. It was the first local nursing home, opening in in January 1965 with a 100-bed facility. West Vue is the oldest facility dedicated to long-term care in a 100-mile radius, according to West Vue Inc. CEO Jalynn Moushon. The facility expanded over those 60 years to include Pleasant Valley Manor and Village independent and assisted living apartments, and West Vue Green House Homes. Pictured at the recent anniversary event is front row, from left: West Vue Board Chair Vicki Hogan and President andCEO Jalynn Moushon, West Plains Mayor Mike Topliff, West Vue Associate Director of Facilities Leigh Kincheloe and board member Joe Rothgeb. Back row: Board members Becky Wernsing, Jack Doss and Randy Pace. COURTESY

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Yellow House Community Arts Center



Best Arts-Focused Nonprofit Organization & Best Art Gallery Runner Up- Best Live Music Venue

"On behalf of the Yellow House Community Arts Center board of directors, I want to thank everyone in the community for making it possible for us to be the Best Art Gallery, Best Arts-Focused Nonprofit/Charity Organization and Runner Up Live Music Venue," said Yellow House Board President Donald Peachey. "It is only thanks to our community volunteers and donors that we are able to serve area artists and art lovers. Service to the community is what drives us and we will continue that mission as long as the community will have us. Make sure you follow us on Facebook and sign up for emails the next time you are at the house. We are planning some really big things that I can't announce yet but you definitely won't want to miss. If you wish to help us on our mission, go to yellowhousearts.net and go to the donation tab to give via the PayPal Giving Fund. Every little bit helps on our mission to serve the West Plains arts community. Thank you!" The Yellow House is located at 209 W. Trish Knight St. in West Plains. COURTESY

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Triple C Cycle



Best Motorcycle/ATV Shop

Chad Collins, owner of Triple C Cycle would like to thank everyone for voting his business Best Motorcycle/ATV Shop. "We are a local hometown business and provide quality work at a reasonable price. We are very appreciative and honored to be voted best in this Readers' Choice contest," said Collins. Located at 4961 West U.S. 160, West Plains, the shop is an independent Harley shop that has been family-owned and -operated since 1995. Triple C sells preowned Harleys, does restoration, customization and all types of repairs, or staff can build an American V-Twin motorcycle from the ground up. Call the business at 417-256-8200 or find it on Facebook at "Triple C Cycle." The business is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays. The Triple C Cycle team, from left: Caden Collins, retail/parts manager; Chad Collins, owner/master Harley Davidson tech; and Stone Collins, lead tech and fabricator. STAFF / VICKY RUTTER-GRISHAM

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Christos House



Runner Up Best Nonprofit Community Outreach, Runner Up Best Vintage/Secondhand Market

Christos House has been named the runner up of the Best Nonprofit Community Outreach category and runner up for Best Vintage/Second Hand Market. Christos House was founded in 1982 and has provided outreach, support and advocacy, and emergency shelter services for domestic violence and sexual assault victims in south central Missouri since. Other services provided by Christos House in conjunction with community partners are parenting classes, diaper distribution and support groups. The organization's work is supported by funds raised at a resale store at 125 Jefferson Ave. in West Plains and events including the recent Chocolate Fest which raised $13,100 in 2025. For more information call 417-256-3408 or visit the website at www.christoshousemo.org. Seated from left: Christos House Resale Shop volunteer Ann Paschall, Outreach Advocate Kenya Cook and Resale Shop employee Patricia Schrippe. Standing: Christos House Office Manager Nicholas Haring, Resale Shop Store Manager Amber McFarland, IT Specialist Othniel Emunah, Outreach Advocate Brenda Lewis and Executive Director Kelli Neel. STAFF / KIMBERLY LANGSTON

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Tom Caldwell, Ozark Kountry Realty



Best Real Estate Agent

Tom Caldwell, voted Best Real Estate Agent, is broker-salesperson with Ozark Kountry Realty in West Plains. Caldwell is a native Ozarkian, knowledgeable about the hills, hollows, rivers and ways of life throughout the rural Ozarks region. Originally licensed in the 1990s, he specializes in marketing and selling outdoor properties, water properties and hobby farms, in both Missouri and Arkansas. He lists sellers' properties of all types, and works with buyers from all walks of life, finding what they want at the right price. In addition to the standard Realtor code of ethics, Caldwell's faith leads him to follow the golden rule when practicing real estate, doing no harm and serving clients with pride, integrity and loyalty. He would like to thank clients, associates, friends and the West Plains community for their votes. Caldwell believes in always answering a customer's call, so give him a call today, at 417-280-0278 or stop by the office located at 3489 North U.S. 63, West Plains. COURTESY

Harlin Museum

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Harlin Museum's 2026 Calendar of Events



Closed for maintenance:
December 31-January 14

Patriotic & Antique Quilt Show:
January 15-February 14
Entries taken January 8-11
Reception and Bed Turning January 17, 2-4pm

Photography Show: February 19-March 21
Entries taken February 5, 6, 7
Gala Night: February 20, 6-8pm
Artists Reception & Awards Program:
March 21, 2-4

Spring Art Show PATRIOTIC THEME
(in honor of America's 250th birthday)
3/26–4/25 (Entries taken March 20-23)
Gala Night: March 27, 6-8pm
Artists Reception & Awards program:
4/25, 2-4pm

April 1-April 8 Closed for EASTER Holiday

Permanent Collection Exhibit: April 30-May 30
Featuring a never before exhibited Burkhart
Gala Night, May 1, 6-8pm

Beyond the Canvas "Art That Pops"
3D Art Show
June 4- July 11: Entries taken: May 28-31
Gala Night, June 5, 6-8pm
Award's Ceremony: July 11, 2-4

CLOSED July 2-8 for
INDEPENDENCE DAY Holiday

JULY 16-Aug 29 PRIVATE EXHIBITION TBA

Annual (Juried) Fall Art Show:
Sept 3 to Sept 26
Entries taken August 26-30, Gala Night:
Sept 11, 6-8pm
Awards Program, September 26, 2-4

Ozark Heritage Show & Broadfoot Display:
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Display by West Plains Model Railroad Club:
Dec 3-31

***Dates and Activities Subject to Change**

The Chaos Closet



Best Children's Safety/Well-Being Nonprofit Organization,
Best Nonprofit Organization Community Outreach,
Runner Up Best Overall Nonprofit,
Runner Up Best Volunteer-Based Organization &
Runner Up- Best Youth Focused Charity Organization

"Thank you for voting The Chaos Closet as Best Children's Safety/Wellbeing and Best Community Outreach. The Closet is also honored to be named runner-up in Best Overall Nonprofit, Best Volunteered Based and Best Youth Focused," said Executive Director DeeDee Button. "It's been another busy year of meeting the immediate needs of children in foster care and it wouldn't be possible without the community's support. The Chaos Closet is looking forward to serving more children in foster care in the upcoming year by providing hygiene supplies, beds and bedding, clothing, diapers, formula and so much more. If you would like to learn more about the mission of The Chaos Closet, please visit www.thechaoscloset.com." COURTESY

Always a Future for Kids



CJ Collins

Runner Up Best Nonprofit Community Outreach
Runner Up Best Local Festival, OzFaire
& Runner Up Best Volunteer, CJ Collins

Some children grow up surrounded by hardship, poverty, abuse or time in foster care. Always a Future for Kids exists to remind them that their story isn't over. Through community programs, gift drives, volunteerism and events, the organization works to lift kids up and help them dream bigger than their circumstances. Each year, West Plains comes alive with two magical events, Oz-Con and OzFaire. At Oz-Con, fans of gaming, comics, art and pop culture gather to celebrate creativity while raising funds through ticket sales, vendor booths, giveaway drawings and special guests. At OzFaire, families step into a whimsical world of fantasy, costumes, music and handmade treasures, supporting the cause through admission, merchandise and activities. Every dollar raised helps provide resources, experiences and hope for young people who need it most. Together, through laughter, imagination and community spirit, Oz-Con and OzFaire help ensure that for every child, there is always a future. Don't forget, Oz-Con is coming April 24 through 26 to the West Plains Civic Center, where heroes rise, villains scheme and epic fun fills the air! This year's magical theme is Heroes vs. Villains and tickets are available now, online at oz-con.com. COURTESY PHOTOS / GARY SANDERS, INFOCUS PHOTOGRAPHY


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