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Travis Auto Service provides top-notch service with a smile

In a day of sometimes non-existent customer service, family owned and operated Travis' Auto Service lives up to its name. It's a given for owner Travis Richardson, who said when it comes to customers, "I charge fair prices and treat them right."

A consistent winner in Readers Choice competition, Richardson has been treating them right since 2006, when he took over Parkerdale Service on St. Joe Road.

The company placed second this year in the Auto-Mechanic category, also capturing third place in both Auto-Oil Change Place and Auto-Service and Repair Non-Dealer.

Co-owned with his wife, Tammy, the operation has now entered the second generation with the addition of the couple's son, Luke, a Northrop high school student, who works there part-time. Luke has earned student ASE certification, as well as recognition for one of the top three best young technicians in the state.

A Fort Wayne native and Northrop graduate, Travis earned a degree in Applied Science of Automotive Repair from ITT and is a certified Master ASE Technician. He and a staff of three other ASE certified technicians Richard, Robert and Colten, tend to auto repair and services, oil changes and engine rebuilds for all makes and models-even classics, and will fix nearly any automotive problem with the exception of transmission rebuilds.

In relocating to the newly built Maplecrest Road location a little more than a year ago, Richardson expanded his business from a two-bay operation to a six-bay, and gained a larger customer waiting area.

Along with their loyal followers, he's also added more



The Travis Auto team values service with a smile. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

than 1100 new customers.

"Our growth is based on word of mouth, because people know we aren't going to sell them services or parts they don't need, and we stand behind our work," he said. Travis and Tammy thanked readers for their votes.

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Don Ayres Honda excels by utilizing teamwork

Buying a new or pre-owned vehicle can be stressful and intimidating. Which is why regional buyers turn to Don Ayres Honda.

"Our sales staff cultivates customer relationships," said Sara Ayres, president and co-owner along with Don Ayres, her father and company founder.

"They don't just want to sell a car today, but to treat customers so they'll not only come back, but also tell family and friends about us."

Founded in 1970 as a new car dealership that also sold pre-owned vehicles, Don Ayres Honda employs a loyal team of 140. Teamwork in creating a positive customer experience, coupled with impeccable automotive services, has garnered the north side business recognition in 15 categories in this year's Readers Choice competition.

The dealership was voted first in Auto-Dealership To Buy

a New Car, Auto-Dealership To Buy a Used Car, Auto-Body Shop, Auto-Mechanic, Auto-Oil Change Place, Auto-Service and Repair Dealer and Auto-Tire Dealer.

Sales staff captured the top three spots for both new and pre-owned autos in the Auto-Salesperson category, and the company placed second in Auto-Parts Store and in Best Place to Work categories. The latter is a huge honor, Ayres said.

"That's exciting to me, being a small business owner. We have the best employees, and I'm proud they think it's a great place to work."

Along with local recognition, the company was awarded its fourteenth President's Award from Honda — the seventh consecutive, which is nearly unheard of, Ayres said.

In addition, the local dealership was one of just 50, out of 1,049 Honda dealerships nationwide, to win an inaugural



Don Ayres Honda sells quality vehicles at fair prices. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Council of Parts & Service Professionals award.

"Those awards, along with local recognition, give us great feedback and reinforce the fact that our efforts to create a great experience across the board are paying off," Ayres said.

"It really comes down to our team. We're very proud of the service we provide, and I appreciate that customers take time to vote for us year after year. It's quite an honor that we're at the top of their list."

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Fort Wayne Dental Group keeps patients smiling





The dentists, clockwise from top left: Sarah J. Hagee, DDS; Brent E. Mutton, DDS; Kevin B. Wright, DDS; Matthew L. Creech, DDS.

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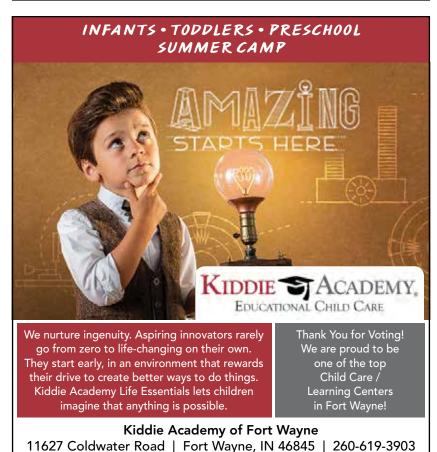
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Now in its twentieth year as a local senior living provider, Covington Commons earned top honors in Readers Choice Awards, placing first in Health-Assisted Living and in Senior Housing Community categories for the fifth consecutive year.

"We're thrilled and honored to once again be recognized for the commitment we make to each of our residents," said executive director Renée Kreienbrink.

Covington Commons is owned and operated by Boston-based Five Star Senior Living. The community offers independent and assisted living for adults ages 55 and older in addition to respite care and short-term stays for seniors with specialized needs.

The independent living program combines privacy and freedom while supporting seniors in enjoying healthy, active lifestyles that allow them to remain independent.

Assisted living services offers friendly assistance with every-day activities such as personal care, medication reminders and transportation.

A 50-person team assures individuals a smooth transition, enabling each to live his or her best life at Covington Commons. It's a process that begins prior to moving in, said community relations director Shari Rivera.

"Many of our residents come to us from homes they've lived in for decades. It might even be the home in which they raised their family. And leaving all



Covington Commons, a state-of-the-art assisted living community, is owned and operated by Boston-based Five Star Senior Living. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

that behind, those memories, is a major life change that can be difficult.

"We go the extra mile to help make that transition as smooth as possible. Sometimes that means connecting the family with a senior move manager, who can assist them with downsizing and moving. At other times, it's helping a potential resident apply for the Veteran's Administration's Aid & Attendance (A&A) benefit.

"We also invite and encourage new residents to attend events, activities and meals even before they move in."

Life enrichment and a focus on wellness and prevention are the core of Covington Common's mission. The innovative Lifestyle360 program helps each resident thrive, regardless of age or health status. The program's holistic approach to community living provides residents daily opportunities that encourage them to stay active and engaged with life on five dimensions of wellness: physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual.

In addition, an onsite home health agency provides residents access to assistance 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Free monthly wellness check-ups are available to residents living inside the main building.

All-day dining allows residents to choose their own meal time, without restrictions to schedules. Menus designed by celebrity chef Brad Miller ensure delicious and nutritious meals prepared with fresh ingredients. Served in a restaurant-style dining room, meals become social gatherings that allow residents to mingle and form new friendships.

On-site amenities include a beauty salon/barbershop, exercise room, housekeeping services and all primary utilities. The facility is also pet friendly, allowing residents to bring their furry friends with them.

The secure, safe setting is located close to shopping, entertainment and emergency medical care, and affords easy access to the city's many attractions and events.

"On behalf of the Covington

Commons team, I would like to thank residents, families, physicians and friends who voted for us," Kreienbrink said. "We're grateful to have earned your trust during the past two decades, and look forward to working with you throughout years to come."

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Mon-Fri 8-5 & by appointment WINNER for HIGHER EDUCATION

Despite big changes, IPFW still higher education favorite

For more than 50 years, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) has challenged students to prepare for the future.

During that time, nearly 60,000 alumni have embraced this challenge. Their contributions have had a resounding impact in northeast Indiana and beyond.

One thing becomes evident when you consider IPFW's legacy: The university has always been a reflection of the growth of its students.

Just as the institution has committed to continual innovation, enrolling at IPFW has always meant pushing yourself beyond your limits.

IPFW Chancellor Vicky Carwein, Ph.D., said this is what makes her work so fulfilling.

"Whether they're right out of high school or returning as working adults, whether they're studying for a bachelor's degree or a master's, our students continually challenge themselves," she said.

As IPFW embarks on the most exciting transition in its history and celebrates once again being voted first in the annual Readers Choice awards, even greater opportunities lie ahead.

The institution's forthcoming realignment with Purdue University will allow for more classes in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields. The university will also lead the way in providing an expanded music program—the first of its kind among Purdue campuses.

In addition, Purdue Fort Wayne will collaborate with Indiana University Fort Wayne's health sciences programs to provide students with a comprehensive, meaningful experience.

Even as the university changes, however, Dr. Carwein said one thing remains the same: its commitment to students.



A student beams with pride at his commencement.

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"We're excited about the future, because our students will have even more opportunities to succeed. That's why we're here."

Ultimately, Purdue Fort Wayne's future will be a story of change with a focus on excellence in meeting the needs of the region and beyond.

Whether you are a student, alumnus, faculty or staff member or community partner, the university's growth is your growth, too. That's what makes IPFW truly special.

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WINNER for CHILDCARE/LEARNING CENTER

Pine Hills Learning Place is a special space for children to grow



Pine Hills Learning Place's award-winning program has served the community for more than four decades. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

"Pine Hills Learning Place is honored to have been chosen first in the Child Care-Learning Place category of Readers' Choice for the tenth consecutive year," said director Debra Ingram. "This means so much: a decade of recognition for our commitment to children to protect, teach, care for and love, while also providing a community for their families."

Pine Hills Learning Place was established in 1976 as a registered ministry of Pine Hills Church, with a consistent focus on Christian education. A longtime community presence has enabled the program to touch many lives.

"We have seen our Pine Hills children grow up and then bring their children here," said Debi Sands, admissions and chapel coordinator. "A family recently enrolled its third generations with us."

Many Pine Hills' educators and staff members have been onboard more than 15 years. The low turnover rate not only provides continuity and a familiar environment for children, but confirms the program's positive and nurturing work environment.

Pine Hills Learning Place has continued to improve as they've evolved into the fine program they are today. The staff receives annual training to keep up on the latest research in educating and caring for young children. Age-appropriate curriculum is used in each classroom, providing an excellent preschool education with plenty of opportunities for important

play time.

Finally, the kitchen at Pine Hills was completely remodeled in 2017, exhibiting a commitment to excellence — including tasty, nutritious meals.

A parent's recent comment captures the essence of what makes Pine Hills Learning Place a special place for children to grow: "It is such a huge weight lifted off our shoulders to know our son is being taken care of, learning, having fun and being loved during the day while we are at work.

"It puts a smile on our faces and in our hearts when he wakes up in the morning excited to go to school and is smiling when we pick him up. Our world needs more people like you all!"

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WINNER for DENTAL OFFICE

Aboite Dental Group adopts holistic approach to oral care

When people think of their teeth, it's typically of problems and pitfalls: cavities, fillings, crowns, root canals. Studies have shown that proper and diligent oral care can improve overall health and well-being in a variety of ways. Thanks to neuromuscular dentisty, the Aboite Dental Group, opened by Dr. Adrienne Rupright in 2012, takes a holistic approach, addressing more than just what's going on inside a patient's mouth.

"It's such a dynamic area, one with so much information," said Rupright. "People talk about TMJ, which is the temporomandibular joint, but everyone has a TMJ. It's really TMD, the disorder of the TMJ, that is a problem.

"Through neuromuscular dentistry, we can alleviate problems like TMJ or sleep apnea by addressing everything—the mouth, jaw, teeth, jaw joint and ligaments—that can be the source of this pain. Not only the mouth and face but also the neck and shoulders are affected, especially when airway issues are present."

In fact, many of the issues which are either the result or cause of stress can be attributed to neuromuscular problems that can be alleviated through dentistry.

"We're trying to create harmony and balance, and there are issues that come up with patients that revolve around their bite or an allergy which will then affect the way they breathe. If they clench or grind their teeth, that all affects their airway and leads to problems elsewhere."

In addition to this innovative treatment available to her patients, Rupright said she also

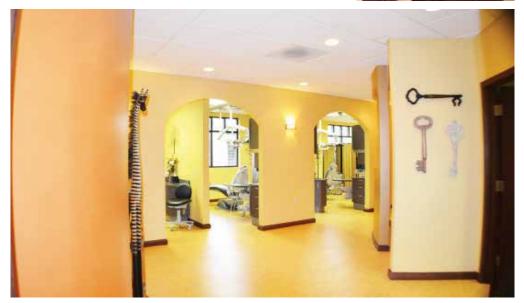
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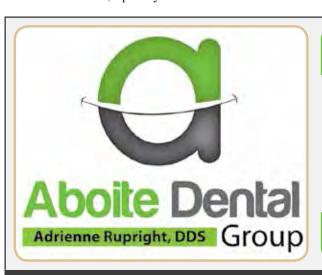
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Early morning, evening and Saturday appointments available recently purchased a "new toy," one which will likely appeal to people who are not thrilled with dental drills.

"I get excited about things like this. I have a new solea laser which is a CO2 laser which can be used on both hard and soft tissues and can remove fillings and decay without the need for anesthetic." Since 2012, Dr. Adrienne Rupright and the team at Aboite Dental Group have approached dentistry a bit more holistically, using Neuromuscular Dentistry to alleviate the many health issues that can arise due to neuromuscular problems. The office on South Bend Drive welcomes patients with its sunny yellow walls. PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED







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Westport Homes provides superior home-building experience

When it's time to make your dream home a reality, turn to Westport Homes for affordability, reliability and quality — and more home for less money

The company placed second in Home Builder category in this year's Readers Choice competition.

Charlie Giese, vice president and general manager, founded Westport Homes in 2003. The Indianapolis-based company currently builds in Indianapolis, Fort Wayne and Columbus, Ohio.

Whether you seek a single-family home, townhouse, patio or low-maintenance home, Westport Homes will work with you in providing a superior product with simple financing and excellent service.

Team members are dedicated to providing the best home-buying experience. Boasting more than 100 years' combined service, they consistently earn a customer satisfaction rating exceeding

98% through meticulous attention to detail.

"Our smart house plans match clients' specific needs for preferences, personal style and any stage of life," Giese said.
"Clients can select from a wide variety of plans that range from a modest 1,500 square feet to a spacious 4,000 square feet. And because we offer more home for less money, we're seeing them grow in size again in our price range."

Westport communities are constructed in safe, stellar locations, and incorporate luxury amenities such as swimming pools, tennis courts, golf courses and walking trails.

"Our homes come equipped with an extensive list of included features that other builders consider upgrades," Giese said. "These include decorative lighting packages, stainless steel appliances, finely crafted wood cabinets, impressive landscaping packages, and, on select plans, kitchen islands



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and luxurious master bathrooms."

Westport is also a "green" home builder, utilizing building materials and suppliers that embrace sustainability and resource conservation, which results in a cleaner home and monthly savings in utility bills.

"We'd like to thank all of our contractors, employees and the people who voted for us and what they do on a day-to-day basis," Giese said. "Westport takes pride in serving clients and supporting local communities and their interests, and we appreciate your support."

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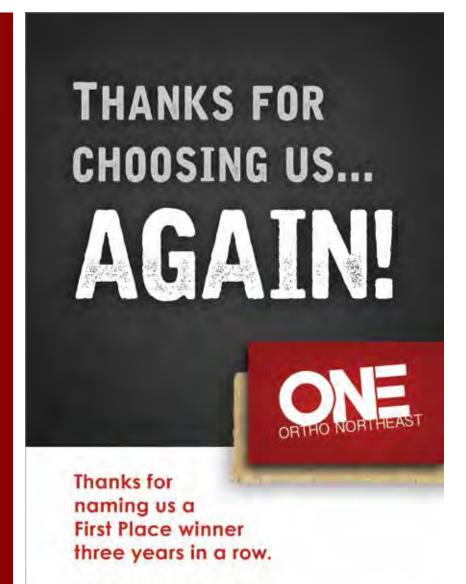
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Key Exteriors proudly reinvests into community

Could your home use a little sprucing up? Have you grown tired of a drab color combination or an outdated front door?

Key Exteriors is an award-winning residential replacement contractor specializing in windows, siding roofing and doors.

This year, Key Exteriors was recognized with first-place awards in two Reader's Choice categories: Home Improvement and Home Improvement-Roofing and Siding.

Owner Bill Kesterkey is honored to be a Readers Choice Winner for seven consecutive years.

"We would like to thank the community and all of our customers for their support over the years," Kesterkey

Key Exteriors is celebrating its 15th anniversary during 2017.

Kesterkey feels blessed to

have achieved sales growth each year while building a strong, reliable and profitable business providing employment for 45 area residents.

The sales office is conveniently located on the corner of Coliseum and Sherman Boulevards in the company-owned Key Plaza commercial center.

This investment is evidence of Key Exterior's stability in Fort Wayne and its commitment to the region.

With winter approaching, contact Key Exteriors for a free inspection of your roof from rooftop or by drone to make a customized recommendation.

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Key Exteriors has experience with comprehensive home makeovers, as seen above. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

materials and labor.

To insulate and seal out upcoming winter drafts, Key Exteriors also installs Superglass windows that incorporate Krypton gas, which improve energy efficiency within the home.

Along with providing outstanding products and

service, Key Exteriors is involved with charitable efforts within the Fort Wayne community, in which Kesterkey grew up.

Kesterkey is proud of the fact that "if you do business with us, you know we are reinvesting money back into the community."

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WINNER for FINANCIAL—CREDIT UNION

MidWest America FCU: More than "just a typical credit union"

MidWest America Federal Credit Union won first place in the Readers Choice competition in the Financial-Credit Union category for the second consecutive year.

The financial institution was founded in 1936 as General Electric Employees Federal Credit Union; the name was changed in 1987 to better reflect expanded membership.

Today, more than 175 employees serve owner members from Fort Wayne's corporate office and 10 other local branches. As with all credit unions, MidWest offers personal and business banking and loans.

However, "MidWest
America is more than just
a typical credit union," said
Laurie Black, vice president
of Marketing and Corporate
Communication. "We are a
well-established, full-service
mortgage lender with years of
lending experience in the Fort
Wayne market and surrounding

areas. All of our mortgage decisions are made locally.

"In addition, they are locally serviced, which means members can count on us to answer their loan questions well beyond the day of closing. Mortgage questions and payments can be made at the same local branch that provides their checking account services. And state-of-the-art mobile technology puts finances at their fingertips and available whenever they need them."

Because all transactions are local, members are assured that a conventional mortgage will never be transferred to an unfamiliar, out-of-state company.

"We have mortgage specialists at each office, so whichever is closest, there's someone on hand to answer questions, take their application, and guide them through the process if they're a first-time home buyer," Black said.

Black said she'd like to thank everyone who took time

to vote and appreciates their continued loyalty and support, considering the number of fine financial institutions from which to choose.

"We've been here for more than 80 years, and are committed to the community. We want to help people meet their financial goals," she said.

"MidWest grows strong relationships with members, while assisting them during all of life's most important financial decisions. We're proud of that, and appreciative of being recognized for what we do."

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WINNER for FINANCIAL-BANK

Farmers & Merchant State Bank quickly gains popularity

Farmers and Merchants State Bank is an independent community bank serving northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio since 1897. Based in Archbold, Ohio, it has been operational in Indiana since 2007, with a Fort Wayne presence of less than two years.

Nonetheless, the full-service bank has been winning customers and loyalty, placing in the top two in the Financial-Bank category of Readers Choice competition, in which they placed first this year.

In May, F&M was listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "FMAO." To customers, this presents "a viable and more visible way to keep tabs on the financial stability of the company," said Curtis Metz, Vice President Commercial Banker.

"This is pretty prestigious, in this regional market," said Marty Filogamo, Senior Vice President and Marketing Director, "and there aren't many companies that can do it."

The full-service bank provides commercial and retail banking, including home, farm and small business loans, and other financial services through 24 offices. Overall staff numbers 280, including a 25-member local team.

"As a commercial team, our employees are local residents, and all decision making is done at a local level," said Metz. "We understand the market, and know Fort Wayne really well."

In addition, Filogamo said, all F&M Ag lenders are also farmers and attuned to farmers' specific needs and unique situations.

Customers who hold a high-yield Kasasa checking account earn cash rewards each month they qualify, another benefit of banking with F&M. And there's never a minimum balance. They can

select from Kasasa Cash, for high interest, or Kasasa Cash Back, which offers cash back on every purchase.

Metz thanked customers and readership for their votes and "for making this happen... We have a growth plan for the Fort Wayne area, and are making a lot of strides in a specialty market."

"F&M is committed to the Allen County area," Filogamo said.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank provides services from 24 offices. Northeast Indiana offices are located in Allen, DeKalb and Steuben counties.



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WINNER for EMPLOYMENT AGENCY

Temporary Solutions helps put Fort Wayne to work since 1990

Northeast Indiana job seekers planning a future career know the best place to apply is this year's top pick for Employment Agency: Temporary Solutions, Inc.

Temporary Solutions was founded in 1990 by Jeanne Callahan, Rob Callahan and Beth Cuttitta as a full-service employment agency. Jeanne and Beth retired in 2006, and Rob became sole proprietor.

Operating from their original location on Maplecrest Road, the locally owned and operated company has placed in the top three in Readers Choice competition for many years.

Owner Rob Callahan said personal service sets them apart from competitors. "We take time to know each job seeker and customer so we can set up a perfect match. We coach applicants and help them prepare. And just because 'temporary' is in our name doesn't mean we have only temporary jobs. This is a great place to begin a job

search and find a new career. And there are no fees for job seekers."

Callahan said there are certain steps individuals can take to be considered an employer's top candidate.

"First, they need to dress for success. No jeans or flip-flops. Improve soft skills, which includes showing up on time, ready to work, and looking people in the eye when speaking with them.

"In this job market, a professional resume really helps candidates find the right job."

Finally, he said, make sure you're qualified for the job for which you're applying. And ditch the cell phone while applying.

"Around 80% of our jobs have the opportunity for permanent hire, which leads to higher pay and company benefits," Callahan said.

Skilled welders, carpenters, warehouse, assembly and production workers currently are



From left: Corrie Smith, Miriam Sanchez, Vicki Neace, Dawn Irmscher, Dawn Donahey and owner Rob Callahan. PHOTO BY CJ WOODRING

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Callahan said he'd like to thank everyone who voted for Temporary Solutions. "It's a great honor to be included among the area's best businesses. We've served the community and region for 27 years, and hope to serve it 27 more — and beyond."

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The company earned top ranking in the Readers Choice Home-Security and Alarm-Safety category for the third consecutive year.

"It's not just because of our products and systems," said owner Nate Routsong. "It's because of our service and knowledgeable crew."

Kendallville native Routsong founded the company in 2005. Security systems and cameras are a major component of their work, but Simplx Security is about much more than that.

Routsong's crew can bring security, audio, medical alert, flood and fire protection to your home or business. Need pre-wiring installed in your new home? The company works with several northeast Indiana

home builders and can also work with you.

"Smart Home is a major trend," Routsong said, as people increasingly turn to phones for everyday tasks such as remotely controlling interior/exterior lighting, cameras, garage doors and heating/cooling systems.

"We now do everything from our phone, and being able to control some of the main services from them is a practical and affordable time saver. Our basic security system is compatible with all the Smart Home offerings, and a lot of those systems can be incorporated into a commercial setting, so they're not just for homes."

Prices are competitive with large national companies, and as a locally owned and operated business, the people you talk to on the phone are the same ones who service you. Local staff is also in place for immediate follow-up and to answer questions.

"Customer service is important," Routsong said. "We're



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approaching 200 five-star testimonials, the highest rating. I think that says a lot about how special we try to treat each individual customer."

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Windows, Doors & More Factory Store a top choice yet again

At a time when excellent customer service is nearly a thing of the past, Windows, Doors & More continues to provide positive experiences for regional homeowners.

Those experiences have been recognized since the launching of Readers Choice annual competition, making them a consistent top three winner in the Home category each year.

Now in its thirty-fourth year, the locally owned and operated company captured first place in the Home-Improvement Fencing-Docks category. They also placed second in Home-Improvement, Improvement Roofing-Siding, Interior Design, Room Design Center, Landscaping Company and Plumbing Company.

The Barbieri family founded the company in 1983. But it is owner Kevin Hunter's passion and relentless drive that powers the engine — and an experienced, professional

team that keeps it on track. It's all about service.

"We're your local friends, not a franchise," Hunter said.
"We have some of the best guys and gals, and we're pleased that people recognize the quality interior and exterior work we do, whether it's a fence, deck, room addition, kitchen and bath makeover, replacement windows, roofing or siding.

A premium provider of quality home renovation services, Windows, Doors & More offers products manufactured in the Hoosier State. "We manufacture the majority of our windows and doors. Our value to customers is the workmanship and products themselves, along with an excellent installation process and warranties that most of our competitors cannot match," Hunter said.

The company excels in quality control, accessing materials and turning things

around smoothly for a seamless operation. The result? Six-ty-two percent of their business is repeat and/or referral.

"We're up to seven kitchen and bath designers now, so our growth there has been substantial," Hunter said. "The number one thing we need right now is experienced, additional quality help so that we can continue to grow.

"I'm thankful for those who voted for us, and also thank our 38,000 satisfied customers. We've been honored to serve them."

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"Good old-fashioned service —100% satisfaction with carpet, high-quality, engineered wood flooring and tile done with quality, value and professionalism," said customer Maynard S.

"The employees were very friendly, straightforward and pleasant to work with. The quality of the material was really good and the installers did an



From left: Casey Sanserino, Avery Fiant, owner Tim Michael, Jenny Perrine and Bill Reed. PHOTO BY CJ WOODRING.

excellent job. Their pricing is a little higher compared to competition, but the quality of the work is well worth the higher price. This was my first time using them, and I would definitely use them again in the future," said customer Hank T.

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WINNER for ASSISTED LIVING

Park Place Senior Living fosters independence and self-esteem

Superior, reasonably priced accommodations, along with a personal service plan specifically tailored to each resident's unique needs, are hallmarks of Park Place Senior Living.

The near north side facility placed third in Readers Choice Health-Assisted Living category for the second consecutive year.

Opened in 2011, Park Place is a licensed, deficiency-free and accredited senior retirement community that requires no large entry fee or endowment.

Located near Parkview Regional Medical Center, the facility provides an elegant, peaceful, resort-like atmosphere

Park Place Senior Living

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that fosters independence and self-esteem. Residents can transition from active retirement to assisted living in the tranquil setting they've come to enjoy.

Living options include assisted living, assisted living memory care and independent living garden homes. With six levels of care, Park Place can provide a continuum of care with licensed 24-hour nursing staff for residents needing assistance with personal care and activities of daily living.

The Wellness Director creates a service plan specifically for each resident, and the 70-member team strives to ensure residents live life on their own terms while enjoying the company of others in a community with a park-like setting that creates a sense of pride in residents, staff, family and friends.

"We have great staff retention," said community relations director Kristin Townsley.
"That's really important. We're just there for our residents, and



the culture is what sets us apart from many other communities: good people, great residents, a very social community."

The communities Memory Care program utilizes unique program called BBET (Behavior-Based Ergonomics Therapy.) "It's an individualized, holistic activity program with proven effectiveness for residents with Alzheimer's. It is a pro-active approach to behaviors and helps residents that disengage from group activities," Townsley said.

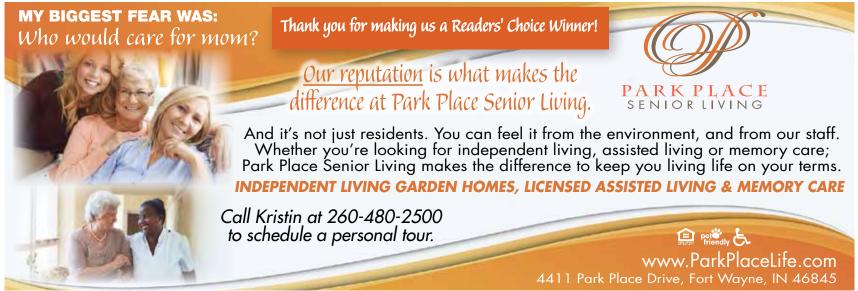
"We also have an exceptional activity program that allows residents to remain active in the community and also experience great weekly entertainment."

"We'd like to thank those who voted for us, and for giving us

Park Place residents enjoy the social atmosphere. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

the opportunity to care for their loved ones during a sometimes difficult time in life," she added.

Park Place is managed by Traditions Management, an Indianapolis-based community and leading senior care provider in Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky.





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WINNER for VETERINARY CLINIC/HOSPITAL

Veterinary Services pairs experience with "a personal touch"

Veterinary Services captured first place in the Readers Choice Veterinary Clinic/Hospital category for seven of the past ten years.

Founder and owner Jill Sackash, DVM, credits success to caring, quality medicine and team effort.

"I think there's an extremely personal touch to my practice. Clients tell us they know we genuinely care. But we wouldn't be who we are if we didn't have the team we have. Without that, it wouldn't work."

Veterinary Services

905 W. Gump Road 260.637.5932 vettech@sackash.com fwvetservices.com

Mon-Thu 8:30-7 Fri 8:30-5 The Fort Wayne native graduated from Purdue's College of Veterinary Medicine and in 1987 began operating as Mobile Veterinary Services, working from a 24-ft. RV converted to a veterinary clinic.

She opened at her present location in 1995, changed the company name and hired team members who, she said, complement one another and work well together as a professional team.

The practice now has three veterinarians, eight registered veterinarian technicians and three lay staff, who boast a combined 175 years' experience.

The team treats mostly dogs and cats — and an occasional rabbit — for conditions ranging from a torn toenail to major surgical procedures other than orthopedic.

"We practice very high quality vet medicine at reasonable prices, and are



very well-equipped for small animal practice," she said.

"As a vet team, we know our limitations, and when we feel it's over our heads and that we can't do it, we refer out."

Looking ahead, the 65-year-old said she's not ready to call it quits. And never will be. But she does plan to shift gears and slow down a bit.

"I love what I do so much I'm probably never going to retire, but just turn the reins over to successors who value the things that I do: the personal touch and high quality medicine that we practice. I'll

never quit being a veterinarian, but just not a full-time one."

Sackash thanked clients and the community for their votes and continued support.

"They appreciate us, and we appreciate them. Without our clients, we wouldn't be here."



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Food and Restaurants





WINNER for BEST FLORIST

Lopshire Flowers help Fort Wayne celebrate for almost 90 years

You can say it with flowers, but patrons of Lopshire Flowers and Gifts know you can also say it with fashion accessories, one-of-a-kind works by local artists and more.

The locally-owned and operated business won first place honors in Readers Choice Florist category for the seventh year, while also placing in the Gift-Collectibles Shop category.

John Lopshire founded the Fort Wayne icon in 1928, establishing it in 1930. Owners Cheryl and Chuck Wene purchased the business in 2006 and four years ago relocated the long-time Georgetown Square landmark to its current location, allowing them to enlarge the showroom and display more inventory.

In the process, Lopshire has become a destination of choice for customers seeking personalized floral arrangements and unique gift items for any occasion.

The shop's fourteen employees combine 130 years of experience. Cheryl Wene is an accredited Master Florist who also holds a floriculture degree from Vincennes University.

Experienced staff create personalized floral designs based on customers' ideas and needs, and constantly search the market for the freshest flowers available, Cheryl Wene said.

In addition to flowers, customers celebrating a new baby, birthday, wedding or anniversary can find gift baskets, balloons and local artwork. The company also now carries a larger selection of bereavement and sympathy items, Chuck Wene said.

Lopshire's new boutique area offers a wide variety of fashion accessories. Outdoor items — think concrete garden stones, cement benches, statues and lanterns - are also available.

The couple is looking forward to greeting old and new friends at their annual Christmas Open House, to be held Nov. 10-11.

"We'd like to thank our customers for entrusting us with specialty florals and gifts for their major life events," Cheryl Wene said.

"It's a responsibility we don't take lightly," her husband added, "and we extend our appreciation to those longtime customers who have followed us throughout the years, and to new ones who visit us. Sincere thanks for your support and votes."

Lopshire Flowers

2211 Maplecrest Road 260.493.1581 lopshireflowers.com

Mon-Fri 9-6 Sat 9-3



Silk flowers and butterflies are showcased in this summer display at Lopshire Flowers and Gifts, a locally-owned business since 1928 now located on Maplecrest Road. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED



WINNER for FURNITURE STORE

For the Klopfensteins, furniture is a family affair

It's barely 10 a.m. on a weekday morning and John Klopfenstein is making a deal.

Inside his store in the heart of Leo, a two-story block of a building with his last name in bold on the outside, he's offering a customer some money off on a furniture set. The two enthusiastically haggle, Klopfenstein saying what he can and cannot do for the gentleman, their hands in constant motion while they talk.

The man eventually likes the deal and a sale is made.

Then Klopfenstein is giving directions for an employee who has to go to Bluffton. Then he's answering another employee's question about whether a sofa is in stock. And then there's a photographer wanting to take his photo for an advertisement.

The bustle at Klopfenstein Furniture & Floorcovering, voted by readers as the best furniture business in the area, is seemingly never ending.

"I'm 69 years old," Klopfenstein said. "I won't be doing this in 30 years, I know that."

The charm of his business, though, is that it's always been run by family.

Klopfenstein's father began the business 68 years ago. The original shop is long since gone, with Klopfenstein building his current Leo location several years ago and has also opened a location out southwest on Magnavox Way.

Both stores are a sprawl of chairs, sofas, lights, floor coverings—anything you could ever want in choosing how to decorate any room. There are window treatments and recliners as well, with promotions galore.

"I feel like we offer a great service and great products at the best affordable price," said Jason Klopfenstein, John's son and general manager. "You can get just about anything here."

John Klopfenstein knows he won't be there forever, as he

joked while pulling Jason into a photo with him for an ad.

"My face isn't going to be the one in these soon," he said.

Someday, the store will be left to Jason and Klopfenstein's daughter, Jennie Klopfenstein-Carter, who also found herself pulled into the photo — both of whom will carry on the family furniture tradition, just as their dad did before them.

John Klopfenstein Furniture & Floor Covering

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John Klopfenstein (center) with daughter Jennie Klopfenstein-Carter (left) and son Jason Klopfenstein (right). PHOTO CONTRIBUTED



WINNER for GIFT-COLLECTIBLES SHOP

At Dogwoods, "little touches make a big difference"

A visit to Dogwoods is like coming home: friendly faces, comforting soft goods, a welcoming ambience.

Soon celebrating its first anniversary, the boutique is a destination of choice for fine gift items, home decor and elegant accent pieces for the well-appointed home.

Dogwoods was voted first in the Gift-Collectibles Shop category in this year's Readers Choice competition, confirming it as the perfect place to connect with all the things you love.

Owners Heidi and Will Anderson have paired her marketing skills and passion for decorating with his sales background to offer a line of merchandise previously unavailable locally.

"We carry exclusive lines of fine home goods, and are the city's sole retailer for Juliska tableware and Vermont-made Simon Pearce handblown glass," Heidi Anderson said. "A majority of our items are handmade in the U.S., primarily by regional and southern artists."

This isn't a job to Heidi; it's a passion she enjoys," Will Anderson said. "We wanted to make our store different from others, and offer something for every home. We get inventory in daily, so there's always something new to see."

Offerings include home accents and furnishings, paper goods, home goods and personal care products. Southern Jubilee pewter-stamped glasses and Bodrum linens are current best sellers.

"It's the little touches that make a big difference," said Heidi Anderson, who offers decorating services to clientele.

Dogwoods also offers a wedding registry and gift wish list, and with a focus on exceptional customer service, places custom orders.

Heidi recognized employee Ellen McCallum for her role in Dogwoods' success. "She's excellent with assisting customers, and is a huge asset to us," she said.

"We're so grateful to loyal customers who have helped us grow over the past year, and thankful we're able to bring these products to the local market."

"We also appreciate customer feedback," her husband added. "It helps us to be better at what we do."

Dogwoods' anniversary celebration will be Friday, October 6, featuring a discount on items storewide.

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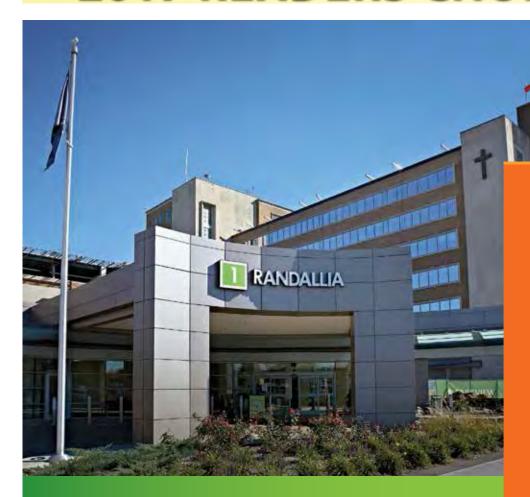
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Owners Will and Heidi Anderson welcome customers to Dogwoods, a boutique now celebrating its first anniversary. Unique and one-of-a-kind items are hallmarks of the home decor and gift shop. PHOTO BY CJ WOODRING





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WINNER for CLOTHING-SHOE STORE

Fleet Feet Sports helps Fort Wayne get fit with the perfect shoe

How many times do customers walk into a department store or specialty shoe store, find something attractive on the wall and squish their feet into them before taking them home?

That never happens at Fleet Feet Sports, where a custom fit ensures everyone who walks into the store walks out comfortably.

"When you walk into our store, you will be greeted by someone, and then the process begins," said Maggie Croy, who handles the store's marketing and is daughter of owners Kevin and Jeanice Croy. "We start to find out what is going to work for you."

That process is remarkably fast and thorough, thanks to Fit ID, a device which creates a 3D scan of a person's feet and provides specific measurements.

Those important details – foot width, length and arch height – allow for a uniquely accurate fit, something that can't be found by just grabbing a shoe off the rack.

The service is also available for worksite visits, allowing employees to get shoes which are most appropriate for their work environments.

The popularity of Fleet Feet, which opened in the fall of 2013, is about more than great fitting shoes.

The company has also become deeply rooted in the Fort Wayne community in just those four short years, lending their service and knowledge to a variety of area fitness and community events.

"We are definitely more than a shoe store," said Croy, who described several outreach endeavors.

"We are very community



Fleet Feet uses Fit ID to create 3D scans of customers' feet to match them with their dream shoe. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

based. We have running programs three times a week and host yoga classes. We train athletes with disabilities at Turnstone.

"We host runs and have done events with Two EE's Winery and the Tin Caps. We're always looking for opportunities to share health and fitness with our community."

And at the heart of that is the shoes, which Croy said helps people stay comfortable and better tackle their own fitness goals.

"We're serving our purpose if we help people go out and do what they have to on a daily basis in great fitting shoes."

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STEAK	Cork 'n Cleaver	Texas Roadhouse	Baker Street Steakhouse





Food and Restaurants

WINNER for CHINESE RESTAURANT

Customers are like family at Co Co China Buffet

It's not even 4 p.m. on a Friday and people are filing inside.

Already there's the incessant ringing of callers wanting take-out.

There's the blur of waiters and busboys going to and fro, making sure tables are clean.

And then there's Susan Dong, coming in and out of the kitchen with a new pan or pot each time, refilling various dishes among four buffet tables — all while answering the phone, too.

This is the calm before the real night-time bustle at Co Co China Buffet, a little joint Dong owns with her husband, Jeff Zhang, just off Main Street south of Fort Wayne in Bluffton.

Co Co China has now won first place for Chinese Restaurant in nine of the last ten years.

People may be enticed by the restaurant's popular

honey chicken or delicious beef lo mein, but they likely keep coming back for the warm service and atmosphere Dong and Zhang have provided since taking ownership of the eatery in 2000.

"People here are awesome," Dong said.

"I'm a people person. The people who come in here, they know us and they know my kids and we know them."

Dong said she came to the United States from China when she was 19.

She loves the restaurant business and takes pride in the Co Co, which is has Asian artwork adorning the walls as well as the tables themselves.

Customers are provided with large spreads of fried rice, beef with broccoli, crab rangoon, lemon chicken and sweet and sour pork.

There are about 80 differ-

ent menu items available at any given time, including a salad bar, desserts and even some American fare for those who are in the mood for chicken nuggets or onion rings.

And Dong and Zhang plan to be around for a long time to come, having now put down their roots in Bluffton.

"We won't be going anywhere," Dong said. "This is our second home. People here are like family."

And as a few regulars leave late Friday afternoon, she sends them off as such.
With hugs.

Co Co China Buffet

2020 N. Main Street Bluffton, IN 260.827.0838

Daily 11-10



Susan Dong and Jeff Zhang have owned Co Co China Buffet since 2000. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED



WINNER for BEST JAPANESE-SUSHI RESTAURANT

Asakusa celebrates a decade of "Best Sushi" title

A Fort Wayne tradition for more than 11 years, Asakusa Japanese Restaurant & Sushi Bar was voted first in the Japanese-Sushi Restaurant category for the tenth consecutive year.

"We're so thankful and happy to have this recognition for 10 years," said owner Michelle Chiang. "We appreciate all our loyal customers."

In 1999, at a time when few local residents were familiar with Japanese cuisine, Chiang and her husband, Yikuang, opened the city's first sushi bar on Lima Road.

"We modified items for American tastes, and asked for feedback as we went along," Michelle Chiang recalled.

Enhanced by partitioned hardwood seating, subdued lighting and soft music, the restaurant is a perfect setting for intimate dinners or business luncheons.

The Chiangs opened the southwest location in May 2013, featuring a hibachi grill and banquette seating in an open configuration designed to serve larger groups.

Guests at either location can expect the quality food for which the Japanese are renowned: fresh, healthy and low in fat.

Professional and dedicated staff prepare food thoughtfully and beautifully, ensuring it not only pleases diners' eyes, but satisfies taste buds for an overall sensory experience.

Along with sushi — which can be served warm or cold, Chiang noted — the menu features dishes such as Teriyaki Chicken and Lunch Boxes, each a guest favorite, many prepared to accommodate local tastes.

Loyal customers have become long-time friends,

and now span generations, Chiang said.

"We're so grateful to our valued guests who voted for us. We'll continue to work hard to offer quality food at good prices, and to do the best we can in serving the Fort Wayne community."

Asakusa Japanese Restaurant & Sushi Bar

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Fort Wayne's sushi pioneer, Asakusa Japanese Restaurant, serves consistently raved-about sushi, sashimi and maki--as well as several other Japanese specialties like terivaki and tempura. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED



WINNER for BEST BREAKFAST

"If there's anything the Bourounis family knows, it's breakfast"

The first Cosmos, located on North Coliseum, opened in 1995 and began a family tradition which continues today.

The founders of that restaurant, Petros and Georgia Bourounis, set the bar high for both food and service, an approach to business carried on today in the two current Cosmos locations.

The Canterbury location is owned by son Panayiotis (Panos) Bourounis, and the Lima Marketplace Shopping Center location is owned by his brother Sotirios (Sam). Both sons are warm and welcoming and enjoy connecting with the people who walk through their doors.

"We like to get to know the people who come here," said Sam Bourounis.

"A lot of our clientele is 55 and over, and we like to go that extra step to learn people's names and make them feel special, to make

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them smile. It makes you feel like you're part of something bigger," he said.

That warmth and compassion extends to their employees, which is why both Cosmos locations are open from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m., keeping their days shorter for the sake of family and staff.

"The reason we choose to close at three is because most of our employees have children. Some are single parents, and some are not. But we think it's important to make it possible for them to be able to spend time with their families, to be able to go home and spend time with their kids after school and have dinner with them," Bourounis said. "After all, family is what's most important at the end of the day."

Of course, it's the food which makes Cosmos special, and the reliably delicious menu is what makes them Fort Wayne's favorite breakfast.

"Everything is home cooked and made to order. And we make sure the portions are generous. You will never leave hungry."

Catering is also an option for any family or business gathering, and while Cosmos does serve sandwiches and other items for lunch, their focus on early hours makes breakfast the biggest temptation when you visit.

"If there's anything the Bourounis family knows, it's breakfast."

Cosmos

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Cosmos has been a Fort Wayne breakfast and lunch staple since its first location opened over twenty years ago. The Bourounis family serves comfort-food classics in a family-friendly atmosphere. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED



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WINNER for LIQUOR & WINE STORE

Country Heritage Winery impresses locally and state-wide

Since opening their doors in 2011, Country Heritage Winery & Vineyard have quickly become a popular destination for those who want a wine tasting, to sit and enjoy a glass of wine or slushie or seek a destination for food, beverage and even some music.

With a large selection of wines, running the gamut from dry and robust to soft and fruity, there's something for everyone at Country Heritage.

And now their reputation has grown beyond just their fans in northeast Indiana.

"We have recently won the Governor's Cup, earning the title 2017 Indiana Winery of the Year from the Indy International Wine Competition," said Jennifer Lutter, who owns the winery with her husband Jeremy.

Of 92 wineries in the state currently, Country Heritage also took home 42 medals

including three Double Gold, 12 Gold, 15 Silver and 12 Bronze. They received Best of Class for their 2013 Estate Grown Marquette and Heritage Rose.

"In six years of being open, we have been grateful to receive 156 medals, 8 Best of Class, Indiana Traminette of the Year and Indiana Farm Winery of the Year in both 2015 and 2016," said Jennifer Lutter. "No other winery in the state of Indiana has received Farm Winery of the Year twice then Indiana Winery of the Year in a consecutive years."

While their product is exceptional, so is the ambiance created at the large but warm tasting room and adjacent event rooms.

"We sit on 100 acres with a beautiful 8.5 acre vineyard planted in front for guests to view while enjoying a glass or bottle on our gazebo or wrap-around porch." Every wine is hand crafted at Country Heritage Winery. One-third of the wine produced is from estate-grown fruit. They have recently added a farm market as well, and are excited to serve the community with quality fresh and locally-grown produce and items.

"We also pride ourselves in creating a lasting relationship with our customers emphasizing customer service and product knowledge."

Country Heritage is a short drive north of Fort Wayne up Lima Road.

Country Heritage Winery

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Country Heritage Winery recently won the title of 2017 Indiana Winery of the Year from the Indy International Wine Competition. In six years, they have accrued well over 100 medals. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Country Heritage winery & vineyard

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WINNER for BEST MEXICAN RESTAURANT

el Azteca once again voted best Mexican restaurant

Perennial Fort Wayne favorite el Azteca continues to be this area's go-to Mexican restaurant, once again claiming that title in the Readers Choice awards.

A family-owned business since opening in 1973, the restaurant has seen its share of changes. While the attention to the food and beverage service remains consistent, new ways to promote the restaurant have changed over the years.

The restaurant now offers free wireless internet to help connect the establishment to

el Azteca Mexican Restaurant & Tequila Bar

535 East State Boulevard 260.482.2127 facebook.com/elaztecaftwayne elaztecarestaurant.com

Sun-Thu 11-10 Fri & Sat 11-11 new customers.

"Social media has been awesome for us," said Cristina Ray-Durnell, who now coowns the business with her mother, Juanita Ray.

"People come in and checkin, and they post a picture of their drink or their food and tag their friends...It's been great advertising for us."

But those avenues of marketing can be fraught with some negativity as well, and as a pro-active owner, Ray-Durnell tries to stay on top of those reactions.

"I receive notifications on my phone whenever anybody posts about us on Facebook, Yelp or Trip Advisor. I like to address any negative comments immediately...I would love if people who have concerns talk to me in person so they can see my sincerity in making them feel better about their experience."

Part of their attention to both the quality of their food



and their service is providing a wide array of catering options, including a taco buffet, a fajita buffet and full bar service with or without food.

From quiet dinners at the

In recent years, el Azteca has expanded its already vast list of tequilas and other libations from south of the border. However, the long-time favorite still offers a family-friendly environment. PHOTO BY STEVE VORDERMAN

restaurant to company events and wedding receptions, el Azteca wants to make your experience with their menu—or maybe just their tequila list—a happy and memorable one.





WINNERS







	ART GALLERY	Fort Wayne Museum of Art	Castle Gallery	Lakeland Art Association
	BOWLING ALLEY	Lakeside Golf & Bowling Cr	azy Pinz Entertainment Center, Northlan	d Blvd Pro Bowl West, Goshen Ave
	CASINO	Firekeeper's Casino, Battle Creek	Hoosier Park, Anderson	Blue Chip Casino, Michigan City
	CHURCH	St. Peter's Lutheran Church	Pathways Community Church, Carroll R	oad Calvary Christian Fellowship
	GOLF COURSE	Lakeside, Coliseum Rd	Autumn Ridge, Auburn Rd	Sycamore Hills Golf Club
	HOTEL	Oakwood Resort, Syracuse	Courtyard by Marriott Fort Wayne Downtown	Don Hall's Guesthouse Grill & Lounge, W Washington Center Rd
	LOCAL CHARITY WALK-EVENT	Fort 4 Fitness	SCAN Duck Race	Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana's Lapper
	LOCAL CHILDRENS ENTERTAINMENT	Fort Wayne Children's Zoo	Science Central	Black Pine Animal Sanctuary, Albion
	LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUE	Foellinger Outdoor Theater	Embassy Theatre, Downtown	Fort Wayne TinCaps, Parkview Field
to Do	LOCAL FESTIVAL	Three Rivers Festival	Johnny Appleseed Festival	Germanfest, Headwaters Park
Go/Things	LOCAL HISTORICAL LANDMARK	Embassy Theatre, Downtown	Coney Island Wiener Stand, W Main S	t Fort Wayne Children's Zoo
0/T	LOCAL ICE SKATING RINK	Headwaters Park Ice Arena, Downto	own Canlan Ice Arena	
=	LOCAL MOVIE THEATRE	Regal Coldwater Crossing Cinema, W Washington Center Rd	Carmike Cinema, E Dupont Rd	Carmike Cinema, Jefferson Pointe
Place	LOCAL PARK	Foster Park, Old Mill Rd	Lakeside Park & Rose Garden, Lake S	St Kreager Park, N River Rd
	LOCAL RUN-RACE	Fort 4 Fitness	The Color Run	American Cancer Society, Relay for Life
	PLACE FOR ACOUSTIC MUSIC	Foellinger Outdoor Theater	Sweetwater Sound, US Hwy 30	Jefferson Pointe Friday Night Lights
	PLACE FOR HAPPY HOUR	The Green Frog Inn	The Deck at Halls Gashouse	Club Soda, E Superior St
	PLACE FOR JAZZ	Club Soda, E Superior St	Chappell's, West Jefferson Blvd	Foellinger-Freiman JazzWorks
	PLACE FOR ROCK-N-ROLL	Foellinger Outdoor Theater	The Brass Rail, Broadway F	Piere's Entertainment Center, Saint Joe Rd
	PLACE FOR GAMBLE	French Lick Resort Casino	FireKeepers Casino, Battle Creek	Blue Chip Casino
	PLACE TO WORK	Lincoln Financial Group, S Clinton S	t Don Ayres Honda	Do it Best Corp
	SUMMER DAY CAMP	Franke Day Camp	Fort Wayne Children's Zoo Safari Day Ca	amp YMCA Camp Potawotami, South Milford
	TATTOO SHOP	Grade A Tattoos	Established Inc.	Gypsy Vault

WINNER for MUSIC STORE & PLACE FOR ACOUSTIC MUSIC

Sweetwater puts Fort Wayne on the musical map

Sweetwater is renowned as a world-class retailer of musical instruments and music technology.

Opened in 1979 by founder/ owner Chuck Surack, president/CEO, it has grown to become the largest online music retailer in the United States, a sweet spot in the Heartland for music lovers and musicians at all levels.

The store, including Dave's Music Den, features guitars, keyboards, drums, amps, Apple computers, sheet music, Sweetwater merchandise and more.

Sweetwater's digital warehouse is a major component of customers' overall sales experience, delivering selected merchandise to the store from the warehouse within minutes.

But manager Thad Tegtmeyer said the company isn't about sales.

"Our focus isn't on selling, but on providing correct information and assisting customers in making, playing and sharing music. We have a qualified, educated staff and are the leader in educating customers while providing a proven, unparalleled level of customer service."

Opened in June 2015, the retail store is a destination location and personal music mecca, a vital component of Sweetwater and its campus, drawing local, regional and national visitors to the 100-acre site.

"We have the largest onsite inventory in the country," Tegtmeyer said.

"Customers can select from in-store inventory or, by selecting items from a digital screen, can get merchandise delivered from the adjoining warehouse in just minutes."

The campus also plays an integral role in the overall Sweetwater experience.

"It's a place for musicians to meet and collaborate through the Academy, Jazz Jams, Open Acoustic Jams and numerous master classes conducted here," Tegtmeyer said.

"Feedback is always welcome, and we appreciate it," he said.

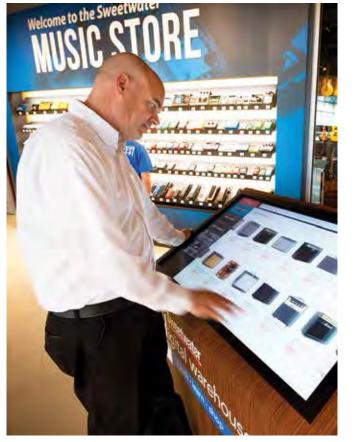
"It's always nice to get a nod from the community, telling us we're doing a good job, and we certainly appreciate the support we receive from Fort Wayne and surrounding areas.

"At the end of the day, the customer's experience and interaction with sales staff is the most important factor. And we pride ourselves on that, because it's paramount."

Sweetwater Sound

5501 U.S. Highway 30W 260.432.8176 *sweetwater.com*

Mon-Thu 9-9 Fri 9-8 Sat 9-7 Sun 11-5



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Thank you Fort Wayne, for voting us your favorite music retailer! Stop in today and test-drive everything from guitars and drums to keyboards, amps, mics, and more!

Sweetwater has the gear you need.

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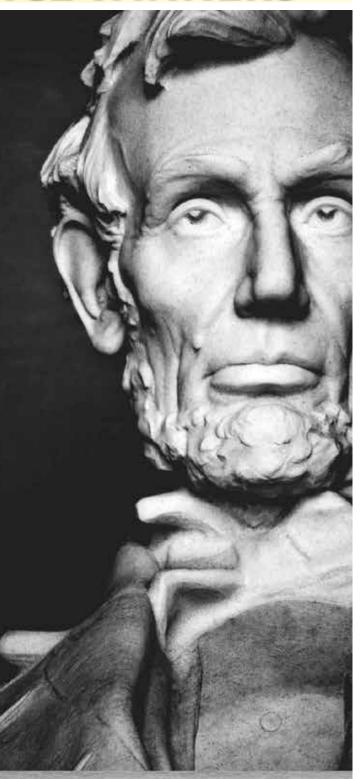


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