

## \*The Forest-Blade

To our wonderful community,

Inside this tab, you'll find the winners of our annual Reader's Choice contest. Year after year, the public has chosen who is the best of the best in a number of categories. These selections represent wholesome businesses and persons alike. Some of these businesses have a long-running history of winning Reader's Choice awards while others are new recipients of the prestigious honor. Whatever the case, those businesses and people would be unable to win without two things: the impressions they've left upon the public and the public's vote for them when the time counts.

Until this year, our Reader's Choice contest was conducted through our print product alone. Ballots appeared in several editions prior to a given deadline each year. Readers filled those ballots out, dropped them by our office, and our staff spent hours on end counting and recounting the votes to determine that year's winners. We began receiving requests increasingly more frequently over the last three years from our readers to offer online voting. We partnered with a third-party company in Atlanta, Creative Circle, to launch our online voting platform this year, and the result was astounding! We learned through this process that when you give the people what they ask for, the people return the favor tenfold. We ended the contest with more than 35,000 votes, and that number does not include the mass of in-person ballots we received. Our readers and winners alike can rest assured their victories were soundly earned. Our utilization of Creative Cloud ensured no false votes due to the company's security software, yet simultaneously allowed people to create their own nominations and vote once a day for as long as the voting platform stayed live, which was roughly three weeks. I am confident that our readers enjoyed voting this way. Consequently, I am even more confident that we will conduct our Reader's Choice contests the same way in the future.

To our faithful readers, thank you for making this publication possible. Newspapers in other communities put on similar contests. This historic Reader's Choice is special in that it reserves the recognition for businesses and people rooted here in Emanuel. For decades now, our audience has turned out thousands of votes. It is because of your participation that we, The Forest-Blade, can continue to honor the best our county has to offer. To the businesses and people who were nominated and received an award, congratulations! The certificates you receive to hang on your wall are so much more than what they seem at face value. Sure, these indicate that you won... But what does winning this honor mean at the core? In our tried and true opinion, it means you have won over the hearts of your fellow citizens; that whatever service you provide is invaluable and incomparable; and that Emanuel County is a better place because of you. That old saying, "Don't fix it if it ain't broke?" Keep that in mind as you move forward in whatever endeavors are upcoming.

To everyone involved in our Reader's Choice edition, thank you. Together, we will keep Emanuel strong and help move our beloved home place in a positive direction in all the years to come.

Regards,

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Gail Williamson Publisher



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Best Retirement Center - Summer Willow

Best Manufactured Housing - Handi House

Best Photographer - Mark Williams

Best Hair Salon - Ashley & Co.

Best Hair Stylist - Ashley Perkins

Best CNA - August Thurman

Best Roofing Company - Roof US

Best Dry Cleaner - Southern Laundry

Best Carpet Cleaner - UltraClean

Best Men's Clothing Store - Yard Master

Best Women's Clothing Store - Twin City Drug Co.

Best Children's Clothing Store - WalMart

Best Shoe Store - Shoe Show

Best Jewelry Store - Stewart's Jewelry

Best Pharmacy - Shop Rite

Best Policeman- Josh Bedgood

Best Fireman - Frank Nasworthy

Best Propane Gas Provider - TruFlame

Best Auto Parts Store - O'Reilly Auto Parts

Best Car Wash - Mojo's Car Wash

Best Cell Phone Provider - Verizon Wireless

Best Portable Building Manufacturer - Handi House

Best ATV Store - Adams Motorsports of Swainsboro

Best Attorney - Richard McNeely

Best Dance School - Southern Dance Connection

Best Farm Equipment Supplier - GA Equipment

Best Well Drilling Company - Dock Claxton Well Drilling

Best Concrete Company - Buddy's Redimix

Best Pawn Shop - Tom's Pawn

Best Housekeeper - Lindsey Radford

Best Auction Company - Lane Brothers Auctions

Best Deputy - Rocky Davis

Best Mortgage Company - Citizens Bank

Best Bridal Registry - Stewart's Jewelry

Best Drive-Thru Window (Food) - Ware's

Best Drive-Thru Window (Service) - Shop Rite Pharmacy

Best Credit Counseling - Citizens Bank

BestSpeech/Hearing Specialist- Jill Scarboro, M.S. CCC-SLP

Best Town or City to live in Emanuel County - Swainsboro

Best Pool Service - Southern Pool Builders, Inc.

Best Drive-Thru Window (Bank) - Citizens Bank

Best Tanning Salon - CPR Fitness & Tan

Best Mattress Store - Custom Furniture

Best EMT - Courtney Terwilliger

Best Wrecker Service - Amerson's

Best Lodging - The Edenfield House

Best Vitamin Store - Nora's Herbs & Vitamins

Best Monument Service - Southeast Vault & Monument

Best Medical Assistant- Ashley Mason

Best Diesel Repair Shop - Chris' Truck Repair

Best Rental Store - GA Equipment

Best Nursing Home - Pruitt Health Swainsboro

Best Feed & Seed Store - Yard Master

Best Fitness Center - CPR Fitness & Tan

Best Mini Storage - Johnson's Mini Storage

Best Land Clearing - Gary Moore Tree Service

Best Used Car Lot - Daniels Chevrolet

Best Taxi Service - Logan's Taxi

Best Tax Preparer - Hall's Accounting

Best Finance Company Loan Officer - Brad Grimm

Best Computer Repair Service - Wise Computer Solutions

Best Nail Salon - Nikki Rich/Bangles II

Best Dog Groomer - Blondie's Kennel

Best Caterer - Happy's

Best Steak - Berni's

Best Sub - Subway

Best All-Around Restaurant - Berni's

## CONGRATULATIONS

Best All-Around Fast Food - Zaxby's

Best Pizza - Domino's

Best Salad Bar - Coleman House

Best Burger - Berni's

Best Breakfast - Berni's

Best Lunch - Coleman House

Best Dinner - Berni's

Best Buffet - Coleman House

Best Dessert - The Sugar Bowl

Best Vegetables - Coleman House

Best Sandwiches - Happy's

Best Seafood - Canoochee Catfish

Best Fried Chicken - Coleman House

Best Barbeque - Ware's BBQ

Best Place To Buy Meats - Pinetucky Country Meats

Best Place To Buy Produce - Harvey's

Best Grocery Store - Harvey's

Best Florist - Southern Traditions

Best Gift Shop - Twin City Drug Co.

Best Liquor Store - Mojo's

Best Carpet/Flooring - Custom Furniture

Best Hardware Store - Swainsboro Supply

Best Sporting Good Store - Hibbett Sports

Best Contractor/Builder/Remodeler - Dream Maker Bath & Kitchen

Best Heating & Air Service - Quality Air

Best Plumber - Kirby Plumbing

Best Antique Store - The Clucking Chicken

Best CPA Firm - Stacie Avery

Best Gas Station - Enmarket

Best Small Engine Repair - Frank's Power Equipment

Best All Around Bank - Citizens

Best Bank Loan Processor - Queensborough National Bank

Best Bank Teller - Avery Williams

Best Bank Customer Service Rep - Angie Cavanah

Best Loan Officer - Jim Harrell

Best Finance Company - Robins Federal Credit Union

Best Place To Buy Tires - Terwilliger's

Best Oil Change - Terwilliger's

Best Auto Service - Terwilliger's

Best Real Estate Company - DRB Realty

Best Real Estate Agent - Rhett Blount

Best Insurance Company - Yeomans & Associates

Best Insurance Agent - Mitch Proctor

Best Chiropractor - Dr. Mark Haddock

Best All-Around Business - Pinetucky Country Meats

Best All-Around Industry - Advanced Metal Components

Best Funeral Home - Chapman Funeral Home

Best Optometrist - Dr. Bob Barrett

Best Dental Service - Dr. Mark Smith

Best Physician (Provider) - Mikey Edenfield

Best Nurse - Brooke Marsh

Best Pest Control - Parrish Pest Control

Best Veterinarian - Swainsboro Animal Hospital

Best Daycare Facility - Southeastern Tech Child Development Center

Best Automotive Dealership - Daniels Chevrolet

Best Automotive Salesperson - Ed Daniels

Best Landscape Nursery - Yard Master

Best Landscape Company - Yard Master Best Furniture Store - Custom Furniture

Best Appliance Store - Claxton's Appliances & More

Best Paint & Body Shop - C&G Car Care

Best Principal - Anetria Edenfield

Best Teacher - Krista Hostilo

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Best Barber - Tim Mason

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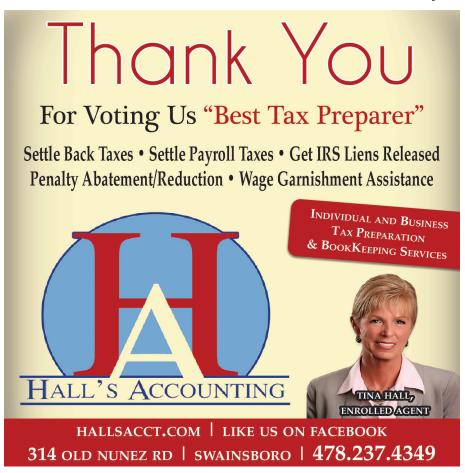




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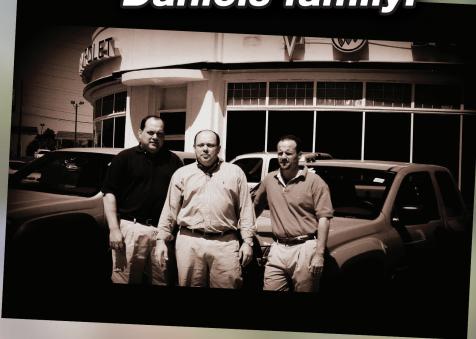
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