

**And the winners are...**

*The*  
**ADVOCATE**  
*& DEMOCRAT*

**BEST OF THE BEST**

**2025**



Each year, The Advocate & Democrat newspaper takes great pride in recognizing deserving recipients with the prestigious Best of the Best honor, saluting the best in Monroe County.

Even though these special awards are presented by the newspaper, the winners are the **READERS' choice**. Our readers, citizens of the county and customers of hundreds of local businesses have chosen the Best of the Best recipients by casting a vote for their favorites online or returning the mail-in ballot during the voting period. Thousands of your votes were cast and counted and now it's time to reveal this year's winners.



## BEST IN MONROE

### \*ANNUAL EVENT\*



#### SECOND PLACE

Taste of Monroe

#### THIRD PLACE

Madisonville's Christmas Festival on the Square

## BEST IN MONROE

### \*CIVIC CLUB OR ORGANIZATION\*



*Sweetwater Kiwanis*

#### SECOND PLACE

Monroe County Chamber of Commerce

#### THIRD PLACE

Tellico Plains Kiwanis

## BEST IN MONROE

### \*CUSTOMER SERVICE\*



#### SECOND PLACE

Sweetwater Creamery

#### THIRD PLACE

Peoples Bank of East Tenn

## BEST IN MONROE

### \*DINING ATMOSPHERE\*



#### SECOND PLACE

Bradley's Pit BBQ & Grill

#### THIRD PLACE

The Lazy Beagle

## BEST IN MONROE

### \*EVENT VENUE\*



#### SECOND PLACE

Anderson Ridge

#### THIRD PLACE

Mashburn Farms

## BEST IN MONROE

### \*FRIENDLIEST BUSINESS\*



#### SECOND PLACE

Sweetwater Creamery

#### THIRD PLACE

Peoples Bank of East Tenn.

## BEST IN MONROE

### \*LOCAL ATTRACTION\*



#### SECOND PLACE

The Lost Sea

#### THIRD PLACE

Sweetwater Creamery

## BEST IN MONROE

### \*MOST COMMUNITY INVOLVED BUSINESS\*



#### SECOND PLACE

Sweetwater Creamery

#### THIRD PLACE

Peoples Bank of East Tenn.

BEST IN MONROE

\*NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION\*

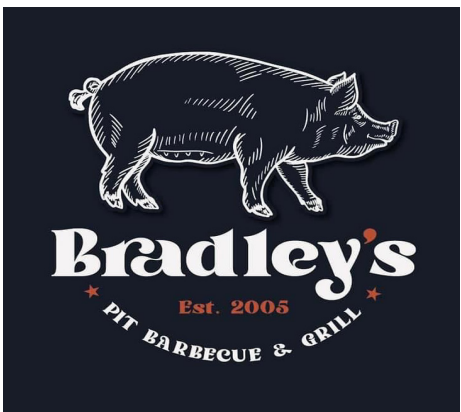


SECOND PLACE  
Fresh Start

THIRD PLACE  
Chota Community Health Services

BEST IN MONROE

\*PLACE TO HAVE A BUSINESS LUNCH\*



SECOND PLACE  
Scott's Tots

THIRD PLACE  
Smoke-n-Bonz

BEST IN MONROE

\*PLACE TO WORK\*



SECOND PLACE  
Sweetwater Creamery

THIRD PLACE  
Chota Community Health Services

BEST IN MONROE

\*PLACE TO WORSHIP\*



SECOND PLACE  
River of Life Ministries

THIRD PLACE  
Amplify Christ Ministries

BEST IN MONROE

\*SMALL BUSINESS\*



SECOND PLACE  
State Farm - Eric Hazuda

THIRD PLACE  
Stars Athletics

BEST BUSINESSES

\*AUCTION COMPANY\*



SECOND PLACE  
Cherohala Sales & Auctions

THIRD PLACE  
Edmonds Realty & Auction

BEST BUSINESSES

\*AUTOMOTIVE REPAIRS & SERVICES\*



SECOND PLACE  
Wee-Man Diesel Truck & Trailer Repair

THIRD PLACE  
411 Automotive

BEST BUSINESSES

\*BAKERY\*



SECOND PLACE  
Lacy's Cakes

THIRD PLACE  
Smoky Mountain Mason Jar



## BEST BUSINESSES

### \*BARBER SHOP\*



SECOND PLACE  
Dawson's Barber Shop

THIRD PLACE  
Cody's Cutz

## BEST BUSINESSES

### \*BEAUTY SALON\*



SECOND PLACE  
Styles & Files

THIRD PLACE  
Misfits on Main

## BEST BUSINESSES

### \*BOOKSTORE\*



SECOND PLACE  
The Bookshelf

THIRD PLACE  
Heaven Bound Bible Bookstore

## BEST BUSINESSES

### \*CAR WASH/ DETAILING\*



SECOND PLACE  
Big Moe's Detailing

THIRD PLACE  
Denny Cooper

## BEST BUSINESSES

### \*CELL PHONE PROVIDER\*



SECOND PLACE  
Verizon

THIRD PLACE  
Cricket

## BEST BUSINESSES

### \*CHILDCARE FACILITY\*



*Kiddie Korner*

SECOND PLACE  
First Baptist Church of  
Madisonville's Daycare

THIRD PLACE  
Pecan Patch Playschool

## BEST BUSINESSES

### \*CONSIGNMENT OR THRIFT STORE\*



*Sweetwater Area  
Ministries*

SECOND PLACE  
Monroe County Friends of  
Animals

THIRD PLACE  
Statemint Monroe

## BEST BUSINESSES

### \*CONVENIENCE STORE\*



*of Vonore*

SECOND PLACE  
Mountain View Market

THIRD PLACE  
Weigels

BEST BUSINESSES

\* EXTERMINATING \*



- SECOND PLACE  
Massey Services
- THIRD PLACE  
McMinn County Termite

BEST BUSINESSES

\* FLOWER SHOP \*



- SECOND PLACE  
Blair's BoKay Florist
- THIRD PLACE  
Sweetwater Flower Shop

BEST BUSINESSES

\* FINANCIAL INSTITUTION \*



- SECOND PLACE  
Volunteer Federal Savings Bank
- THIRD PLACE  
Fairweather Financial

BEST BUSINESSES

\* FUNERAL HOME \*



Biereley-Hale  
Funeral Home

- SECOND PLACE  
Kyker Funeral Home
- THIRD PLACE  
Myer's Funeral Homes

BEST BUSINESSES

\* FITNESS CENTER \*



- SECOND PLACE  
Two Six Power & Speed
- THIRD PLACE  
Anytime Fitness

BEST BUSINESSES

\* GIFT SHOP \*



- SECOND PLACE  
The Shops of Monroe
- THIRD PLACE  
Vonore Drug

BEST BUSINESSES

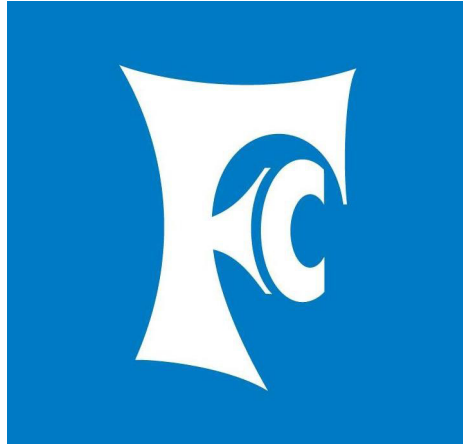
\* FLOORING \*



- SECOND PLACE  
Country Carpet
- THIRD PLACE  
Crowder Tile

BEST BUSINESSES

\* GROCERY STORE \*



- SECOND PLACE  
Ingles-2
- THIRD PLACE  
Walmart



**Thank you for voting us**  
**3rd Place - Best Place to Buy Furniture**





**Jim's Mattress & More**  
 4751 New Highway 68, Madisonville, TN  
 423-545-9497 • jimsmattress.com  
 Mon.-Fri. 9am-6pm • Sat. 9am-5pm • Closed Sunday



**Thank You for voting us:**

**1st Place -**  
**Best Family Restaurant**

**1st Place - Best Home Cooking**

**2nd Place -**  
**Friendliest Restaurant**

**310 Sweetwater Vonore Road**  
**Sweetwater, TN 37874**






**YAMAHA**  
*Revs Your Heart*



**2ND PLACE BEST**  
**INDUSTRY/MANUFACTURING!**



We are honored to be voted Reader's Choice  
**1st Place - Best Pharmacy • 1st Place - Best Pharmacist: Kristi Miller**  
**2nd Place - Best Place to Purchase Gifts • 3rd Place - Best Gift Shop**

At Vonore Drugs, we pride ourselves on building strong relationships with our patients and providing **personal service** you just don't get everywhere.

In a world of busy schedules and long wait times, we're proud to offer something different: **real care, close to home.**

**Pharmacists** are among the **most accessible healthcare professionals**, and we take that role seriously. Whether it's answering your questions, helping you manage medications, or just being a trusted advisor- we're here for you.

From all of us at Vonore Drug, thank you for your continued support.  
 Here's to keeping your health our #1 priority!

**-Kristi Miller, Pharm D. & the Vonore Drug Team**

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BEST BUSINESSES

\*HAIR SALON\*



SECOND PLACE  
Styles & Files

THIRD PLACE  
Misfits on Main

BEST BUSINESSES

\*HEATING/AIR  
CONDITIONING\*



SECOND PLACE  
Hatley's Heat & Air

THIRD PLACE  
Custom Heat & Air

BEST BUSINESSES

\*INDUSTRY/  
MANUFACTURING\*



Strategic Source  
Packaging

SECOND PLACE  
Yamaha

THIRD PLACE  
JTEKT

BEST BUSINESSES

\*INSURANCE AGENCY\*



Eric Hazuda-State Farm

SECOND PLACE  
Josh Rule State Farm

THIRD PLACE  
Farm Bureau

BEST BUSINESSES

\*LAWN CARE\*



SECOND PLACE  
Bright Boys Mowing & Landscape

THIRD PLACE  
Southeastern Turf Lawn Care

BEST BUSINESSES

\*LIQUOR STORE\*



SECOND PLACE  
68 Top Shelf Wine & Spirits

THIRD PLACE  
Simply Wine & Spirits

BEST BUSINESSES

\*MARTIAL ARTS\*



SECOND PLACE  
Eagle Karate

THIRD PLACE  
Ogle's Karate

BEST BUSINESSES

\*MOBILE HOMES\*



SECOND PLACE  
Burnette Mobile Homes

THIRD PLACE  
Clayton Homes





# Thank You Monroe County For voting Valley Building Supply:

1st Place - Best Place to Purchase Building Supplies

1st Place - Best Place to Purchase Cabinets

2nd Place - Best Place to Purchase Carpet



Website: [ValleyBuildingSupplyTN.com](http://ValleyBuildingSupplyTN.com)

Monday - Friday: 7:30 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday: 7:30 am to 4:00 pm Sunday - Closed



*\* Owned and Operated by the Dacus Family Since 1994 \* Celebrating 30 Years of Service to Our Community \**



Project  
Specialist  
Appointment  
Request

**If You Need it for Your House... Inside or Out...Go to Valley Building Supply!**



**BEST BUSINESSES****\*NAIL SALON\***

**SECOND PLACE**  
High Voltage Nails

**THIRD PLACE**  
Styles & Files

**BEST BUSINESSES****\*PAINTING\***

**SECOND PLACE**  
Dixie Paint Works

**THIRD PLACE**  
Smith Brothers

**BEST BUSINESSES****\*PAWN SHOP\***

**Sweetwater Pawn Shop**

**SECOND PLACE**  
Cash America Pawn Shop

**THIRD PLACE**  
East Tennessee Pawn

**BEST BUSINESSES****\*PET GROOMING\***

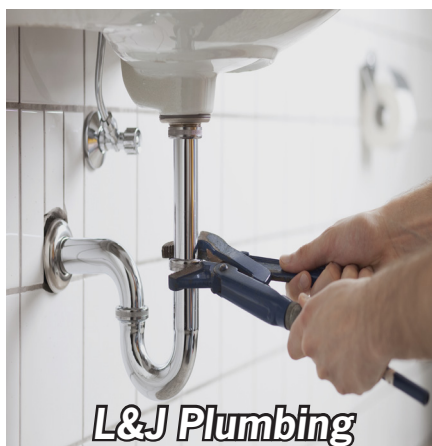
**SECOND PLACE**  
Sarah's Paw Paradise

**THIRD PLACE**  
Poochie Pawlor

**BEST BUSINESSES****\*PHOTOGRAPHY\***

**SECOND PLACE**  
Fancy Face Photography

**THIRD PLACE**  
Perfect Poloroids Photography

**BEST BUSINESSES****\*PLUMBING\***

**SECOND PLACE**  
Outhouse Plumbing

**THIRD PLACE**  
JJ Plumbing

**BEST BUSINESSES****\*REAL ESTATE AGENCY\***

**SECOND PLACE**  
Tellico Mountain Realty

**THIRD PLACE**  
Edmonds Realty & Auction

**BEST BUSINESSES****\*TANNING SALON\***

**SECOND PLACE**  
Kuttin Place Salon

**THIRD PLACE**  
Styles & Files





**Greg Cain,**  
PA-C, MHS, CEO,  
Clinical Director

# Thank you Monroe County!

## We consider it a great honor that you would vote for us!

**2nd Place - Best Physicians Assistant: Greg Cain**

**2nd Place - Best Physicians Office**

***Three locations to serve you:***

**MADISONVILLE**

**ATHENS**

**ETOWAH**

3959 Hwy. 411

410 Washington Ave. 723 N. Tennessee Ave.

**[www.unitedprimarycaretn.com](http://www.unitedprimarycaretn.com)**

**When you think Healthcare, think UPC!**



***The City of Sweetwater thanks all who voted for our excellent officers and firefighters:***



**1st Place -  
Best Fireman:  
Jared Whitfield**



**1st Place -  
Best Law Enforcement Officer:  
Daniel Johnson**



**2nd Place -  
Best Fireman:  
Josh Nelson**



**2nd Place -  
Best Law Enforcement Officer:  
Eddie Byrum**



**3rd Place -  
Best Fireman:  
John Anderson**

**BEST BUSINESSES****\*TATTOO PARLOR\*****BEST BUSINESSES****\*TAX SERVICE\***

**Kim's**  
**BOOK KEEPING**  
 &  
**TAX SERVICE**  
**442-8176**

**BEST BUSINESSES****\*TOWING\*****BEST FOOD****\*ASIAN CUISINE\*****SECOND PLACE**

Lost Souls Tattoo & Piercing

**THIRD PLACE**

Living Art Tattoo &  
 Piercing Studio

**SECOND PLACE**

Warren & Jackson  
 CPAs LLC

**THIRD PLACE**

Hickey Tax Service

**SECOND PLACE**

TJ Harrill's Towing

**THIRD PLACE**

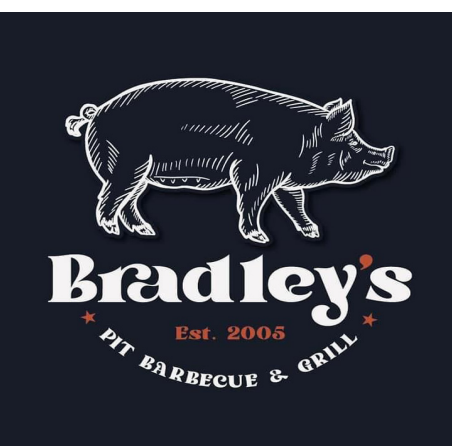
Martin's Automotive & Towing

**SECOND PLACE**

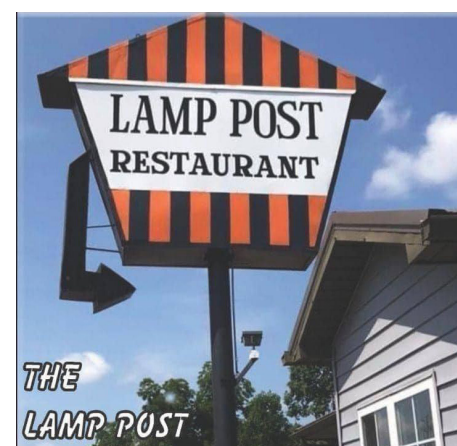
China Fun

**THIRD PLACE**

Kokito Asian Cuisine

**BEST FOOD****\*BARBECUE\*****BEST FOOD****\*BISCUITS\***

*Hardees*

**BEST FOOD****\*BREAKFAST\*****BEST FOOD****\*BURGERS\*****SECOND PLACE**

Smoke-n-Bonz

**THIRD PLACE**

Scott's Tots

**SECOND PLACE**

Tellico Grains Bakery

**THIRD PLACE**

Donna's Cafe

**SECOND PLACE**

Donna's Cafe

**THIRD PLACE**

Sloan's of Vonore

**SECOND PLACE**

Smoke-n-Bonz

**THIRD PLACE**

Tellico Beach Drive-In



# THANK YOU FOR VOTING US THE BEST!

Our pledge to you is to *"run the best store in town"*



Find a location near you at [foodcity.com](https://www.foodcity.com) [f](#) [@](#) [in](#) [X](#)

## SCOTT'S TOTS

Thank  
YOU  
♡

Voted #1

BEST FOOD TRUCK  
BEST BURGER  
BEST CHICKEN  
BEST FRIES

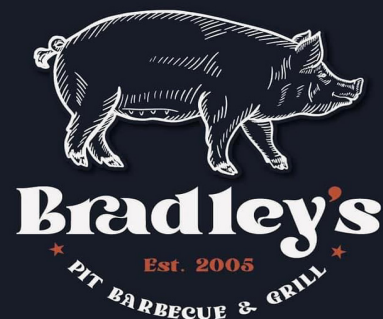
#2 BEST FAST FOOD  
#2 BEST PLACE TO HAVE A BUSINESS LUNCH  
#3 BEST BBQ  
#3 FRIENDLIEST BUSINESS

[WWW.SCOTTSTOTSFOODTRUCK.COM](https://www.scottstotsfoodtruck.com)



**BEST FOOD****\*CATERER\***


The Catering Connection, LLC

**BEST FOOD****\*CHICKEN\*****BEST FOOD****\*CHILI\*****BEST FOOD****\*COFFEE\***

**SECOND PLACE**  
Donna's Cafe

**SECOND PLACE**  
Bradley's Pit BBQ & Grill

**SECOND PLACE**  
The Soup Kitchen

**SECOND PLACE**  
10-80 Roasters

**THIRD PLACE**  
Bradley's Pit BBQ & Grill

**THIRD PLACE**  
Kentucky Fried Chicken

**THIRD PLACE**  
A&W Drive In

**THIRD PLACE**  
Trout Mountain Coffee Shop

**BEST FOOD****\*DELI\***


*of Vonore*

**BEST FOOD****\*DESSERT\***

**SECOND PLACE**  
Steamers

**SECOND PLACE**  
The Soup Kitchen

**SECOND PLACE**  
Smoke-n-Bonz

**SECOND PLACE**  
Scott's Tots

**THIRD PLACE**  
Ingles Deli

**THIRD PLACE**  
Tellico Grains Bakery

**THIRD PLACE**  
The Lamppost

**THIRD PLACE**  
McDonald's

**BEST FOOD****\*FAMILY RESTAURANT\*****BEST FOOD****\*FAST FOOD\***

**ALL AMERICAN FOOD®**





*Thank You*

to everyone who  
voted me 2nd Place  
Best Cosmetologist!

**Sheri Kerns**  
New Image Hair Salon  
208 Railroad St, Sweetwater  
423-337-7545



*Thank you for voting us #1  
Event Venue in Monroe County*



366 Shaw Mountain Rd,  
Tellico Plains, TN 37385  
**(423) 436-1339**  
<https://www.moonshinemanorevents.com/>

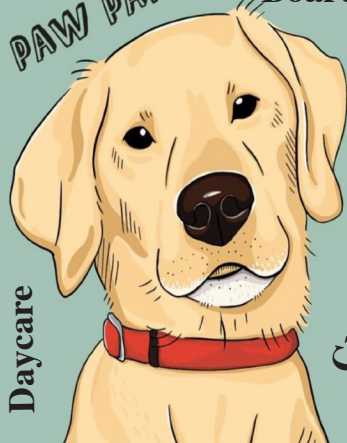



*SARAH'S  
PAW PARADISE*

Boarding

Daycare

Grooming



*Thank you Monroe  
County for voting us*

*2nd place  
Best Pet Grooming*

*2nd Place Best Dog  
Groomer: Jordan Key*

*We appreciate all your support!*



1014 N Main Street  
Sweetwater, TN  
**423-836-8639**

## Experience you can trust. Care you can feel.

At Monroe Health and Rehabilitation Center, our compassionate team brings together over 200 years of combined service in skilled nursing and long-term care. That means generations of knowledge, dedication, and heart go into every interaction, every treatment, and every smile.

- 24/7 Skilled Nursing Care
- Personalized wellness plans
- Nutritious meals
- Engaging Activities

A warm home-like environment with a leadership team of nurses that specialize in Wound Care, Skilled Nursing, Post Surgical Rehabilitation and Dementia Management.

When experience matters, families turn to Monroe Health and Rehabilitation where caring isn't just a profession, it's a calling

Call us for free consults or free facility tours at **(423) 442-3990**



465 Isbill Road  
Madisonville, Tennessee 37354

**Thank you to Monroe County  
for selecting us for readers  
choice!**



**BEST FOOD****\*FISH/SEAFOOD\*****BEST FOOD****\*FOOD TRUCK\*****BEST FOOD****\*FRENCH FRIES\*****BEST FOOD****\*FRIENDLIEST RESTAURANT\*****SECOND PLACE**

Bradley's Pit BBQ &amp; Grill

**SECOND PLACE**

Antojos Deliciosos

**SECOND PLACE**

Bradley's Pit BBQ &amp; Grill

**SECOND PLACE**

Sweetwater Crossings

**THIRD PLACE**

Donna's Cafe

**THIRD PLACE**

Smokin F BBQ

**THIRD PLACE**

Tellico Beach Drive-In

**THIRD PLACE**

Scott's Tots

**BEST FOOD****\*HOME COOKING\*****BEST FOOD****\*HOT DOGS\*****BEST FOOD****\*MEXICAN FOOD\****Antojos Deliciosos***BEST FOOD****\*PIZZA\*****SECOND PLACE**

The Lamp Post

**SECOND PLACE**

Antojos Deliciosos

**SECOND PLACE**

Senor Lopez Mexican Grill

**SECOND PLACE**

The Patio

**THIRD PLACE**

Donna's Cafe

**THIRD PLACE**

Bradley's Pit BBQ &amp; Grill

**THIRD PLACE**

Sol Azteca

**THIRD PLACE**

Bert's Hometown Grill





# Thank You

## FOR VOTING US

### Best of the Best!



**Dr. Robin Harding**  
1<sup>st</sup> Place- Best Family Physician  
1<sup>st</sup> Place- Best Doctor



**William Davies**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place- Best Doctor



**Jennifer McKenzie**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Best Family  
Nurse Practitioner



**Jordan Newman**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place- Best Family Nurse  
Practitioner



**Lacey Teague**  
1<sup>st</sup> Place- Best Lab Technician



**Amy Maples**  
1<sup>st</sup> Place- Best X-RAY  
Technician



**Patti Staley**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Best Lab Technician



**1st Place- Best Physicians Office**  
**3rd Place- Best Place to Work**  
**3rd Place- Best Non-Profit Organization**

Vonore  
423-884-7271  
Monday - Friday  
8:00am - 5:30pm

Madisonville  
423-442-2622  
**7 Days A Week**  
8:00am - 5:30pm

Tellico Plains  
423-253-6545  
Monday - Friday  
8:00am - 5:30pm

Translation and Sign Language Services Available

**BEST FOOD****\*SALAD BAR\*****BEST FOOD****\*SANDWICHES\*****HEALTH CARE****\*CHIROPRACTOR\***

**Jessica Smiley**  
Smiley Family Chiropractic

**HEALTH CARE****\*DENTAL HYGIENIST\***

**Jessica Wiggins**  
Johnson Family Dentistry

**SECOND PLACE**

**Bradley's Pit BBQ & Grill**

**THIRD PLACE**

**Donna's Cafe**

**SECOND PLACE**

**Bradley's Pit BBQ & Grill**

**THIRD PLACE**

**Legends & Lore Pizzeria**

**SECOND PLACE**

**Rob Gruenenfelder, Gruenenfelder Chiro.**

**THIRD PLACE**

**Luke Wiggins, Revive Chiro.**

**SECOND PLACE**

**Lillie Whaley, TN Smiles**

**THIRD PLACE**

**Abigale Simpkins, Moore Smiles**

**HEALTH CARE****\*DENTIST\***

**Scotty Devine**  
Moore Smiles

**HEALTH CARE****\*DOCTOR\***

**Robin Harding**  
Chota Community Health Services

**HEALTH CARE****\*EMS WORKER\***

**Tierney Kelso**

**HEALTH CARE****\*FAMILY PHYSICIAN\***

**Robin Harding**  
Chota Community Health Services

**SECOND PLACE**

**Austin Johnson,**  
Johnson Family Dental

**THIRD PLACE**

**Lorine Yee-Shinsky, Yee-Shinsky Dental**

**SECOND PLACE**

**Laurence James, SHA**

**THIRD PLACE**

**William Davies, Chota**

**SECOND PLACE**

**Alysa Wilson**

**THIRD PLACE**

**Colby Eaton**

**SECOND PLACE**

**Sonya Lovingood, Sweetwater**  
Hospital Association (SHA)

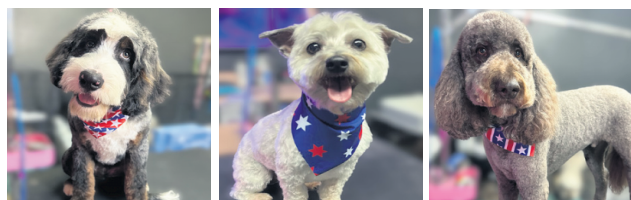
**THIRD PLACE**

**Ben Coffey, SHA**



Thank you to all who have supported my business and voted for me this year! I am so blessed and thankful for each of my clients, family and friends and to have such a great community!

**1st - Best Pet Grooming**  
**1st - Best Dog Groomer: Amber Cook**



138 Hiawatha Trail, Madisonville, TN  
 (423) 371-7335



**Thank you  
 for voting us  
 #1 Local Attraction  
 in Monroe County**

**1317 Cherohala Skyway  
 Tellico Plains, TN 37385**

**(423) 519-2327  
 bigbeartubing.com**



**LEGENDS & LORE  
 PIZZERIA**

**legendsandlorepizza.com**

**Call us for In Store Pickup!  
 (423) 442-4646**



**119 Pedigo Rd  
 Madisonville, TN**



*Thank you Monroe County for voting us*

*1st Place - Best Pizza  
 3rd Place - Best Sandwiches*



**XL 3-Topping  
 Pizza for**

**\$16**





**HEALTH CARE****\*HOME HEALTH CARE\*****HEALTH CARE****\*HOSPITAL\*****HEALTH CARE****\*LAB TECHNICIAN\*****Lacey Teague***Chota Community Health Services***HEALTH CARE****\*NURSE\*****Hannah McKee***Sweetwater Hospital Association***SECOND PLACE**  
**Care Around the Block****SECOND PLACE**  
**Blount Memorial Hospital****SECOND PLACE**  
**Patti Staley, Chota****SECOND PLACE**  
**Laura Anderson, SHA****THIRD PLACE**  
**Adoration Home Healthcare****THIRD PLACE**  
**Starr Regional Medical Center****THIRD PLACE**  
**Angie Thomas, SHA****THIRD PLACE**  
**Christian Lane, SHA****HEALTH CARE****\*NURSE PRACTITIONER\*****Jamie Cathey***Sweetwater Hospital Association***HEALTH CARE****\*NURSING HOME\*****SECOND PLACE**  
**Monroe Health & Rehab****THIRD PLACE**  
**The Waters of Sweetwater****HEALTH CARE****\*OB/GYN\*****Laura Miller***Sweetwater Hospital Association***SECOND PLACE**  
**Ashlyn Paz, SHA****THIRD PLACE**  
**Tracey Beverley, SHA****HEALTH CARE****\*OPTOMETRIST\*****Tara Mullen***Walmart Vision Center (Madisonville)***SECOND PLACE**  
**Callie Mashburn,**  
*Foster Family Eyecare***THIRD PLACE**  
**Tom Foster, Foster Family Eyecare**



# Thank You for voting us

## 1st Place - Best Dessert

- 1st Place - Best Dining Atmosphere
- 1st Place - Best Small Business
- 1st Place - Best Dessert
- 1st Place - Friendliest Restaurant
- 1st Place - Best Waiter: Isaac Hickman
- 2nd Place - Best Customer Service
- 2nd Place - Friendliest Business
- 2nd Place - Most Community Involved Business
- 2nd Place - Best Place to Work
- 3rd Place - Best Waitress: Elizabeth Carpenter
- 3rd Place Best Local Attraction

*Our customers are the best and we appreciate your support!*



105 Morris St, Sweetwater, TN



A heartfelt thank you for the overwhelming support! It is such an honor and a privilege to have had a store in this wonderful community for over 10 years. Your faith in us and our products, your support, and your encouragement have all made it possible, and we are beyond humbled by the recognition. We hope to serve Monroe County for many years to come! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

1st Place - Best Bookstore

1st Place - Best Gift Shop

1st Place - Best Place to Purchase Books

1st Place - Best Place to Purchase Clothing & Accessories

1st Place - Best Place to Purchase Gifts

1st Place - Best Place to Purchase Jewelry

2nd Place - Best Place to Purchase Antiques/Collectibles



Visit us on the Hunter's Cafe block in Sweetwater for a variety of clothing, gifts, furniture, decor, and much more! We hope to see you soon!



107 & 109 E Morris St, Sweetwater, TN

423-536-7046



Thank You Monroe County  
for Voting Us

## 1st Place Best Nursing Home

*Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to impact a life.*

**As a Wood Village employee,  
we know that everyday you will  
touch a life or a life will touch  
yours. We would like to take  
this opportunity to tell each  
and every employee how  
much you are truly  
APPRECIATED!**

**woodvillagetn.com**  
**423-351-1050**

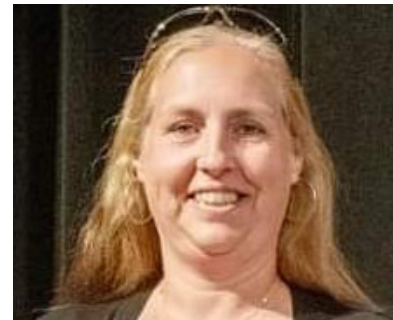


**WOOD VILLAGE**  
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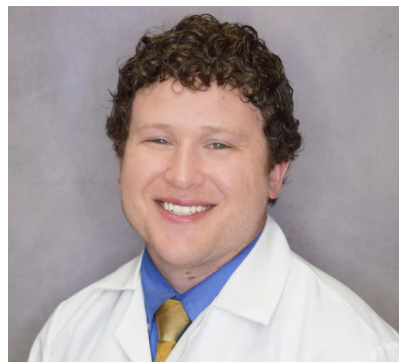
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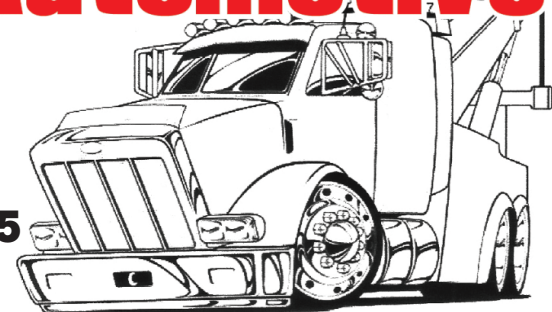
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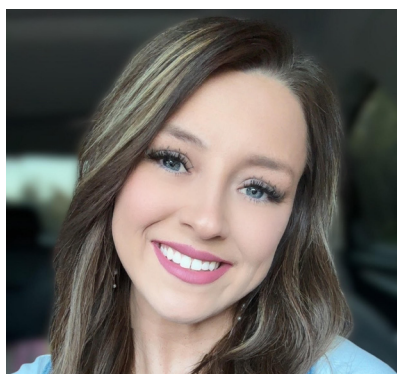
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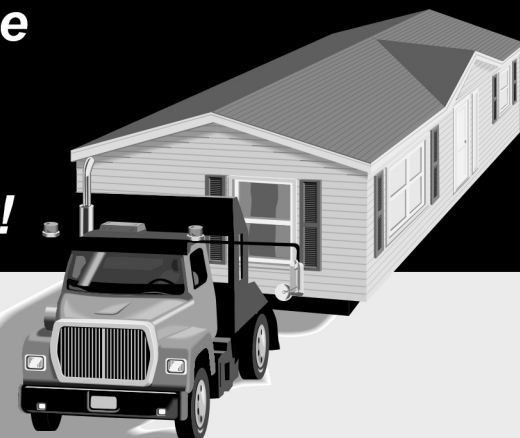


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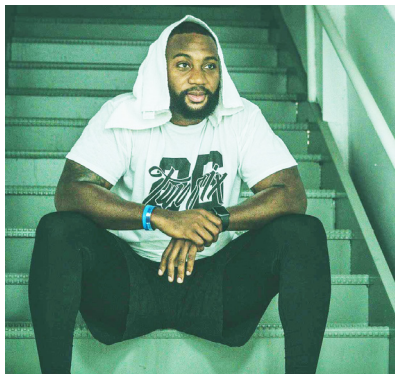
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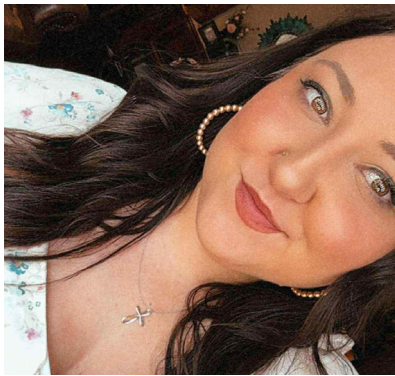
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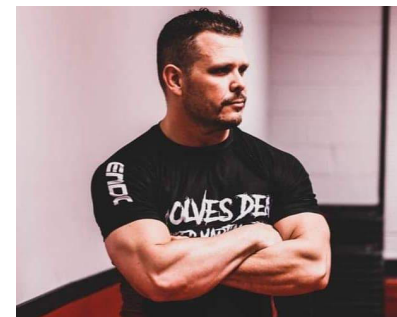
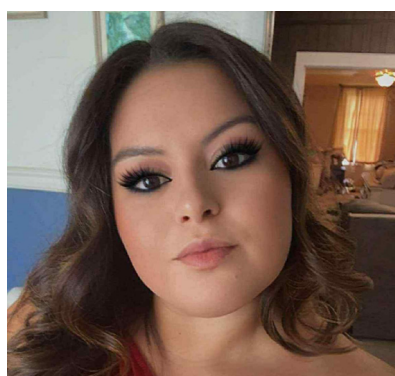


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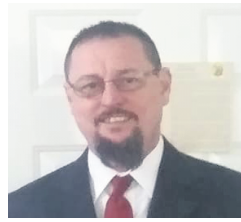
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**\*GIFTS\***



- SECOND PLACE  
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**\*GUNS & AMMO\***



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Rural King
- THIRD PLACE  
Tellico Outdoor Supply

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**\*HOME HEALTH NEEDS\***



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**Catie Isbill**  
*Level 4 Stylist*



**Kim Sharp**  
*Level 3 Stylist*



**Whitney Jordan**  
*Level 4 Nail Tech*



**Haylee Flowers**  
*Level 1 Nail Tech*



**Brandy Alfonso**  
*Level 4 Stylist*



**Halie Hughes**  
*Level 2 Stylist*



**Sarah Taylor**  
*Level 1 Stylist*



**Ruby Owensby**  
*Level 3 Nail Tech*



**Risin Harris**  
*Aesthetician*



**Emily Maloney**  
*Level 2 Stylist*



**Jake Pina**  
*Front Desk Team*



**Jayden Moore**  
*Level 2 Stylist*



**Diana Castro**  
*Level 1 Nail Tech*



**Maria Gonzalez**  
*Level 3 Stylist/  
Lash Specialist*



**Jordan Myers**  
*Level 1 Stylist*



**Lupe Cornejo**  
*Level 2 Stylist/  
Level 3 Barber*



**Jessica McKee-Frank**  
*Front Desk Team*



**Rachel Reyes**  
*Level 4 Stylist*



**Rachel Wilcox**  
*Level 2 Nail Tech*



**Wesley Blanchard**  
*Level 4 Stylist*

## 1st Place

Best Beauty Salon  
Best Hair Salon  
Best Nail Salon  
Best Barber: Lupe Cornejo  
Best Cosmetologist: Maria Gonzalez  
Best Hairstylist: Catie Isbill  
Best Nail Tech: Madeline Owen

## 2nd Place

Best Massage Therapist: April Wells

## 3rd Place

Best Cosmetologist: Catie Isbill  
Best Nail Tech: Ruby Owensby  
Best Hairstylist: Rachel Reyes



**Amelia Lizardi**  
*Level 1 Nail Tech*



**Nicole Hicks**  
*Associate*



**Robin Poplin**  
*Permanent  
Makeup Artist*



**Kimberly Thornton**  
*Level 2 Nail Tech*



# *1st Place - Best Elected Official*

## **Marna Maynard Hull**

### **Monroe County Trustee**



Recognition from you as being the “Best Elected Official” for 2025 means more than you know. My life goal has been to serve my community as my Dad did in the Navy during World War II.

I could never live life to the level of service my Dad provided to America. However, I wonder what he would think of mine. This award makes me grateful for the trust you have placed in me to serve as one of your elected officials. Public service is a true honor.

*Thank you so very much.....Marna.*