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Piedmont Health Care Center
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Chiropractor

1st — Tony Bolton

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Boyce Callahan
Chris Law
Ryan Parrish

Dentist

1st — Donald Norby

David Cummings
Travis Phillips
Karen Connell
John Flannagan

Doctor/Physician

1st — David Chalk

Edwin Keel
D. D. Tippets
Vance Moore
Michael Herndon

Medical Assistant

1st — Kim Wingo

(Anniston Medical Clinic)

Kayla Bridges (Oxford Primary Care)
Carrie Dempsey (CORE)
Carly Brannon Parker
Renee Gray

Emergency Care Facility

1st — CARES (Anniston)

Keel & Associates
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Regional Medical Center

Eye Care Professional

1st — Robert Ellis

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Gary Murrell

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Club One Fitness
Fit's Possible Fitness Studio
Stoked Crossfit
Model City Crossfit

Home Health Agency

1st — ALACARE

Downey Medical
Amedisys
Kindred at Home
Fit Foot

Massage Therapist

1st — Katie Beecham

(Anniston Orthopedics)
Amy Leahey (Oxford)
Alysha Gilfus (All about You)
Tiffany Reaves (Salon Alon)
Shaye Wingo (Family Chiropractic)

Medical Laboratory Service

1st — LabCorp

Oxford Primary Care & Weight Loss
Anniston Medical Clinic
Southern Lab Partners
Fit Foot

Pediatrician

1st — Jose Caballero

Chase Thomas
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Paramedic/EMT

1st — Randy Garner (Piedmont Rescue)

Austin Key (Anniston Fire)
Donald Heard (Oxford Fire)
Bruce Rollins (Oxford EMT)
Daniel Trussell (Oxford EMS)

Pharmacist

1st — Paul Graham (Downey Drug)

Johnnie Ellis (Downey Drug)
Dottie Thornton (Downey Drug)
Kai Martin (Martin's Pharmacy)
Mike Parris (Martin's Pharmacy)

Weight Loss Service

1st — Oxford Primary Care & Weight Loss Center

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Anniston Weight Loss
Weight Watchers (Parker Memorial)
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Physical Therapist

1st — Melissa Tippets

(Anniston Orthopedics)

Doug Strautman (CORE)
Katherine Davidson (NHC)
Joseph Mogill (ATI Physical Therapy)
Brittain Benton (Pediatric Physical)

Physical Therapy Assistant

1st — Jeremy Forrest

Leslie Rogers (RMC)
Vickie Smith (Anniston Orthopedics)
Jared Waits (API Physical Therapy)
Tom May (CORE)

BEAUTY & FASHION

Day Spa

1st — Golden Springs Nails

Prestige Medical Spa
A Touch of Grace Day Spa
Salon Alon
Hair On The Square

Barber Shop

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Jack's Barber Shop
Jem Barber Shop
Cuts N Curls
Joe's Barber Shop

Beauty Shop

1st — Envy Salon

The Loft
Salon Alon
Cuts N Curls
Colours Salon

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Tattoo shop

1st — Tat2Tyme

Artistic Addictions
Skin Deep
Infinity ink
Wicked Game

Local Artist

1st — Randy Young

Larry Martin
Stephanie Hardin
Tiffany Beal
Donna Coffey

Local Musician/Group

1st — Riley Green

Brandon Butler
Ex's and Oh's
The Stone Rollers
Robby Jordan

Local Radio/TV Personality

1st — Steve Stevens

Chris Wright
Jock Burgess
Jon Holder
Jonathan Moses

Place for Live Music

1st — The Peerless Saloon and Grille

Cheaha Brewing Company
Rack & Roll Billiards
Shell's Downtown Bar and Grill
Blu's

Radio Station

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1st — Joey Crews (Keller Williams)
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 Keith Kelley (Harris McKay Realty)
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1st — Justin Wilson
 Bill Miller
 Charles Rice
 Tim Mitchell
 Freeman Fite

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 Mike Kelly
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1st — Kenny Bunn Bail Bonds
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Community Event

1st — Oxfordfest
 Noble Street Fest
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 White Bag Christmas Event

Neighborhood

1st — Edgefield Farms
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Public school

1st — Oxford
 White Plains
 Alexandria
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Cane Creek

Park**1st — Choccolocco Park**

Oxford Lake
Germania Springs
Weaver Park
Zinn Park

Local Tourist Attraction**1st — Cheaha State Park**

Anniston Museum of Natural History
Choccolocco Park
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Berman Museum

Commercial Printing**1st — Mizzell Marketing & Designs**

Moore Printing
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SHOPPING**Department Store****1st — Martin's Family Clothing**

Rosa Lee Boutique
Alexander's at Noble
Kolectic Treasures Antique Market
Wakefield's

Dry Cleaner**1st — Oxford Cleaners**

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Mallory Cleaners
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D & D Gift Shop & Florist

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Kolectic Treasures Antique Market
D & D Gift Shop & Florist

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Cheaha Armory

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1st — Martin’s Family Clothing
Children’s Place
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Pink Rubies Boutique
Kolectic Treasures Antique Market

Jewelry Store
1st — Couch’s Jewelers
Rosa Lee Boutique
Stinson and Howard
Sisters Treasures
Jewelry Express

Women’s Clothing Store
1st — Martin’s Family Clothing
Rosa Lee Boutique
Willow Tree Boutique
Alexander’s at Noble
Swank Boutique

Men’s Clothing Store
1st — Martin’s Family Clothing
On Time Fashions
Pickette’s Feed and Pet
Wakefield’s
Kolectic Treasures Antique Market

Local Boutique
1st — Rosa Lee Boutique
The Willow Tree
Alexander’s at Noble
Swank Boutique
Frey Boutique

Salesperson
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Autumn Traywick (PetCo)
Matt Haynes (Ashley Furniture)
Ashlyn Giles Harrell (Rosa Lee Boutique)
Leigh Ann Parton (Rosa Lee Boutique)

FOOD & DRINK

Grocery Store
1st — Dorsey’s
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Butcher/Meats
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Dorsey’s
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Produce
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Calhoun County Farmers Market
Foodland
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Bakery
1st — Artisanal Baked Goods
Bonnie Ray’s Bakery
Mad Hatter Cupcakes
Lickin’ Good Donuts
Tasteful Treasures

Bar/Lounge
1st — The Peerless Saloon and Grille
Cheaha Brewing Company
Rack N Roll Billiards
Blu’s
Grand Central

Barbecue
1st — The Rocket
Dad’s BBQ
Cooter Brown’s Rib Shack
Smoke-N-Hot BBQ
Brad’s BBQ

Breakfast
1st — Chef T’s
Lickin’ Good Donuts
Classic on Noble
Java Jolt
Elevated Grounds

Buffet
1st — Classic on Noble
Western Sizzlin
China Luck
Hubbard’s Off Main
M & J’s Country Buffet

Catering
1st — Classic on Noble
Smoke-N-Hot BBQ
Dad’s BBQ
Alexander’s the Great Event
Saucy Swine BBQ

Catfish
1st — Top O’ the River
Brad’s BBQ
Betty’s BBQ
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Chef T’s

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Struts (Oxford)
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Ribs**1st — Cooter Brown's Rib Shack**

Dad's BBQ
Smoke-N-Hot BBQ
Brad's BBQ
Saucy Swine BBQ

Steaks**1st — The Peerless Saloon and Grille**

Cheaha Brewing Company
Effina's
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Sandwiches**1st — Dad's BBQ**

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Italian Restaurant**1st — Mata's Greek Pizza**

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Asian Restaurant**1st — Fuji**

Yume
Thai One On
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Place for a Romantic Dinner**1st — Classic on Noble**

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Hubbard's Off Main
Garfrerick's
Cheaha Brewing Company

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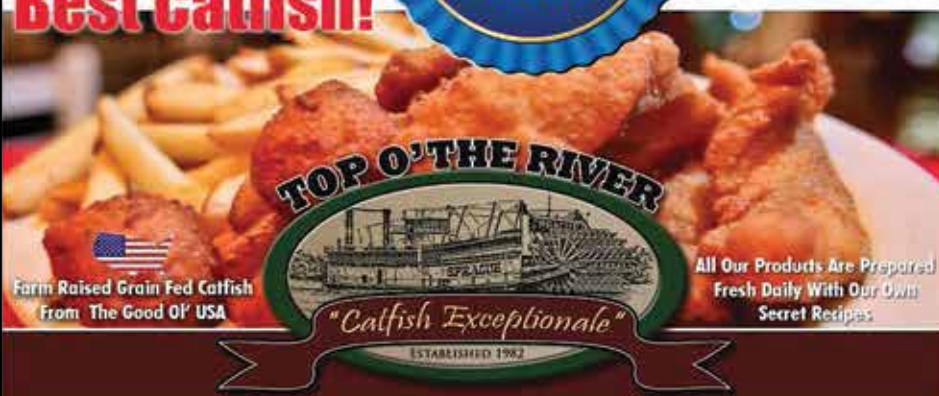


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"The company has a good reputation of honesty and integrity, and Mr. Harris and Mr. McKay did positive things in the community," Kelley said.

Kelley bought the company 25 years ago and has striven to maintain the high standards of helping

Northeast Alabamians meet their housing and real estate needs on many levels. They manage apartment buildings, homeowner associations, condominium associations, office buildings, retail stores, apartments, and more.

Management can mean many things," Kelley said, "not just renting a house. We go beyond that."

Kelley had a background in real estate before he purchased the business. His father was in the building industry, and he assisted him when building houses and commercial buildings. In high school, Kelley would buy damaged mobile homes and repair and rent them. His involvement in real estate grew from there.

Harris-McKay has a background in giving back to the community. They work in quiet ways, helping

people who are "going through difficult times."

"There are several programs we work with to try and find people a place to live," Kelley said. "Also, we donate to agencies that assist with domestic issues, but we are quiet about what we do."

Kelley said his employees and realtors are "awesome people." He believes that mutual respect among employees is essential to running a business. Such an attitude produces employees that "go above and beyond to be the best they can be."

Kelley believes the employees understand the purpose of the company, and they all want to help others along the way.

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The AOD Federal Credit Union (AODFCU) was voted best credit union this by Anniston Star Readers. The honor is a repeat award from past years in a row.

The customers of AODFCU are not shy about telling the employees at its six branches how they feel. Some comments include the following: "I have been a member of AOD since the 70s when my parents set up my first savings account." "AOD is one of the best credit unions. They always have really good deals." "Great organization with outstanding service!"

AODFCU started in 1950 when 45 employees of Anniston Army Depot organized their own financial institution. Now it has branches throughout Calhoun County and the branches service more than 800 select employer groups with their staff of more than 80 employees. Virginia Bowen is the CEO.

The branches of AODFCU are located in Bynum, Lenlock, Jacksonville, Oxford, and two in Anniston. The credit union offers a variety of consumer and business accounts and the services and benefits of big banks, all with lower fees. Also, it offers mortgage loans and digital banking.

The AODFCU staff appreciates the support and dedication of its members, and issued the following statement: "It is because of our members that we exist, and we strive to

provide our membership with the best member service, products, and services available. We look forward to continuing to be your choice for financial services."

The staff lives, works, and serves in Calhoun County. They enjoy participating in the community in numerous ways, and especially enjoy being a part of it by "giving back through financial donations and volunteerism."

One former employee summed up the feelings of many satisfied customers. "I became a member in the 60s and wouldn't be anywhere else. I worked at AODFCU for four years. It is a great organization with fantastic employees that are always friendly, courteous, and helpful."

One unique program sponsored by AODFCU is the creation of the Anniston High School Bulldog Branch located inside the school. Students receive teller training inside the school. The program, overseen also by a teller and a teacher, allows students to handle cash, open new accounts, and assist other students in the study of growth strategies through marketing plans they develop. The program started in December.

A teller at one of the branches at Anniston Ordinance Depot Federal Credit Union greets customers with a smile.



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It's about a good attitude

Smiles, greetings, and assistance greet the customers at Xtreme Auto Spa, 5606 McClellan Blvd., Anniston.

Manager Palmer Chappelle strives to maintain the best attitude possible while serving the customers who come through the automatic car wash. Positive attitudes are probably the reason Xtreme Auto Spa won Best Car Wash by Anniston Star's Reader's Choice.

"I try to apply a good attitude toward everything, even life in general," Chappelle said.

Chappelle, who has eight years in the car wash industry, has been running the McClellan Blvd. location for a year and a half. Also, he assisted in getting the Jacksonville branch started. A third location for Xtreme Auto Spa is located in Southside.

The 10 employees in the Anniston location serve customers in many ways. Even though the car wash is automatic, employees make sure customers are assisted with paying for their car wash, if necessary.

Also, they make sure paper towels are available to customers in the vacuum area and assistance is delivered at any step along the way as their cars are cared for.

"We try to be out there for our customers," Chappelle said. "We help them wipe off their car and do more than only running them through a tunnel."

Chappelle said the current staff of employees is one of the best he's ever seen when working together.

Extreme Auto Spa offers customers a free mat cleaner and discounts offered on Wednesdays. The \$18 wash is only \$13, and the \$15 wash is only \$10.

The \$18 wash includes a body protectant, wax, rain repellent, tire shine, triple foam conditioner, bug-off prep, and free air fresheners.

"Also, we offer a high-pressure foam," Chappelle said.

He recognizes there is competition from many other car washes, and to be named best among them is a high honor.

"It's a big accomplishment," he said.



Palmer Chappelle is a Heflin resident who strives to motivate the employees Xtreme Auto Spa in the Lenlock area. He believes to be voted best car wash, in spite of the competition, is a great honor.

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Head to Tail treat pets like family

Kathy Beecham decided to start her own pet-care business through necessity.

The groomer who cared for her poodle was quitting, and Beecham decided to learn to groom her pet. Soon she was grooming everyone else's. By 2001, she opened her business.

Beecham's business, Head to Tail, located at 225 Plaza Lane in Oxford, was recently voted Best Pet/Pet Care Store.

"I love pets, and this was a good industry," she said. "I always wanted to own my own business."

Beecham started her Head to Tail company in the basement of her home. After five years, she obtained a building located near Oxford's WalMart. Six years ago, she began boarding pets.

The company has four groomers in addition to Beecham: Lindsey Bragg, Aimee McClough, Jennifer Robison, and Andrea Davis. The staff grooms about 40 pets a week. Also, Beecham has some people who volunteer their time at the kennel.

Her facility has ample outdoor space for her boarded "guests." They have a pool; and, if they get along with other dogs, they play with them outdoors for about two hours a day. The more introverted dogs get outdoor time and one-on-one time with walkers.

The most popular dogs that visit the groomers are shih tzus, labradoodles, and golden doodles; but many other kinds of pets come, including cats and a few pigs.

The business has no slow time. Most pet owners schedule their pets for grooming every four to six weeks.

Beecham hopes to expand in the future and add even more than her 20 kennels and more employees.

"Our customers treat their animals humanely and take good care of them," Beecham said. "Our dog groomers are extraordinary."

Beecham appreciates her customers and those who voted for the company.

"All of us have tons of pets," Beecham said, "and we owners look to our pets as though they are our children. We treat them like babies."



Head to Tail employees enjoy groom dogs, cats, and pigs. They are, from left standing, owner Kathy Beecham, Aimee McCollough with Wally, Julie Barnett with Ojay, Andrea Davis, Lindsey Bragg with Rebel, and Jennifer Robinson with Maggie. Beecham's granddaughter, Savanna Nix is in front.

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Jacksonville's Coop DeVille voted Best Wings

**'You know you're good.'
Wings fans held vigil
when restaurant had to
briefly close**

As bad luck would have it, Jacksonville's Coop DeVille, 401 Pelham South, caught on fire just after he bought it last August. New owner, Guy Embry, was surprised, though, when many of the Jacksonville State University students staged a vigil as they mourned the loss of their favorite wings.

"You know you're good when they do that," Embry said.

Embry, a former Biloxi, Miss., resident, relocated to Saks after Hurricane Katrina drove him out. He has a sister in Saks, and he and his family lived with her until they moved to Pleasant Valley about six to eight years ago.

Embry feels good that his restaurant was voted by Anniston Star readers as number one for best wings.

"The wings are just good," he said. "This is an established restaurant, and

our sauces are good."

Embry's employees serve more than only wings, which are made to order by calling 256-435-1818.

They offer 13 sandwiches and various salads. Sides include chips, fries, celery, pickles, rolls, mozzarella sticks, pepper poppers, and potato skins. The business offers catering. Recently, when JSU held an opening school day, Coop DeVille sold about 2,000 wings that were picked up throughout the day.

About the fire: Thankfully, Embry is a carpenter by trade and was able to rebuild his business from scratch. He hired the electrical and plumbing work, and received affirmation about the new building from its inspector. He had the restaurant back up and running on March 22.

"The fire kind of gave me a fresh start," he said.

Embry has three sons and a daughter who work at Coop DeVille, and a daughter's best friend also works there.

"We are a family operation," Embry said.



Jacksonville's Coop DeVille was recently voted as Best Wings in the Reader's Choice Awards. Employees are, left to right, Dixie Smith, Troy Payne, Korbyn Robinson, Hanna Emery, owner Guy Emery, Thomas Emery, Morgan Lee, and Sam Ellis.



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Skinner Body Shop makes wrecked smooth again

Greg Skinner, owner of Skinner Body Shop, appreciates that Anniston Star readers voted his company Best Body Shop.

"They are the reason we strive for excellence," he said.

Skinner's parents, Elaine and G.T. Skinner, started the company in 1953. He picked up the reins and carried forth the good customer service they started.

Today's body shops are technical marvels. Insurance companies now use technology to make sure that the repairs that are supposed to be done to cars are done. Many of the current are tools are scanning and diagnostics devices which require software changes every year or two. The challenge of body shops is to keep up with these frequent changes.

Skinner Body Shop is certified by ICAR, the Inter-Industry Conference on Auto Collision Repair, is an international nonprofit organization that provides the information, knowledge and skills required to perform complete, safe and quality repairs.

Skinner is proud that his employees are so loyal. All but one have more than 20 years of tenure with the company.

"We have a lot of satisfaction among ourselves," he said.

Skinner's Body Shop focuses on the body of the car, but it also does light mechanical work, such as changing oil, installing a starter, doing glass work, and straightening out dents from hail damage.

The company gives back to the community by supporting school programs to area schools.



Owner of Skinner Body Shop, Greg Skinner, appreciates that Melinda Christian tells him 'what has got to go, and he makes it go.' Another office worker who helps keep employees on track is Pam Higgins.

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Honda proud of its light truck production

Honda Manufacturing of Alabama was voted Best Automotive Manufacturer/Supplier among the readership of "The Anniston Star."

Production at the Lincoln plant started in 2001. The \$2.6 billion manufacturing facility employs more than 4,500 associates, many of whom live in and around Calhoun County.

HMA currently has the annual capacity to produce more than 340,000 vehicles and V-6 engines, making it Honda's largest light truck production source. HMA's flexible manufacturing system allows the Alabama facility to build multiple models on the same assembly line. HMA is the sole manufacturer of the Passport sport utility vehicle, Odyssey minivan, Pilot sport utility vehicle, Ridgeline pickup truck and the V-6 engines that power them. The annual production capacity is 340,000 vehicles and V-6 engines.

Operations performed at the plant include steel and aluminum blanking, stamping, welding, painting, plastic injection molding, aluminum casting, aluminum machining, ferrous machining, vehicle assembly and sub-assembly, engine assembly, vehicle testing and quality assurance.

Since the start of production on Nov. 14, 2001, HMA has produced nearly 5 million vehicles and V-6 engines at its 4.2 million square foot facility in Lincoln. Approximately 23 percent of HMA's workforce live in Calhoun County. Honda's global vision is to provide products of the highest quality at a reasonable price for worldwide customer satisfaction. Honda has been producing automobiles in America for more than 36 years and currently operates 19 major manufacturing facilities in North America. In 2017, more than 90 percent of all Honda brand vehicles sold in the U.S. were made in North America, using domestic and globally sourced parts.



Honda Manufacturing of Alabama associates celebrating the start of mass production of the all-new 2018 Honda Odyssey minivan in April 2017. HMA is the exclusive manufacturer of the family-friendly Odyssey.



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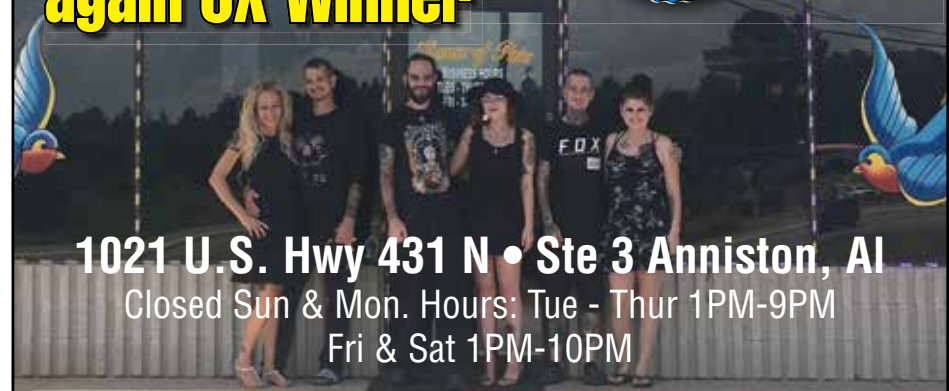
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Brown believes his firm was voted number one by Reader's Choice because of the outstanding service his company offers.

"We pride ourselves on evaluating the client's needs, goals and objectives, and present solutions," Brown said. "We place emphasis and a focus on how we service clients through a deep understanding of their goals and priorities to provide tailored advice and guidance."

In addition to fulfilling the needs of the local clients, Merrill Lynch believes in giving back.

The company supports the Knox Concert Series,

the East Alabama Cerebral Palsy Center, and the Community Enabler. Also, they support the annual Nutcracker performances by enabling children to attend the performances. The company also contributes to a number of other local boards and foundations.

Brown said he is thrilled and humbled to be considered so highly for his profession in the county. He feels it is a privilege to be able to work with so many nice and friendly people in helping them achieve their financial goals. Also, he enjoys living in such an amazing community.

Others advisors at the office, along with the number of years of service are Nathan Turley, 27 years; Keith Fountain, 16 years; Karen Fountain, four years; and Ted Turgeon, four years. Brown's daughter, Wittney Brown, an Auburn University finance student, is interning at the office this summer. Merrill Lynch has been in Anniston for almost 40 years.

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Jim Downey of Downey Drug, Downey Medical Supply and Downey Eye Care is quick to deflect his longevity and award winning complex to his staff and customers. They have won the award for first, second and third place pharmacist in the Anniston Star Reader's Choice Awards for 2019. They came in second for best eye care professional. They also placed second in the best home health agency category. Downey has been a constant in Anniston for almost 50 years and has recently completed a new shopping plaza for his company in Alexandria. There are plans to break ground on a new location of Downey Medical on Quintard Avenue by year's end.

Mr. Downey drove home the twin tenets responsible for his business outlook. "Serve the people and stay

humble," was repeated numerous times in our conversation about readers choosing Downey again this year. When asked for historical perspective he began, "I graduated from Auburn in 1968 and started working straight out of school here in Anniston. Mr. Homer McNaron of West Anniston Drug called me about buying his business. Three days later, I owned a drug store. I was the youngest man to own a drug store in this county at the age of 26. Now I'm the oldest. In those days, pharmacists were much more active in customer's healthcare. We diagnosed and treated people with drugs. That experience and my background was where I began my promise to serve each person that came in. I was building Downey Drug and realized that there was a need for oxygen and other medical supplies. Downey Medical was born. I wanted to do the best for the Wellborn community. I see them at church and on the street. As we grew, I wanted to build this part of town."

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he saw a need to expand his blessings. "I called the home office at Hardees and they opened right down the street from our business. it was the first major corporation to open here in the West End/Eulaton area. Traffic grew and I decided to build a plaza beside the drug store. I built additions as I made more money. We put the first doctor, dentist and chiropractor in this area in our plaza. The first optometrist in this area opened up. The civic pride was there because people had always had to go somewhere else for healthcare."

His staff is invaluable and he values each member. "I don't really work much in the pharmacy anymore. I have people that have been with us for over 25 years. We have very little turnover. When we interview, we look for applicants that will take care of a little lady that doesn't understand her prescriptions as well as we do. Our staffers have to take the time with her to explain what she may be taking and have that heart to take care of her. The only thing I want you to know about me is that I want people taken care of properly with respect and

kindness. We take care of everyone the same and that's the reason that we continue to win awards. It's not me, it's the people that take care of our customers that set us apart from the big chains That's not to say that their employees aren't good people, I truly believe that we care more and with genuine heart."

"We had an opportunity in Alexandria. The community there is just like the one in Wellborn, if you find a better one, let me know." His second development, in the valley, was another way to serve the people. "There had never been an eye doctor, never a dentist in Alexandria. My son, Stephen Downey, is there for eye care. There had never been a full service pharmacy there. We're grateful to be there. We have Noble Bank in the new plaza. We receive letters about how beautiful the new complex is. We always strive to be one step ahead. We were the first drug store to have a computer when they first came out. We were the first to have a separate consultation area. Now the state law mandates those areas. And

we'll continue to be ahead of the curve."

Being humble is evident in both belief and practice with Jim Downey and his business. "I came from a background without a lot of money. We had to be humble because our situation demanded it. I'm a big believer in mentors. They've kept me humble and grateful. I've always looked for mentors that had gray or white hair. I knew they always had more wisdom than I did. I listened to each of them and was reminded to keep taking care of people

and everything else would fall in place. I can't talk about where I am without talking about Mr. Homer McNaron, Sr. and his family. Now it's my turn to take that knowledge and pass it on to younger people. I'm always looking for the ones with good hearts that want to serve. I can't stress enough how important that is. I want the people that voted for us to know how humbling it is to be voted best in these categories. Its huge to be voted for because people notice how much we care."



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When the leader is in lockstep with their staff, it truly is beautiful to watch. Each member operates on their own internal clock, giving each client the best service in a timely manner. When it's done in a business setting, it is closely akin to a tightly choreographed ballet. One can tell a business owner's vision by the way they are viewed by their customers and community. eNvy Salon in Jacksonville is that business and Niky Van Hatten is that owner. They are the Anniston Star Reader's Choice 2019 winner for both best barber shop and best beauty shop.

Each owner has shaped their business through trial and error, long days and trusting themselves. Leadership can be witnessed by the core values and the culture of any successful organization. Change is a constant and the ability to adapt is key from open to close. When asked about the salon and its vision, Van Hatten said, "I took over seven years ago with a fresh remodel, restaff and most importantly, a restructure. We have grown so there are now ten of us. We are now both a full service barber and beauty shop."

She credits her success to continuity and keeping herself on a schedule. Business owners work long hours because their customers often need

them around the clock. "I wake up early and go work out before I come to work. I know that we are open later than most salons because our clients have to work. We're here for them all day. You can spend a dollar or one hundred dollars and we promise to treat you the same. We truly consider our clients family the first time we meet them. The staff here has their own distinct personalities and we love what we do and spoiling everybody that comes in."

Continuing education is crucial to keeping each patron happy and looking their best. "We go to classes all the time. It's required. Each time a member learns something new they come back to the salon and shows the others what they've been taught. That cooperation makes us all so much better and promotes the group atmosphere. It also keeps us comfortable with each other and ensures that we all have a good time while we're together. We all work long days because we're open longer than most. Some stylists watch the clock and get ready to go at five o' clock. We care more than that so it just doesn't happen."

The entire staff was happy to hear that they had won the Reader's Choice award this year. "We were ecstatic! We were so excited not just for the salon but also the barber. It really validated the idea that we wear both hats. Its hard to explain just how thrilled we are. We hear all the time from our customers how much fun they watch us have with each other and how it becomes contagious. Every



Envy Salon

one has their own business under the eNvy umbrella but above all else we are a team. I could not ask for better. I work with some of the most talented hair stylists around. That's huge because I travel all around the United States teaching. I'm very proud of them. I'm actually very proud of us, I should say. "

She wanted to let everyone know how important the idea of family is to her and also her staff. "They're all so awesome.

They have all have great support from friends and family. If it wasn't for them we wouldn't be as successful. This wouldn't be possible if we couldn't count on them. Some of the girl's mothers will call me and talk. It cannot be stressed enough how many people play a part in our success. We love each person that plays a part and want to invite everyone to come see us."

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In 2009, David and I felt a “call of God” on our lives to reopen a meat store in our shopping center that was once Anniston Quality Meats. That business had closed April 2009. We began praying for God to send us a new renter for that space. We did not expect it to be us! As a matter of fact, I remember a moment of panic one Sunday morning

combing my hair and I exclaimed “oh no!” Surely God doesn’t want us to open a meat business. A voice from the shower chimed in, “yes I think he does.” God told me the same thing as well. Quite frankly that wasn’t what I wanted to hear. That wasn’t what I prayed for-exactly. I prayed for a renter but I didn’t want it to be us.

We had just “arrived” at a time in our lives our children were grown, bills were paid, expenses were less, and we could just relax and coast a while for the very first time. Then God had a different plan. A plan that required sacrifice in many ways consisting of funds, time, and training. We recognized the “direction God had given us” and chose to step out purely on blind faith that God would bless the way.

Wow- 10 years have passed this year. Do we understand what God is doing? No-not entirely we don’t. We don’t have a plan on this. Christian Corner Meats is an unusual business for us. We sell food, but we have always considered this to be God’s business to do what he does-touch people. You see we don’t have all this figured out. We are not trained in marketing, or meat cutting, or growing a business by the latest and greatest trends.

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or how to grill a steak. Sometimes they want to share a story, or be encouraged because it’s their 1st holiday without their spouse, and maybe, just maybe the only smile they get that day. We don’t know the needs, but God does. It amazes me God uses ordinary hands of ordinary people to participate in whatever work He is doing that day.

David and I are entering a new chapter in our lives called “senior citizens”. We often wonder what are you doing God and where are we going? How long can we serve in this capacity or will we be “called” to another assignment? Well, I don’t have the answers as of yet or know God’s plan for the future in so many areas of our lives. One thing I know for sure is that God knows the plans He has for us, and they are good plans. He is teaching us to quit depending on ourselves and depend daily on Him.

Trust is learned, not automatically acquired. This classroom, we are in, is hard and requires courage, but it is so very worth the effort. Our testimony is that God is able, God is worth it, God never leaves us, and God is trustworthy always. Thank you for 10 years serving Calhoun county and surrounding areas as Christian Corner Meats.

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Wilson described his many roles as an attorney, partner and business owner. He said "I practice criminal law, family law, bankruptcy and personal injury. I just recently made partner and bought into the firm. They all keep me pretty busy." He went on to add, "Our firm offers criminal defense, family law to include divorce, custody and child support and other issues that arise from those areas. We also cover personal injury, such

as when one is injured in an accident and we can get compensation, and we can also guide clients through bankruptcy."

He wanted to stress how hard their office works everyday to give not only legal service but also their brand of customer service. "We excel at communication. We felt that was an area where clients were not being given the best effort across the country. We have a great support staff and always reach out to our clients to keep them informed every step of the way. These matters are important and we understand how important each case is. We want them to know exactly what's going on with their case."

When asked what is his favorite thing about being a lawyer, he answered, "It really is so much fun. I love being in the courtroom and hashing out different legal issues. I also will argue when its needed. I work deals when I have to. Just anything my client needs is what I'll do. I'm always here if anything needs resolving. I truly feel like I'm your guy or I can point you in the right direction if it's something out of my

wheelhouse. I'm right here whenever I'm needed."

He not only works in Calhoun County, he was born and raised here. "I grew up in Oxford and graduated from Oxford High in 2009, I attended two years at JSU then transferred to Auburn and graduated college with a bachelor's degree in economics. I then went to law school at Alabama. I'm glad to be home practicing law."

On more of a personal note, Wilson talked about how well 2019 was going. "Its been a great year. I made partner this year. I got engaged to Ashley Laymon, a teacher in the Oxford school system. We are getting married in November of this year." After touching on his impending marriage, he wanted to include how important family is to him. "I'm an only child. My father, Carl Wilson, is a retired Anniston fire fighter. He's now the fleet manager selling commercial vehicles at Sunny King Ford. My mom works at Moore Printing. I have a really supportive family and thats one of the most important reasons for my success. I never thought I'd

be a business owner at 28. My dad worked two jobs my entire life so that we could have whatever we wanted. He put me through school and has always been super supportive of anything I've done. I inherited my work ethic from them both."



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Their hard work and dedication over the years has resulted in a successful business and winning the Anniston Star Reader's Choice Awards for best weight loss service and second best medical lab services. To top it off, their lead medical assistant, Kayla Bridges, has won the second best medical assistant award.

Mrs. Crosen described her part in the practice as the owner and nurse practitioner. She states that she works with all the visits, along with Dr. Ishmal, who prescribes the drugs for weight loss. They have just recently celebrated their seven year anniversary for the company start-up. Mrs. Crosen informed me how in the beginning of their business journey, her husband had lost his job, and "it was we have to find a new business adventure or we're moving to Texas, and I was not moving to Texas." That is when, "Oxford Adult Care and Weight Loss Center was born," after the company name was changed to it's current one. The name change was a result of confusion by the citizens thinking it was an adult daycare center.

To start, they were open two days a week with only one employee. Crosen stated, "I had four patients scheduled my very first day." With the success, their business is now, "open five days a week with a big

full staff and a very crazy schedule." Crosen added, "the community has definitely supported us .. we had our growing pains, but we made it through, and we're proud to be here," while showing gratitude to her patients for helping her reach this point. Although she felt nervous due to new competition, Crosen was excited and appreciative to find out she had won best weight loss service again.

When asked what she felt her company excelled at, Crosen replied, "our individuality, our uniqueness, our ability to take patient A, B, C and each one of them lose weight successfully, but none of them are doing the same thing." She adds, "We have a basic program and we're very thorough in our program." Mrs. Crosen takes pride in her business's staff for being able to fully inform their patients on why they're taking certain medications and how it will benefit them. "The more knowledge they have, the better they'll do. Which, of course, will help us even more, too .. We're just thankful to our community for letting our family be a part of theirs."



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