

**BEST OF ATHENS
AWARD WINNERS**



2024 Award Winners

**YOU VOTED. WE COUNTED.
LOOK INSIDE TO FIND OUT WHO WON BEST.**

THANK YOU

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING
HUGH WHITE AS THE
BEST NEW CAR DEALER



THANKS FOR VOTING
ISAIAH MULLINS-HAMILTON
AS THE BEST SALESPERSON IN ATHENS!

Hugh White

OF ATHENS



In today's issue, we present the results for The Athens News' Best of Athens Readers Choice Awards for 2024.

Each category contains a list of the top three finalists, selected by our readers.

Although each category only has one winner, remember that praising the efforts of our community shouldn't be confined to this contest. Please thank the store owners and clerks who have navigated through the single-use plastic bag ban ordinance and inflation. Thank the doctors and nurses who continue to deal with COVID-19 and other illnesses, locally and throughout the region. Thank the volunteers who selflessly donate their time and talents to various causes that help our communities thrive. Thank the school administrators, staff, nurses and teachers who diligently work to ensure local children are healthy, safe and have the best education the districts can afford.

This year, The Athens NEWS Best of Athens Readers' Choice Awards underwent a bit of a renovation and expansion, as we added and removed categories and changed how the nominating process was done.

In this 35th year, the nominating round allowed voters to fill out a form and submit their nominations for their favorite things, places and people. The top five choices for each voting category from the nominations were included in a final voting round. During this voting round, users could vote once a day in each category.

All voting was done online, as it has been in past years.

The Athens NEWS Best of Athens Readers' Choice Awards aren't only a way for readers to celebrate their favorite parts of Athens County. They are also a guide for newcomers and a way for the community to thank those involved with the nominated businesses and organizations. Without them, our community wouldn't be as vibrant as it is today.

If you have any questions, contact me at news@athensnews.com. We hope you enjoy this year's contest and appreciate your participation.

And remember: Continue to support the people, places, institutions and businesses that make Athens special in any way you can.



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Appetizer

Eclipse Company Store Winner
Texas Roadhouse Runner Up
Applebee's Runner Up

Bar Outside City of Athens

Eclipse Company Store Winner
Doug's Vault Runner Up
The Mine Tavern Runner Up

Asian Restaurant

Dynasty Restaurant Winner
China Panda Chinese Runner Up
MumMum Hibachi Runner Up

BBQ

Kisers Winner
Starbrick BBQ Runner Up
Eclipse Runner Up

Bakery

McHappy's Bake Shoppe Winner
Bakery 323 Runner Up
Fluff Bakery Runner Up

Breakfast

Gigi's County Kitchen Winner
Union Street Diner Runner Up
Casa Nueva Runner Up

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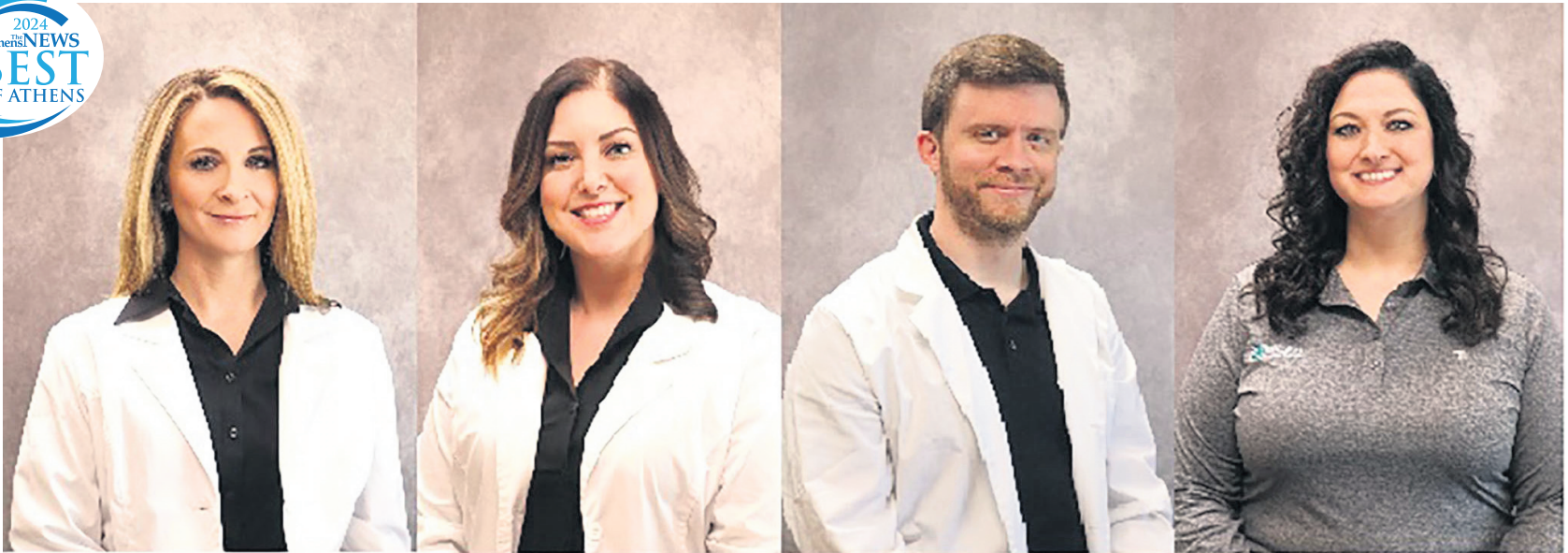
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Budget Dining

Larry's Dawg House Winner
Gigi's County Kitchen Runner Up
Union Street Diner Runner Up

Hot Dog

Larry's Dawg House Winner
O'Betty's Red Hot Runner Up
Sonic Runner Up

Chicken Wings

Miller's Chicken Winner
Shade on State Runner Up
Eclipse Runner Up

Ice Cream

Larry's Dawg House Winner
Whit's Frozen Custard Runner Up

Coffee House

Donkey Coffee Winner
Court Street Coffee Runner Up
Threefold Roasters Runner Up

Italian Restaurant

Ciro Italian Kitchen & Bar Winner
Tavolino Runner Up
Avalanche Pizza Runner Up

Dessert

Whit's Frozen Custard Winner
Bakery 323 Runner Up
McHappy's Runner Up

Local Carry Out

Stop-n-Cop Drive Thru Winner
Beverage Drive Thru Runner Up
Pizza Stop Runner Up

Food Truck

Burrito Buggy Winner
A-Town Pies & Fries Runner Up
Athens Rise and Grind Runner Up
Athenian Wrapsody Runner Up

Lunch Spot

Miller's Chicken Winner
Bagel Street Deli Runner Up
Gran Ranchero Runner Up

Hamburger

Larry's Dawg House Winner
The Pub Bar & Grill Runner Up
Jackie O's Runner Up
The Mine Tavern Runner Up
The Pigskin Bar & Grill Runner Up

Mexican Restaurant

Gran Ranchero Winner
LuLu's el Camino Runner Up
Casa Nueva Runner Up



Where we
thank you!



voted

THE BEST
Financial Institution
of Athens 2024

Other Ethnic Restaurant

Restaurant Salaam	Winner
Ciro Italian Kitchen	Runner Up
Sol Island Bar & Grill	Runner Up

Romantic Restaurant

Pleasant Hill Vineyard	Winner
Shade Winery	Runner Up
Ciro Italian Kitchen	Runner Up

Best Open Stage

Eclipse Company Store	Winner
Casa Nueva	Runner Up
The Union	Runner Up

Best Winery

Pleasant Hill Vineyard	Winner
Shade Winery	Runner Up
Athens Uncorked	Runner Up

Outdoor Eating/ Drinking Venue

Eclipse Company Store	Winner
Pleasant Hill Vineyards	Runner Up
Little Fish Brewing	Runner Up

Best Sandwich

Bagel Street Deli	Winner
Jimmy John's	Runner Up
Brenen's Coffee Cafe	Runner Up

Best Place for Cocktails

West End Cider House	Winner
Athens Uncorked	Runner Up
Casa Nueva	Runner Up

Happy Hour

Tony's Tavern	Winner
Jackie O's	Runner Up
Shade on State	Runner Up

Pizza

Avalanche Pizza	Winner
Little Italy	Runner Up
Pizza Stop	Runner Up

Sports Bar

Broney's	Winner
Shade on State	Runner Up
The Pub Bar & Grill	Runner Up

Best place New Beers

Eclipse Company Store	Winner
Little Fish Brewing	Runner Up
Jacki O's	Runner Up

Local Band/ Performer

The Come on Come Ons	Winner
Eric Atkinson	Runner Up
American Engine	Runner Up

Best Carryout Order

Miller's Chicken	Winner
Dynasty Restaurant	Runner Up
Chinda Panda	Runner Up

Uniquely Athens

Casa Nueva	Winner
Miller's Chicken	Runner Up
Purple Chopstix	Runner Up

Satisfy your Sweet tooth

Larry's Dawg House	Winner
Insomnia Cookies	Runner Up
Fluff Bakery	Runner Up

Bar for over 30

West End Cider House	Winner
Athens Uncorked	Runner Up
Tony's Tavern	Runner Up

Restaurant/ Outside Athens

Eclipse Company Store	Winner
Lake Hope Lodge	Runner Up
Ray's Harvest House	Runner Up

Best Brewery

Little Fish Brewing	Winner
Jackio O's Taproom	Runner Up
Devil's Kettle Brewing	Runner Up



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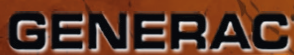
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Sports Bar

Broney's Winner
The Pigskin Bar & Grill Runner Up
Shade on State Runner Up

Carpet Cleaner

Carpet One Floor & Moore Winner
Lowe's Runner Up
The Red Carpet Cleaner Runner Up

Chiropractor

Dr. Ian Butcher Winner
William A. Ramsey, DC Runner Up
Carey Chiropractic Runner Up
Jonathan Gose, DC Runner Up

Civic/Service Organization

Athens County Library Winner
Joe Burrow
Saves the World Runner Up
Habitat for Humanity Runner Up

Dentist/Orthodontist

Athens Dental Depot Winner
Athens Dental Arts Runner Up
Dr. Elizabeth Welsh Runner Up

Dry Cleaner

Ambassador Laundries Winner
Good Cleaners Runner Up

Electrician

Brandon Phillips Winner
Trout Electrical Runner Up
Dan Inman Electric Runner Up

Family Physician

Dr. Anurag Gupta Winner
Dr. Jared Sheets Runner Up
Dr. Geetha Conjeevaram Runner Up

Financial Institution

OUCU Financial Winner
Hocking Valley Bank Runner Up
People Bank Runner Up

Funeral Home

Jagers & Sons Winner
Hughes-Moquin Runner Up
Morrison Funeral Chapel Runner Up

Hair Stylist

Alexis Meeks Winner
Lacey Fletcher Runner Up
Nikki Pierce Runner Up

Hearing Aid Center

Diles Hearing Center Winner
Holzer Runner Up
Dr. Gokhale Runner Up

Heating and Cooling

Airclaws Winner
Dean Heating & Cooling Runner Up
Dowler Heating & Cooling Runner Up

Hospital/Medical Clinic

Holzer Clinic Winner
Ohio Health O'Bleness Runner Up
River Rose OBGYN Runner Up

Local Charitable Cause

Friends of the Shelter Dogs Winner
Passion Works Studio Runner Up
Joe Burrow
Saves the World Runner Up

Local Insurance Office

Mathews Insurance, Inc. Winner
Bickle Insurance Runner Up
State Farm Insurance Runner Up

Local Plumbing Business

Nick Joseph Winner
A-Team Plumbing & More Runner Up
Danny Keirns Plumbing Runner Up

Massage Therapist

Iris Butcher Winner
Athens Medical
Massage Runner Up
Shannon Love
(Oasis Tanning & Nails) Runner Up

Medical Provider (person)

Dr. Sergio Ulloa Winner
Dr. Anurag Gupta Runner Up
Dr. Jared Sheets Runner Up

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Nail Salon

Sky Nails Salon & Spa	Winner
Attractions Hair & Nail	Runner Up
The Loft Hair & Spa	Runner Up

Roofing Company

A Town	Winner
Peterson Brothers	Runner Up
Athens Roofing	Runner Up

Customer Service

White's Mill	Winner
Athens Rise & Grind	Runner Up
Friendly Paws Pet Supplies & Grooming	Runner Up

Garden Center

White's Mill	Winner
Greenleaf	Runner Up
Lowe's	Runner Up

Nursing Home

Hickory Creek	Winner
Kimes	Runner Up
Lindley Inn	Runner Up

Salon Overall

Attractions Hair & Nail	Winner
The Loft Hair & Spa	Runner Up
Artistry Hair Salon	Runner Up

Florist

Hyacinth Bean Florist	Winner
Jack Neal Floral	Runner Up
Kroger	Runner Up

Grocery Store

Aldi	Winner
Kroger	Runner Up
Seamans Cardinal	Runner Up

Optometrist

Shane Foster	Winner
Athens Eye Care	Runner Up
Dr. Justin Terry	Runner Up

Student Housing Provider

Cornwell Properties	Winner
Bobcat Rentals	Runner Up
Athens Real Estate	Runner Up

Furniture Store

Big Lots	Winner
Blackburn Home Furnishings	Runner Up
Big Sandy	Runner Up

Jewelry Store

The Silver Cactus Boutique	Winner
White's Mill	Runner Up
Kay Jewelers	Runner Up

Pharmacy

Shrivers Pharmacy & Wellness Center	Winner
Holzer Family Pharmacy	Runner Up
Kroger Pharmacy	Runner Up

Tattoo Artist

Jim Kisor	
Decorative Injections	Winner
Eric Pierce	
Decorative Injectons	Runner Up
Joe Green, Magic Tattoo	Runner Up

Place for Fitness

Planet Fitness	Winner
Community Center	Runner Up
CrossFit SEO	Runner Up

Veterinary Clinic

Allen Pet Clinic	Winner
Kroner Animal Care	Runner Up
Ohio Valley Animal Clinic	Runner Up

Real Estate Agent

Sean Keiffer	Winner
Sue Radcliff	Runner Up
Austin Downs	Runner Up

Windows & Doors

Pidcock Glass	Winner
Carr Auto Glass	Runner Up
Quality Windows	Runner Up

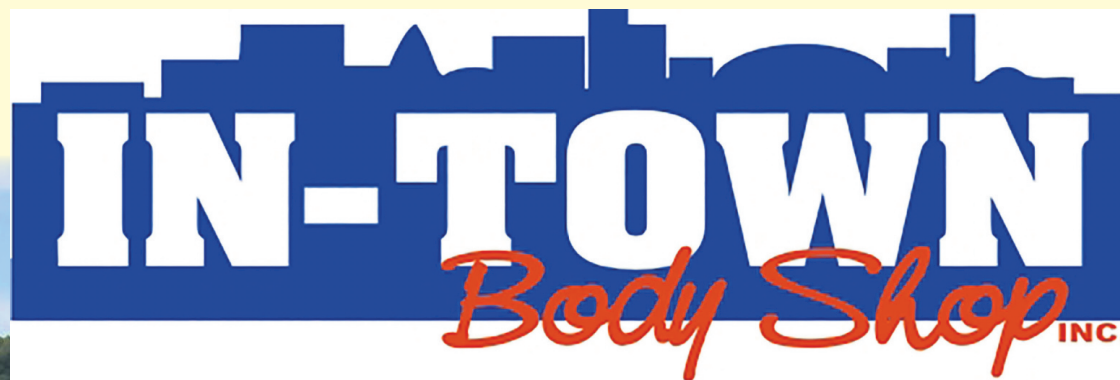
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Lawn Equipment

Wakefield Garage	Winner
Allpower Equipment	Runner Up
Menards	Runner Up
True Value Hardawre	Runner Up

Mattress Store

Sleep Outfitter	Winner
Big Lots	Runner Up
Big Sandy	Runner Up

Meat Counter

The Local Butcher	Winner
Seamans Cardinal	Runner Up
Kroger	Runner Up

Men's Clothing

Mac's Work Wear	Winner
Marshall's	Runner Up
Ohio Valley Running	Runner Up

Pet Supply

Friendly Paws Pet Supplies & Grooming	Winner
Tractor Supply	Runner Up
Fish & Stuff	Runner Up

Place to Donate Used Items

Habitat for Humanity ReStore	Winner
UpCycle Thrift Store	Runner Up
Athens Goodwill	Runner Up

Unique/Hard to Find Items

White's Mill	Winner
Peddler's Junction	Runner Up
Athens Ace Hardware	Runner Up

Shoe Store

Ohio Valley Running	Winner
Shoe Department	Runner Up
Rocky Boots	Runner Up

Women's Clothing

Marshall's	Winner
Maurice's	Runner Up
Mac's Work Wear	Runner Up

Auto Glass Repair

Pidcock Glass	Winner
Carr Auto Glass	Runner Up
Alvis Auto	Runner Up

Auto Parts Store

AutoZone	Winner
McKee Auto Parts	Runner Up
O'Reilly's	Runner Up

Auto Service

Muffler Man	Winner
Alvis Auto Repair	Runner Up
Hugh White Athens	Runner Up
Tinks	Runner Up
740 Audio LLC	Runner Up

Autobody & Collision

InTown Body Shop	Winner
Alvis Auto	Runner Up
Athens Collision Repair	Runner Up

Car Sales Men

Isaiah Mullins	Winner
Mike Tinkman	Runner Up
Chris Sims	Runner Up

Motorcycle Dealer

Athens Sport Cycles	Winner
Don Wood Polaris	Runner Up

New Car Dealer

Hugh White	Winner
Mark Porter	Runner Up
Don Wood	Runner Up

Oil Change

Muffler Man	Winner
Alvis Auto	Runner Up
Don Wood Toyota	Runner Up

Tire Center

Muffler Man	Winner
Warehouse Tire	Runner Up
Rick's Tire & Auto	Runner Up

Used Car Dealer

Tink's	Winner
Hugh White Athens	Runner Up
Mark Porter	Runner Up



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Best of Athens Readers' Choice Awards
Hospital or Medical Clinic: Winner - Holzer Clinic

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*Best of Athens - Hearing Center - **RUNNER UP***

*Best of Athens - Holzer Family Pharmacy - **RUNNER UP***



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Kneeling: Gauge Penrod, standing Left to Right: Sarah Holland-Fetherolf, Eric J Lucas, Melissa Horvath Barnes, Steve Bailey Jr., Bill Humphrey and Dakoda Holland-Fetherolf.

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