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- 2** **VOTE** for the 2025 People's Choice awards
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- 3** **RESULTS** for the 2025 People's Choice awards
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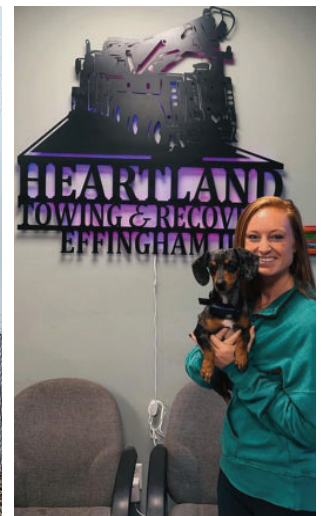
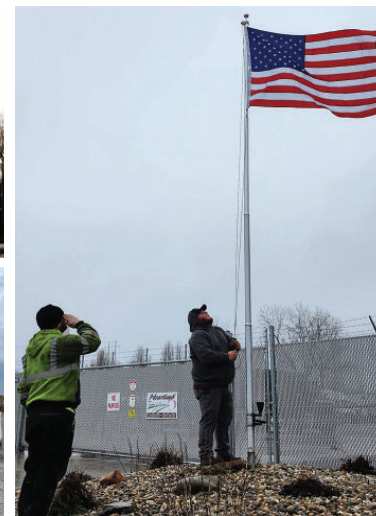
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People's Choice Voting begins today

The Effingham Daily News each year conducts the annual People's Choice Contest. This popular battle of the businesses begins with the People's Choice Nomination ballot in January. For two weeks in January, Effingham Daily News readers are asked to go online and actually type in the name of their favorite business in over 200 different categories. Our readers care enough to take the time to let our local businesses know just how much they really enjoy their products and services by recognizing them on the ballot. When the nomination process ends, we receive a list of all businesses recognized. At this point, the top 5 in each category then go on to be listed on the People's Choice Voting ballot.

The People's Choice Voting ballot will be available online starting today through Saturday, March 1. See page 2 of this People's Choice Voting edition to find out how to register and begin the voting process. We encourage our readers to take the time to vote for their favorite business of the top 5 listed in each category. As you read through the voting ballot, you will notice that some categories have more than 5 listed while a few have less than 5 listed. For those categories with more than 5, there was a tie or multiple ties for 5th place. It is only fair then to also include all those who tied for 5th on the voting ballot. Rest assured, in many cases there were even more wrote in than those listed on our Voting ballot. We thank our readers for their votes, even though

they did not make the top 5. For those categories with less than 5, we have listed all those who were nominated on the January Nomination ballot.

Once the Voting ballot process has ended, we will tabulate the results and report the winner in each category in our March 29 People's Choice Winners guide. It really is fun for us when we get to contact a business to let them know they were the winner in their category. There is immense pride and many times they are very humbled by the news. We truly live and work in an area where businesses support one another and cheer each other on. They really love what they do and this award is just one way for us to let them know just how much they are appreciated and loved by their customers and our readers. And the best part is that they get to promote this all through the year on their billboards, in their advertisements in the newspaper, and on their Facebook page, just to name a few. Each winner also receives a wooden plaque that includes a certificate to hang on their wall at their place of business in yet another way to promote their achievement.

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- Best Oil Change Place
- Best Tire Dealer
- Best Cellular Phone Dealer
- Best Electronics Dealer
- Best Front Desk Receptionist
- Sam Richardson
- Best Mechanic
- Jesse Barnes



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- Best Pharmacist = Chip Andes
- Best Pharmacy = Andes Pharmacy
- Best Pharmacy Tech = Kelci Butler

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Best Asian Food

Fujiyama Japanese
Steakhouse
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Best Baked Goods & Pies

Niemerg's Steakhouse
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Kountry Kitchen
The Cookie Jar
Joe Sippers Cafe

Best Bakery

Kirby Foods
Holli's Flour Shop
The Cookie Jar
Joe Sippers Café
Niemerg's Steakhouse

Best Barbecue

Lickin' My Chicken & Pullin'
My Pork BBQ
Kirby Foods
Niemerg's Steakhouse
Pinky's
Doug McCain's

Best Bartender

Alex Hoefler at Wheat Penny
April Hurt at Danny's
Quik Sak
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Winery

Stephanie Ruholl at Dozers
Pub
Amy Welter at Big Papa's
Cocktails and Gaming
Lounge

Best Beer Establishment

Orchard Inn
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Ping's Tavern
A1 Liquors
Wheat Penny

Best Breakfast Place

Niemerg's Steakhouse
Cracker Barrel
Gabby Goat
Kountry Kitchen
Open Door Diner

Best Buffet

Niemerg's Steakhouse
Golden Corral
Iron Horse Restaurant
at Kirby Foods
Pizza Man
China Buffet

Best Business Lunch Place

Gabby Goat
Pizza Man
Firefly Grill
Puerto Vallarta
Joe's Pizza & Pasta

Best Catering

Deb's Catering
Niemerg's Steakhouse
Joe's Pizza & Pasta
Lickin' My Chicken & Pullin'
My Pork BBQ
Puerto Vallarta

Best Chicken

Niemerg's Steakhouse
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Best Donuts

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Kirby Foods
The Cookie Jar
Dunkin' Donuts
Midtown Fuels

Best Fast Food

Cruiser's Drive Thru
Culver's
Wendy's
Jersey Mike's
Andrew's Eats

Best Fine Dining

Firefly Grill
Chili's Grill & Bar
Fujiyama Japanese
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TGI Fridays

Best Food Truck

Lickin' My Chicken & Pullin'
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Best Japanese Food

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Best Mexican Food

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Taqueria

Best Milk Shake

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Chaser's Grill & Bar
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Madilynn Arend

(Boho Chic Clinique)

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(The Skin Refinery)

Sara Diebel (The Blonde
Esthetician)

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Summer Nohren - Family Care Associates
 Zain Parker - Family Care Associates
 Brittney Royse - Sarah Bush Lincoln
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 Kelsey Ort

Best Medical Clinic

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 Springfield Clinic Effingham
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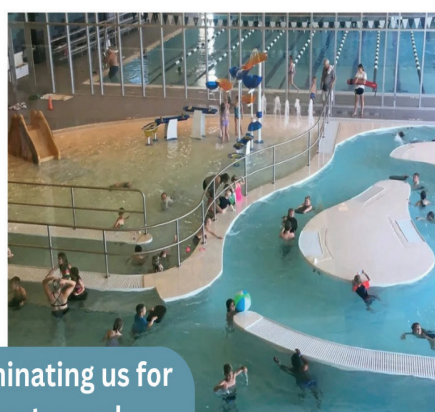
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Dr. Matthew Jones – Drs. Sehy & Jones Optometrists
Dr. Mollie Raddatz - Marion Eye Center

Best Orthodontist

Dr. Chuck Schumacher
Dr. Michael Hage

Best Pharmacist

Chip Andes – Andes Health Mart Pharmacy
Duane Kremer – Kremer Pharmacy
Tracy Petzing - Walmart Pharmacy

Andrea Hille – Brown's Drug Store
Courtney Beaumont - Kirby Foods Health Mart Pharmacy
Danielle Faber - HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital

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Kathie Helmuth - HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital
Emil Kaldas – Walmart Pharmacy

Best Podiatrist

Dr. James Graham
Dr. John Killough
Dr. Tom Sehy

Best Rehabilitation Services

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Lutheran Care Center
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Dr. Jason McAllaster – Springfield Clinic Effingham
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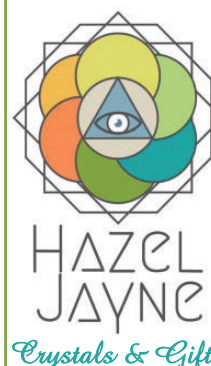
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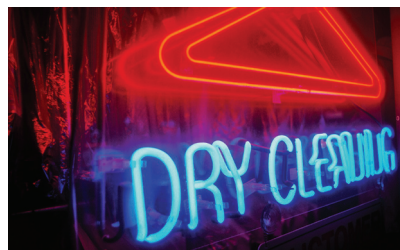
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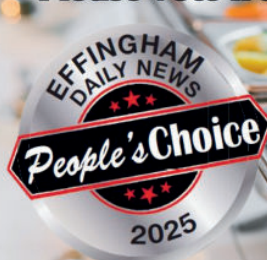
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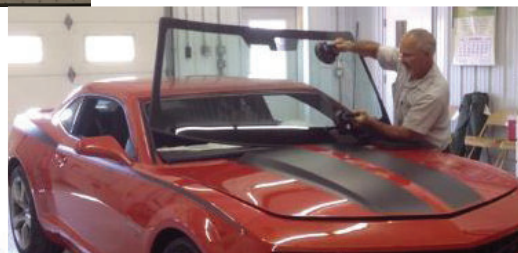
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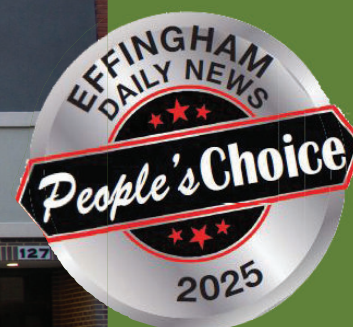
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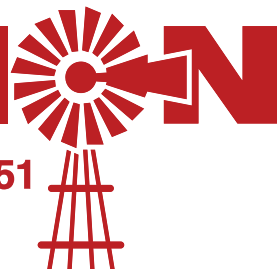
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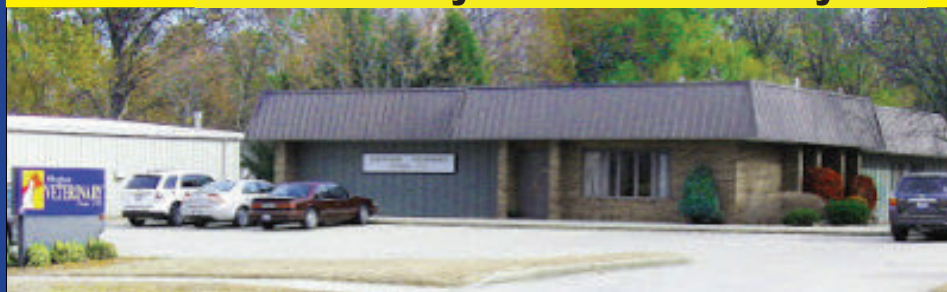
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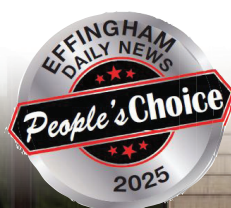
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