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People of the Year

Best Customer Service

1st Place: Steve's Café

1225 E Custer Ave. / 630 N Montana Ave.

Steve's Café also took first place in Best Breakfast.

2nd Place: Helena Orthodontics

900 N Last Chance Gulch #101

3rd Place: Montana Internet

1424 National Ave.

Best Physician

1st Place: Andrew Gilbert, MD

St. Peter's Medical Group

2550 E. Broadway

Andrew Gilbert came to Helena from St. Mary's Hospital in Cottonwood, Idaho, where he had been practicing Family Medicine for five years. Dr. Gilbert earned his Medical Degree from the University of Washington School of Medicine in 2003 and completed his residency at the Family Medicine Residency of Idaho in 2006. He attended Carroll College where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology. Dr. Gilbert's interests in medicine include the full spectrum of family medicine including pediatrics, adult medicine, and sports medicine. In addition, he performs colonoscopies and upper endoscopies.

2nd Place: Richard Sargent, MD

Sage Medical Clinic

820 N Montana Ave.

3rd Place: Jay Larson, MD

South Hills Internal Medicine

301 Saddle Dr.

Best Pediatrician

1st Place: Tom Strizich, MD

Partners In Pediatrics

2525 E Broadway St. #201

A Helena native, Dr. Tom Strizich graduated from Capital High School and completed his undergraduate studies at Gonzaga University in Spokane. After receiving his medical degree from the University of Washington School of

Medicine, Dr. Strizich completed his internship and Pediatric residency at the University of Utah. Tom, and his wife Colette, have two sons. As a former Capital High assistant tennis coach, he still likes to hit the courts. Having deep roots in Helena, Dr. Strizich also knows the best places to enjoy Montana's outdoors.

2nd Place: Erin Keefe, MD

Helena Pediatric Clinic

1122 N Montana Ave.

3rd Place: Michelle Danielson, MD

Partners In Pediatrics

2525 E Broadway St. #201

Best Nurse

1st Place: Lynne Bryant, WHNP

Mountain View Family Healthcare

2619 Colonial Dr. #A

Lynne Bryant is a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner on staff at Mountain View Family Health. As a specialist, she delivers comprehensive care to females only, from the adolescent years throughout their lifespan with an emphasis on reproductive and gynecologic health needs. She provides preventative well woman exams, family planning, as well as acute and chronic illness/disease management.

She also performs colposcopy and endometrial biopsy procedures.

2nd Place: Christine Duncan

St. Peter's Medical Group

2475 E. Broadway

3rd Place: Jamie Santi

St. Peter's Medical Group

2475 E. Broadway



Best Surgeon

1st Place: William Harper, MD

Medical Part Surgical

400 Saddle Dr.

Dr. William Harper is board certified with the American Board of Surgery. Harper earned a bachelor's degree from University of Notre Dame in biochemistry. He earned his medical degree from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. His General Surgery residency was completed at St. Joseph Hospital in Milwaukee. He completed a Vascular Surgery fellowship at Jewish Hospital in Cincinnati as well as a year as the Chief Surgical Resident at Jewish Hospital. He then completed a surgical fellowship at St. Louis University. Harper has been in private practice in Helena since 1988.

2nd Place: John Galt, MD, FACS

St. Peter's Medical Group

2475 E. Broadway

3rd Place: Kerry Hale, MD

St. Peter's Medical Group

2475 E. Broadway

Best Optometrist

1st Place: William (Bill) Simons, OD

Montana Eye Care

550 N Montana Ave.

Dr. Bill Simons graduated from Carroll College with a bachelor's degree in biology and continued his education at Southern California College of Optometry, receiving his doctorate degree in Optometry in 1982. Simons is past president of the Montana Optometric Association and the Great Western Council of Optometry. He has been named Optometrist of the Year three times and continues to be active promoting the profession he loves. Simons is Board Certified by the American Board of Optometry.

2nd Place: William Hasquet, OD

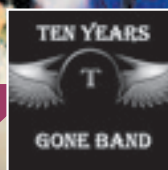
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3rd Place: Marcus Kelley, OD

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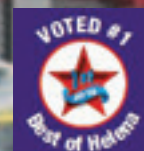


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Best Chiropractor

1st Place: Vincent (VJ) Maddio
Town Center Chiropractic
827 N Last Chance Gulch

Dr. Maddio is a Helena native. He attended Montana State University and studied five years of associated sciences with an emphasis in exercise/physiology and sports medicine. He graduated with his degree in chiropractic from Northwestern College of Health Sciences in Bloomington, Minnesota. Maddio began his own practice in Helena in 1992. Maddio is certified in Active Release Technique (ART) and is a Certified Impairment Evaluator in the State of Montana. He currently serves on the Board of Chiropractors for the State of Montana, and is past president of the Montana Chiropractic Association.

2nd Place: Gary Blom
Capital Chiropractic Center
1732 Prospect Ave.
3rd Place: Benjamin Clack
Big Sky Chiropractic
3180 Dredge Dr, Suite C

Best Physical Therapist

1st Place: Matthew Fischer, MSPT
Fisher Physical Therapy
25 Neill Ave. Ste 209

Matthew Fischer received his master of science in physical therapy in 2000 from the University of Montana. He has practiced in Helena since that time in outpatient orthopedic settings exclusively. In 2004, Matthew established Fischer Physical Therapy with an emphasis on quality care and superior results. Matthew's approach is biased toward specialized hands-on techniques, while progressing each client toward independent management with gentle exercise. In 2005, Matthew became one of 50 therapists in the U.S. to complete advanced training in Primal Reflex Release Technique. Matthew emphasizes a whole body approach to healing that integrates many types of therapeutic interventions. Chronic pain related to the spine and muscles/joints are his greatest interest.

2nd Place: John Harrington, MPT
Manger Harrington Physical Therapy
2525 Colonial Dr #B
3rd Place: Anna Larson, DPT
Ascension Physical Therapy
3345 Colton Drive, Suite A.

Best Law Enforcement Officer

1st Place: Sheriff Leo Dutton
Lewis & Clark County Sheriff Department

Leo Dutton was sworn in as sheriff of Lewis & Clark County in September 2008. Dutton has extensive training in the National Incident Management System and attended the F.B.I. Command College. Dutton is a member of the Critical Incident Debriefing Team. In addition, he also completed the National Institute of Corrections course on Planning of New Intuitions. He completed the Sheriff's Institute in Aurora, Colorado sponsored by the National Sheriff's Association. Dutton serves on several Governor's appointed boards, including Private Security, State Interoperable Governing Board, the State 911 Advisory Council and the Montana Board of Crime Control. He is the Chairman of a regional mobile data consortium, a board member of the Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association and chair of the State Tactical commanders' advisory board.

2nd Place: Lieutenant Brett Petty
Helena Police Department
3rd Place: Officer John Kaleczyc
Helena Police Department



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Best Firefighter

1st Place: Captain Vince Williams
Helena Fire Department

Vince Williams joined the Helena Fire Department in October 2000 and has been serving the community ever since. Williams was also honored as Firefighter of the Year in 2004. The Helena Fire Department is a living organization consisting of members who are committed to each other and the community they protect.

2nd Place: Fred Stout
Helena Fire Department

3rd Place: Aaron Ward
Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

Best Veterinarian

1st Place: Keith Stav, DVM
Bridger Veterinary Hospital
3104 Green Meadow Dr.

Dr. Keith Stav and his wife Sharleen, both Helena natives, bought Bridger Vet over 20 years ago and have been serving the animals of the Helena community ever since. Dr. Stav grew up around a variety of animals in Helena and worked for Bridger Vet in high school. He completed his undergraduate degree in biology at Montana State University. He received his doctor of veterinary medicine at Colorado State University. Today Bridger employs 13 people, including five veterinary technicians.

2nd Place: Shani Henry, DVM
Apex Animal Hospital
4195 N Montana Ave.
3rd Place: Brenda Culver, DVM
Montana Veterinary Specialists
1660 Euclid Ave.

Best Orthodontist

1st Place: Jeffrey Foster, DMD
Helena Orthodontics
900 N. Last Chance Gulch #101

A Helena native, Dr. Jeffrey Foster graduated with honors and a bachelor of science in biomedicine from Montana State University in 2000. He went on to earn his doctorate of dental medicine from Oregon Health and Sciences University in 2005. He also received an advance certificate in orthodontics from Nova Southeastern University. After practicing in Portland for a period of time, Foster finally returned to his hometown. His goal is to find the best combination of cutting-edge technology and perfected techniques to continue delivering high quality orthodontic care to all of his patients.

2nd Place: Timothy C. Ballweber, DDS
Office of Timothy Ballweber
905 Helena Ave.
3rd Place: Kyle Jackson, DMD
Jackson Orthodontics
301 Saddle Dr.

Best Dentist

1st Place: Paul Nielsen, DDS
Nielsen Dental
2619 Colonial Dr #B

Brighten up your smile with a professional teeth whitening service from Helena's Nielsen Dental P.C. Keep your oral health up to par with a dental treatment, such as fillings, check-ups, and crowns and veneers. This dental clinic is appointment-only so make sure you plan ahead. One online reviewer wrote, "Paul Nielsen and staff are first class professionals. They are responsive, considerate and helpful during regular appointments and throughout the rare dental emergencies. My wife and I have been patients for over 15 years and will continue to enjoy their friendly services."

2nd Place: Christopher Mast, DDS
Mast Laser Dentistry
3355 Colton Dr.
3rd Place: Nathan Ahlers, DDS
Ahlers Family Dentistry
227 W Lyndale Ave.



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Best Dermatologist

1st Place: Jeffry Goldes, MD
Associated Dermatology
50 S Last Chance Gulch St.

Jeffry A. Goldes is board certified in general dermatology, anatomic pathology, and dermatopathology Sub Specialty Fellowship. Jeff is an Army kid born in Honolulu, Hawaii. He graduated from Boston University School of Medicine. He received training in Anatomic Pathology, Dermatology and Dermatopathology, both at University of Washington, in Seattle, and University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. He is a member of numerous specialty societies including the American Academy of Dermatology, and Montana Academy of Dermatology, Montana Medical Association and American Society of Dermatopathology. Goldes has been a member of the Test Committee for Dermatopathology for the American Board of Pathology. He has published numerous research articles and contributed to many textbook chapters about dermatology and dermatopathology topics.

2nd Place: Latha Vellanki, MD
Helena Dermatology
1 Medical Park Dr.
3rd Place: Stephen Behlmer, MD
Associated Dermatology
50 S Last Chance Gulch St.

Best Esthetician

1st Place: RaeAnn Hoveland
Opulence Aesthetics
2619 Colonial Dr. #A

As a licensed skin care professional, RaeAnn Hoveland has gone through significant hours of training to become an expert in skin and skin care. Hoveland performs a full line of aesthetic services including micro-needling, dermal fillers, medical spa treatments, neurotoxins and kybella. With your skin being the largest organ of the human body, Hoveland believes it deserves to be well taken care of. Call Opulence today for a free consultation.

2nd Place: Ivy Crawford Robertson
Radiance Skin Care
110 E 6th Ave.

3rd Place: Amanda Berkram
Crafted Aesthetics
3935 N Montana Ave.

Best Realtor

1st Place: Mary Ahmann-Hibbard
Windermere Real Estate
55 W. 14th Street, Suite 101

Mary Ahmann-Hibbard has had her real estate license since 2009 but has been involved in the business since she was five when she started shuffling papers for her dad. She specializes in working with first time home buyers and is committed to see each transaction all the way through. Ahmann-Hibbard is the current President for the Helena Association of Realtors and sits on the board of the Holter Museum. Her favorite part of what she does is working with different people in different situation every day.

2nd Place: Julie Lamb-Heller
C-21 Heritage Realty
3935 N. Montana Ave.
3rd Place: Maureen Oelkers
Big Sky Brokers
800 N Benton Ave.

Best Chef

1st Place: Mike Hyyppa
Lucca's
56 N. Last Chance Gulch

Under the direction of Chef Mike Hyyppa, Lucca's has been serving up a unique fine dining experience for the Helena community since 2006. From their veal piccata, gnocchi with butternut squash and tiramasu, Hyyppa's flavorful dishes harken back to Italian traditions with a contemporary flare.

2nd Place: Eric Potuzak
Benny's
108 E. 6th Ave.
3rd Place: Davide Giuliani
Ristorante Bella Roma)
22 N. Last Chance Gulch

Best Local Band

1st Place: Ten Years Gone

Ten Years Gone is a classic rock, alternative, and pop dance band. Members include Mark Walker - keyboards vocals, Robert Doughty- lead guitar/vocal, Jeremy Slead- Drums/ vocal, Dennis Ferriter- bass, and Ben Fandry- lead vocals. TYG has been playing in Helena and the surrounding area since 2007. TYG strives to put out quality music from today's hits and yesterday's favorites. Check out their schedule to see them live at <https://m.facebook.com/TheTenYearsGoneBand/>

2nd Place: The Clintons
3rd Place: Insufficient Funds

Best Artist

1st Place: Emily Free Wilson
Free Ceramics
650 Logan St.

Emily Free Wilson is a ceramic artist and entrepreneur in Helena. She currently runs her pottery business, Free Ceramics and the Studio Art Center, with her husband Matt Wilson. In 2014, Emily and Matt purchased an old funeral home and have converted it into an art center that is home to Free Ceramics and hosts community events, art classes and private studios. Emily recently retired from 10 years as the gallery director at the Archie Bray Foundation.

2nd Place: Robert Morgan
3rd Place: Dale Livesay



**Thank you to the Helena community
for voting Dr. VJ Maddio as the Best
Chiropractor in Helena!**

Dr. V.J. Maddio • Dr. Michael Morris
Dr. Jeffrey Fife • Dr. Sheridan Jones



**Congratulations
Dr. Maddio!
-from the Staff
at Town Center
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Best Photographer

1st Place: Kevin Hudson
Helena Photography
412 Butler St.

True to its name, Helena Photography has been a local portrait studio staple for many years. Owner and mastermind behind the lens, Kevin Hudson, has been preserving life's special moments for more than 30 years. From the time he first picked up a camera at 11 years old, Hudson has had the photography bug. His passion led him to join the Army and travel the world as a photojournalist. He later set out to become a small business owner and photographer. Hudson is passionate about capturing the lives of local community members -- be it babies, kids, high school seniors, families, business associates or government officials. After several years of having a storefront along historic Last Chance Gulch, Hudson now operates under a more home-based operation. Helena Photography currently operates weekdays by appointment only. Call 443-1966 to contact the studio.

2nd Place: Jacqui Smith
Floating Leaf Studios
104 E. Broadway
3rd Place: Samantha Yearry
Yearry Photography
2049 N. Last Chance Gulch

Best Accountant

1st Place: Mari Williams
3390 Colton Dr., Suite B

Mari Williams prides herself on being part of a locally operated firm that provides the kind of customer service not found at big accounting firms. Williams has years of valuable experience to help take the hassle out of your tax returns. Contact her today for your personal or small business tax needs.

2nd Place: Mike Lopach
863 Great Northern Blvd. #202
3rd Place: Katie Clark
24 W. 6th Ave. #5



Best Attorney

1st Place: John Doubek
307 N Jackson St.

John Doubek attended Carroll College and received his law degree from the University of Montana. Out of law school, Doubek handled some 80 trials and contested cases on behalf of the Montana Consumer Counsel. In 1978, he joined the firm of Small & Hatch, which has since become Doubek, Pyfer & Fox. He primarily represents people who have suffered severe injuries as a result of car crashes, defective products, medical negligence, work injuries, slip-and-falls, wrongful death, traumatic brain injury and other accidents.

2nd Place: Greg Duncan
2687 Airport Rd.
3rd Place: Mike Lamb
2601 E Broadway St.



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1st Place: Kourtney Koch (Helena Motors)
3365 US 12 E.

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2nd Place: Jim Knight (Helena Motors)
3365 US 12 E.

3rd Place: Tom Rolfe (Helena Motors)
3365 US 12 E.



Retail & Services

Best Art Gallery

1st Place: Ghost Art Gallery
21 S Last Chance Gulch

Helena's Ghost Art Gallery derives its name from its early days when it largely featured paintings depicting the area's ghost towns. Established in 1974, the Ghost Art Gallery has since flourished into a 4,200 square foot gallery, including a frame and design area upstairs in the space where Helena's renowned madam—Big Dorothy—ran her brothel. The Ghost Art Gallery specializes in Western and wildlife art, with works by over 80 Montana artists.

2nd Place: Holter Museum of Art
12 E Lawrence St.
3rd Place: Tattoo Syndicate
639 Helena Ave.

Best Jewelry

1st Place: Eaton Turner
1735 N Montana Ave.

Eaton Turner is a full service jewelry store that has served the Helena area since 1885. Owner, Corey Johnson, specializes in making customer jewelry and spends his days crafting unique and timeless pieces for his customers. Some of his pieces were even selected several years in a row as Best of

Show at the Montana-Wyoming Jewelers' Association Design Competition. Johnson is a Graduate Gemologist with a certification from the Gemological Institute of America and also has an educational background in graphic design. At Eaton Turner, they love to think outside the box and create pieces their customers will be proud to wear for year.

2nd place: Imagine Design
62 N Last Chance Gulch
3rd place: Barnes Jewelry
357 N Last Chance Gulch

Best Place to Buy Clothing

1st Place: Macy's
3405 N Montana Ave.

Established in 1858, Macy's is the Great American Department store. This iconic retailing brand has over 740 stores operating coast-to-coast and online. Macy's Northside Center in Helena offers a first class selection of top fashion brands including Ralph Lauren, Calvin Klein, Clinique, Estee Lauder & Levis. In addition to shoes and clothing, Macy's has a wide variety of housewares, makeup and gifts.

2nd Place: Sole Sisters
327 N Last Chance Gulch
3rd Place: The Base Camp
5 E Broadway St.

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2nd Place: Sole Sisters
327 N Last Chance Gulch
3rd Place: Shoe Carnival
2005 Cromwell Dixon Ln.

Best Hair Salon or Barber

1st Place: Capital Hill Barber Shop
521 N Sanders St.

Whether you're looking for a blow out or a full hair care makeover, Helena's Capital Hill Barber Shop has you covered. The stylists at this salon are trained in a wide variety of hair care services, including cut and color processes. Guests looking for last-minute beauty services will love the walk-in policy at this salon in Helena. Men and women alike will find a stylist they like at Capital Hill Barber Shop, where everyone leaves with locks they love.

2nd Place: Halo Salon
3385 Colton Dr #A
3rd Place: Sugar Salon
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Best Nail Salon

1st Place: Paradise Nails & Spa
1302 Prospect Ave. B

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2nd Place: Pro Nails
2030 Cromwell Dixon Ln. E
3rd Place: Luxury Nails
3048 N Sanders St. Ste D

Best Spa

1st Place: Hair Hair Salon & Spa
440 S Park Ave.

Nestled in the heart of historic downtown Helena, Hair Hair is a locally owned and operated business that is housed in the original B.K. Tatum home that dates back to 1868. Pamper your mind, body and spirit with one of the many treatments offered in their full service spa.

2nd Place: Broadwater Hot Springs & Fitness
4920 West Highway 12
3rd Place: Her Alibi Salon
620 N Last Chance Gulch

Best Tattoo/Piercing Shop

1st Place: DM6 Studio
631 Helena Ave.

Located in the heart of downtown Helena, DM6 Studio Tattoo and Fine Art has been creating unique works of art that will last a lifetime. It opened in February 2015. After an extensive remodel of one of Helena's historic downtown buildings, DM6 Studio offers an "upscale, relaxing, and professional environment" for their clients. Owner, Deric Miller, and all DM6 artists are members of the National Tattoo Association and actively promote responsible health standards and business practices

2nd Place: Dermawerx Custom Tattoo
1744 Cole Ave.
3rd Place: Tattoo Syndicate
639 Helena Ave.

Best Place to Buy a Used Car

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2nd Place: Placer Motors
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3rd Place: Lithia Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Fiat
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2nd Place: Helena Motors
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3rd Place: Robert Allen Nissan
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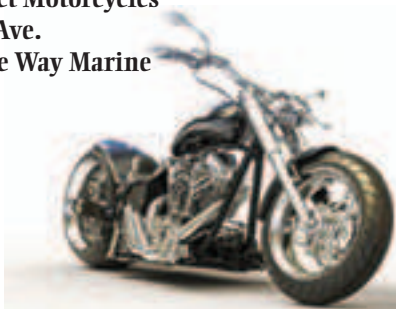


Best Place to Buy a Motorcycle/ATV

1st Place: Helena Cycle Center
1825 N Last Chance Gulch

Like many successful businesses, Helena Cycle Center was founded on passion. It all began over 35 years ago when motorcycle enthusiast, Glenn Middlestead, conceived a dream of opening a powersports dealership. He began by selling motorcycle parts and accessories out of his parents' garage. But over the course of three decades and three locations, Helena Cycle Center has transformed into the most successful powersports dealership in town for Suzuki, Kawasaki and Polaris. The business sells and services motorcycles, ATVs, snowmobiles, and sports utility vehicles. They also offer the latest in clothing, parts, and accessories. But besides an impressive showroom, what Helena Cycle Center is best known for is its crew of experienced, friendly and hardworking staff—many of whom have been long term employees.

2nd Place: Poet Motorcycles
1950 Euclid Ave.
3rd Place: One Way Marine
3186 US 12



Best Bike Shop

1st Place: Great Divide Cyclery
336 N Jackson St.

Great Divide Cyclery was built on a passion for biking, the Montana outdoors and Helena's local community. No matter your biking goals or skill level, Great Divide Cyclery will connect you with the perfect bike for your needs. They are one of the few bike shops in the state that has a fit protocol for every bike they sell so every customer walks away with the correct bike fit. Great Divide is also a passionate cycling advocate in the Helena area through the organization of trail maintenance projects, organized cycling events and weekly rides, and working with private and public individuals/organization for greater trail access.

2nd Place: Big Sky Cyclery
801 N Last Chance Gulch
3rd Place: The Garage
334 N Jackson St.

Best Boat Shop

1st Place: One Way Marine
3186 US 12

One Way Marine and Motor Sports has been a locally owned and operated marine and motor sports dealer for over 30 years. While they claimed the prize of best boat shop, they carry a lot more than boats and outboard motors. From selling and servicing ATVs, side-by-sides, snowmobiles, snow plows, Honda generators and PWCs, One Way Marine is

committed to making your outdoor sporting experience the best one possible. Or as they put it, "You'll like our full-line approach to fun."

2nd Place: Montana Boat Center
2531 N. Montana Ave.
3rd Place: Townsend Marine
7809 US 287, Townsend, MT

Best Auto Repair

1st Place: J4 Automotive
3 S Lane Ave .

J4 Automotive is Helena's award winning automotive repair and service facility. They service all makes and models of vehicles, including domestic name brands like Dodge, Chrysler, GM, Chevrolet, and Ford, Asian models such as Honda, Toyota, Nissan, and Subaru and manufacturers of European models such as Volkswagen, Audi, BMW, Mercedes Benz. J4's service repair crew has received national recognitions including NAPA ASE National Technician of the Year. They are committed to giving their customers the best possible service and repair experience.

2nd Place: DJs Automotive
1691 Blaine St.
3rd Place: Capital Collision Center
1006 Euclid Ave.

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1st Place: Woody's Car Wash
1201 Cedar St.

Woody's is a classic car wash combining touchless power washing with the personalized attention of attendants to ensure your vehicle shines like new when it leaves. Each car wash also includes a free vacuum. They also offer windshield chip repair. One online reviewer shared, "Top notch car wash. First time we'd ever seen four people at a car wash all working on our car simultaneously! They cleaned it thoroughly and were careful to towel dry it afterward."

2nd Place: Rod's-N-Dogs Car Wash
3580 Ptarmigan Ln.
3rd Place: Dave's Exxon
4990 N. Montana Ave.



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Best Bank

1st Place: Valley Bank of Helena
3030 N. Montana

Valley Bank was founded in Helena in 1978. The bank has five branches in Helena and one in East Helena. Valley Bank is popular with customers because of its positive reputation in town and strong emphasis on customer service. Valley Bank has branches open on Saturdays and one branch is even open on Sunday. Valley Bank is also known for employee longevity. When you go into your local branch, you'll likely see the same people week after week, month after month, year after year.

2nd Place: Opportunity Bank of Montana
1400 Prospect Ave.
3rd Place: First Interstate Bank
2021 N. Montana Ave.

**Best Credit Union**

1st Place: Helena Community Credit Union
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Helena Community Credit Union (HCCU) was established in Helena in 1936 as "Helena U.S. Employees Federal Credit Union." Since that time, our name has changed a few times but our membership and the services we offer have continued to grow. Helena Community Credit Union offers its members the latest in technology as well as a full menu of products -- from all types of loans (including mortgage) to 24 hour account information by phone or internet, bill pay, checking, various savings accounts for all ages, as well as IRA's, Share Certificates and VISA. HCCU has five full service locations in Helena with drive through ATSM, plus ATMs at St. Peter's Hospital, and the City/County building to better serve its members.

2nd Place: Rocky Mountain Credit Union
3400 N. Montana Ave.
3rd Place: Vocal Credit Union
2910 Prospect Ave.

Best Daycare

1st Place: Florence Crittenton
901 N Harris St.

Florence Crittenton's Child Enrichment Center is a licensed childcare that provides services to both families residing in their residential programs and the Helena community. The center offers the highest level of nurturing care for children

aged 0-2. They follow a relationship-based philosophy of care in which the focus is on providing individualized services building upon the strengths of the youth and families in our care. In keeping with a vision that children thrive when they have strong, healthy attachments with their primary caregivers, the Circle of Security approach is embraced and facilitated by all CEC staff and volunteers. The Child Enrichment Center is a part of the STARS to Quality program, a continuous quality improvement program for early childhood education in Montana.

2nd Place: Little Angels Daycare & Preschool
4075 N Montana Ave # 2
3rd Place: Creative Horizons Learning Center
3430 Ptarmigan Ln.



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Best Furniture Store

1st Place: Ruckers Furniture
1010 Dearborn Ave.

Family owned and operated since 1962, Rucker's Furniture has long been committed to offering quality home furnishings and bedding at affordable prices. Ruckers' flagship store at 1010 Dearborn Ave. offers a 30,000 square-foot showroom featuring a variety of styles and designs for living rooms, dining rooms, bedrooms, home office, lighting, entertainment and mattresses. Ruckers' Furniture Showroom, at 2200 N. Last Chance Gulch, offers another 7,000 square feet of furniture and bedding for their most budget-minded customers.

2nd Place: Appleton Furniture Design Center
1999 Euclid Ave.
3rd Place: Ashley Furniture Home Store
3297 Dredge Dr.

Best Flower Shop

1st Place: Knox Flowers
2005 Columbia Ave.

Knox Flowers and Gifts is a family owned business "committed to offering only the finest floral arrangements and gifts, backed by service that is friendly and prompt." They specialize in custom floral arrangements, weddings, house plants and much more.

2nd Place: West Mont
2708 Bozeman Ave.

3rd Place: The Herb & Garden
436 N Last Chance Gulch

Best Home Improvement Store

1st Place: Lowes
3291 N Sanders St.

Lowes of Helena works to improve the experience of all home improvement projects. Thinking about remodeling your bathroom? Lowes offers a wide selection of tile, cabinets, countertops and light fixtures to get the job done. Is it time to repaint your house, finish out the garage or build an addition on? Lowes is your one-stop-shop to begin tackling all these projects and more.

2nd Place: Power Townsend
1387 E Custer Ave.
3rd Place: Home Depot
1801 E Custer Ave.

Best Pawn Shop

1st Place: Dave's Pawn
437 N Last Chance Gulch

Dave's Pawn in downtown Helena was founded by Dave Schlick in 2001. They are committed to offering good prices, quality merchandise and staff that are always fair and friendly. One online reviewer wrote, "The great folks at Dave's Pawn are kind, considerate and really care about our community. They are fair and the prices are very honest! Great place to get a loan when you need it or shop for a

unique item."

2nd Place: Alias Smith & Jones Pawn
1530 Prospect Ave.
3rd Place: Capital Pawn
1313 Cedar St.

Best Place to Buy Books

1st Place: Montana Book & Toy Co.
331 N Last Chance Gulch

Located along historic Last Chance Gulch, Montana Book and Toy Company has been promoting the literary arts and the love of reading in the Helena community since 1978. Their experienced and knowledgeable staff strive to create a bookstore that best meets the needs of their customers. They specialize in books about Montana and books by Western authors. They also offer an extensive children's literature and specialty toy section.

2nd Place: Aunt Bonnie's Books
419 N Last Chance Gulch
3rd Place: Cornerstone Christian Bookstore
1434 Euclid Ave.



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Best Place to Buy Pet Supplies

1st Place: Petco
3215 Dredge Dr.

Petco's story began in 1965 when Walter Evans opened a mail-order veterinary supplies business. Over the years, the business continued developing to better meet the changing needs of the pet supply business and consumers. In 1980 Evans opened the first official Petco store in Oregon. Today, Petco has more than 1,200 stores nationwide that offer a wide selection of top quality products to meet the needs of a variety of pets. Whether you're looking for food, beds and carriers, ID tags or even a funny outfit or two, Petco is the place to go. Petco also offers a full service dog grooming salon, dog training classes, pet vaccinations and pet adoption events.



2nd Place: Petsmart
3341 N Montana Ave.
3rd Place: Murdoch's
3050 N Montana Ave.

Best Plant Nursery

1st Place: Valley Farms
250 Mill Rd.

Valley Farms has been Helena's complete garden center and nursery since 1974. They grow a wide variety of perennials and flowering ornament plants and offer Montana hardy trees and shrubs. They specialize in organic alternatives to gardening and are known for their juicy vine ripened, pesticide free tomatoes grown on site. Valley Farms also hosts a variety of gardening classes from April through May.

2nd Place: Chadwick Nursery
3010 E Custer Ave.
3rd Place: Gardenwerks: Nursery & Landscaping
3225 Cooney Dr.

Best Hotel/Lodging

1st Place: Best Western Premier
Helena Great Northern Hotel
835 Great Northern Blvd.

Conveniently located in the Great Northern Town Center of historic downtown Helena, the Best Western Premier Great Northern Hotel is a perfect destination for the business or leisure traveler. The hotel's décor is reminiscent of the Great

Northern Railroad days and offers a variety of luxury rooms. Featuring an indoor pool and hot tub, 24 hour fitness room and spacious conference center, the Great Northern Hotel offers something for everyone. With the Silver Star Steak Company next door, nearby shops and Cinemark Helena and XD theatre a block away, guests find it themselves in the heart of everything when they stay at the Great Northern Hotel.

2nd Place: Radisson Colonial Hotel
2301 Colonial Dr.
3rd Place: Residence Inn Marriott
2500 E Custer Ave.

Best Place to Buy Unique Gifts

1st Place: General Mercantile
413 N Last Chance Gulch

Take just one step into the General Mercantile and you feel like you've stepped back in time into a classic general store from the pioneer days. With vintage posters and signs lining the wall, novelty candy and trinkets you thought disappeared with your childhood, wooden barrels, a Koi pond and an old fashioned soda fountain and coffee bar, a trip to "The Merc," as it's called, is an experience unlike any other.

2nd Place: Birds & Beasleys
2 S Last Chance Gulch St.
3rd Place: Leslie's Hallmark
1609 11th Ave.

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Best Employment Agency

1st place: A2Z Staffing Solutions
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A2Z Staffing Solutions is an independent, women-owned and run employment agency for all professions since 1995. A2Z provides clerical, professional, technical, light industrial and construction personnel for private and public employers. The staff at A2Z pride themselves on the fact that they "work for you." A2Z is dedicated to placing the best possible candidates that match the position not only with skills and experience but with the company's internal culture as well. In 2016, A2Z was also honored for Outstanding Communications and Marketing Program for their "Mismatched?" advertising campaign by the American Staffing Association.

2nd Place: Westaff
210 E. Lyndale
3rd Place: Helena Job Service
715 Front St.

Best Thrift Store

1st place: Good Samaritan Thrift Store
3067 N Montana Ave.

The Good Samaritan Thrift Store is the largest in the Helena area and continues to grow to meet the needs of the community. With a 40,000 square foot shopping area, you're bound to find something every time you visit. The Store sells everything from furniture to vintage clothing to knick-knacks and sporting goods. They even have bridal gowns year round.

All items are at great prices, so you are sure to find a deal. The First 5 days of every month is the store's 50 percent off sale. When you shop at the Good Samaritan you can also take pride in the fact that your dollars are contributing to the Good Samaritan Family Ministry, which helps hundreds of low income families in the Helena area.

2nd Place: Helena Industries Thrift Store
2109 N Last Chance Gulch
3rd Place: Goodwill
3575 Ptarmigan Ln.

Best Place to Buy Fitness Equipment

1st Place: Better Body Fitness
1400 Euclid Ave.

Better Body Fitness has been selling exercise equipment in Montana and northern Wyoming to business and individuals since 1999. They promise to "take the hassle out of



choosing, buying, installing and repairing top quality fitness equipment." Better Body Fitness sells new and pre-owned equipment and clothing. In 2018, the store will also be moving and opening their corporate headquarters in a brand new building off of Custer Avenue.

2nd Place: Bob Ward's
3323 Dredge Dr.
3rd Place: Play it Again Sports
3215 Dredge Dr.

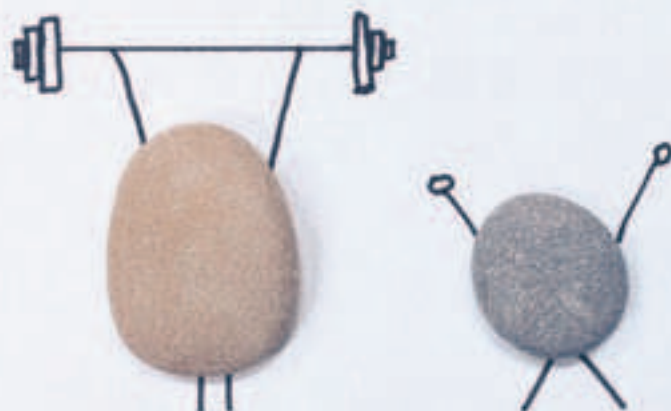
Best Real Estate Agency (office)

1st Place: Big Sky Brokers, LLC
800 N Benton Ave.

The team at Big Sky Brokers knows that, in real estate, there is no substitute for experience, attention to detail, and comprehensive knowledge of the area. While they first opened their doors in 2001, Big Sky Brokers has grown to include a team of more than 20 realtor with diverse expertise in the field. From residential to land, ranches to developments, and commercial to exchanges, Big Sky Brokers' reputation reflects an extremely high level of competence. Serving Helena and extended areas including: Avon, Boulder, Clancy, Craig, Elliston, Jefferson City, Lincoln, Montana City, Townsend, and Wolf Creek.

2nd Place: Century 21 Heritage Realty
3935 N. Montana Ave.
3rd Place: Windermere Helena
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Best Sporting Goods Store

1st Place: Capital Sports
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For more than 45 years, Capital Sports and Western Wear has been Helena's go-to store for sporting goods. Since their inception, Capital Sports has made it their goal to offer the best quality and highest performance products at fair prices for the outdoor enthusiast. That's why they have always been a regional leader in sales of outdoor gear, clothing and footwear. Capital Sport's staff is just as passionate about outdoor recreation as you so come take advantage of their knowledge before your next adventure.

2nd Place: Bob Ward's
3323 Dredge Dr.
3rd Place: Sportsman's Warehouse
2990 N Sanders St.

Best Gym or Health Club

1st Place: Capital City Health Club
1298 N Montana Ave.

Six years running, Capital City Health Club has been voted the best in Helena. But with 70 pieces of cardio equipment with personal viewing screens and iPod integration, three group fitness studios, basketball/volleyball court, sauna and steam room, three pools, a juice bar and kids club, how could it not have landed the top spot? Amenities aside, Capital City's main concern is helping its members fulfill fitness goals and build healthy lifestyles for themselves.

2nd Place: Planet Fitness
3035 N Sanders St.
3rd Place: Crossroads
1013 Dearborn Ave.



Best Retail Wine Selection

1st Place: Toppers Cellar
1221 Helena Ave.

The secret behind Toppers' popularity is its wide and unique selection of wine and beer as well as extensive knowledge available to advise customers. As one online reviewer shared, "Topper was fantastically helpful and accommodating. Thanks for the excellent service and phenomenal wine. Hundreds of wine and beer to choose from and he quickly made it easy to find the perfect selection for the price in mind." (Toppers Cellar also placed first for Best Retail Beer Selection)

2nd Place: Super 1 Foods
1822 E Custer Ave.
3rd Place: Island Liquor Store
1225 E Custer Ave.

Best Retail Beer Selection

1st Place: Toppers Cellar
1221 Helena Ave.

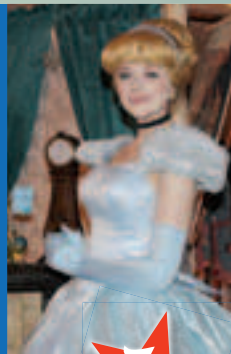
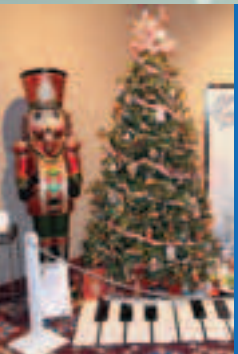
Toppers Cellar also placed first for Best Retail Wine Selection.

2nd Place: Super 1 Foods
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3rd Place: Van's Thriftway
306 Euclid Ave.



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Best Grocery Store

1st Place: Van's Thriftway
306 Euclid Ave.

The Vanderjagt family purchased this store in 1997 and also owns stores in Browning, Billings, Forsyth and Dillon. The Helena store is open 24 hours every day for all your grocery needs day or night. (Van's Thriftway also placed first for Best Meat Department and Best Deli)

2nd Place: Super 1 Foods
1822 E Custer Ave.
3rd Place: Safeway
611 N Montana Ave.

Best Produce Department

1st Place: Super 1 Foods
1822 E Custer Ave.

Open since June 2014, Helena's Super 1 Foods is a full service supermarket that offers a large natural/organic foods department as well as a wide selection of seafood, wine, and fresh bakery items. Super 1 is owned and operated by the McIntire family, which owns and operates over a dozen stores in Montana and Idaho.

2nd Place: Van's Thriftway
306 Euclid Ave.
3rd Place: Safeway
611 N Montana Ave.

Best Meat Department

1st Place: Van's Thriftway
306 Euclid Ave.

Van's Thriftway also placed first in Best Grocery Store and Best Deli

2nd Place: Costco
2195 E Custer Ave.
3rd Place: Super 1 Foods
1822 E Custer Ave.



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Best Massage

1st Place: Hair Hair Salon & Spa
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2nd Place: Ocean Spirit Massage
7 N Last Chance Gulch

3rd Place: Her Alibi Salon
620 N Last Chance Gulch

Best Construction Company

1st Place: Dick Anderson Construction
Highway 12 E.

Founded in 1975, Dick Anderson Construction has grown from a small, private client company into a large corporation handling multi-million-dollar commercial projects. They handle all aspects of contracting and construction management including commercial office buildings, medical centers, large institutional renovations, higher education facilities, wastewater treatment facilities, banking facilities, bridges, dams, parking structures, historical renovations, ranch infrastructure, large residential projects and large retail projects. With offices in Helena, Billings, Great Falls, and Missoula, Montana as well as Sheridan, Wyoming, Dick Anderson has built clients across many western States. Named to Engineering News-Record's Top 400 contractors in 2016, Dick Anderson Construction is the region's contractor to watch in the coming years.

2nd Place: Diamond Construction, Inc.
1216 Bozeman Ave.

3rd Place: Golden Eagle Construction
3020 E Lyndale Ave.

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Best Church

1st Place: Cathedral of St. Helena
530 N Ewing St.

The Cathedral of St. Helena was constructed at the turn of the century during the episcopate of Bishop John Carroll. It is an outstanding example of Geometric Gothic architecture, patterned after the Votive Church of the Sacred Heart in Vienna, Austria. Stained glass windows, white marble altars, statues carved of pure Carrara marble, and genuine gold leaf decorates the sanctuary. The pews and woodwork are all done in hand carved oak. The lighting fixtures are of hand-forged bronze with a special lacquer finish. Outside, majestic twin spires rise 230 feet above the street. With over 1,467 households in attendance at the Cathedral today, it is a home for many in the community as well as an architectural masterpiece to watch over the town.

2nd Place: Narrate Church
325 N Park Ave.
3rd Place: Saint Mary Catholic Community
1700 Missoula Ave.

Best Church Choir

1st Place: Cathedral of St. Helena
530 N Ewing St.

The Cathedral of St. Helena also took first place for Best Church

2nd Place: Narrate Church

325 N Park Ave.

3rd Place: St. Paul's United Methodist Church
80 E Lawrence

Best Festival or Event

1st Place: Intermountain Festival of Trees

Held annually the first week of December at the Helena Civic Center, Festival of Trees is Intermountain's largest fundraising event of the year. With elaborately decorated trees, musical and artistic performances, dancing, children's activities and more, it is a truly unique event. Intermountain is a nationally accredited nonprofit organization that provides mental health and educational services to effectively meet the diverse needs of children and families facing emotional challenges.

2nd Place: Alive @ 5 (Downtown Helena)

3rd Place: Symphony Under the Stars
(Helena Symphony/Carroll College)



Best Place for Kids' Fun

1st Place: ExplorationWorks
995 Carousel Way

Located in the Great Northern Town Center, ExplorationWorks Science Center's mission is to ignite a lifelong love for science to enrich Montana's future. ExplorationWorks offers hands-on exhibits, programs, workshops, classes, and camps for kids, youths, families, seniors, as well as school and community groups.

2nd Place: Great Northern Carousel

989 Carousel Way

3rd Place: Memorial Park
1203 N. Last Chance Gulch



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Best Date Night Location

1st Place: Lucca's

56 N Last Chance Gulch

If you're looking for a fancy night out on the town with a hint of Italian flair, Lucca's is the place to go. Lucca's is a fine dining dinner-only Italian restaurant. They are dedicated to providing authentic Italian dishes made with the highest quality of ingredients. With superb service and an intimate atmosphere with only 15 dining tables, Lucca's is the perfect date night destination. In 2015, Lucca's was also awarded the esteemed honor of being named Best Restaurant in Montana by Business Insider Magazine. (Lucca's also placed first for Best Chef.)

2nd Place: On Broadway

106 E Broadway St.

3rd Place: Cinemark Helena 8 & XD

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2nd Place: Myrna Loy

15 N Ewing St.

3rd Place: Lewis & Clark County Fairgrounds
98 W Custer Ave.

Restaurants & Drink

Best New Restaurant

1st Place: Ristorante Bella Roma
22 N Last Chance Gulch

Ristorante Bella Roma serves up truly authentic Italian cuisine. The executive chef and owner, Davide Giuliani, was born and raised in Rome, Italy and had his first cooking lessons in his grandmother's kitchen. Growing up in a culture where food and wine are celebrated topics of conversation on a daily basis, you can't help but develop a true passion for cooking. Giuliani furthered his homegrown education by attending pastry school and becoming a certified sommelier. Pasta, desserts and wine education in Italy combined with fearlessness, determination and a one way ticket to the United States eventually resulted in the opening of Ristorante Bella Roma.

2nd Place: The Wassweiler
4528 W US Hwy 12

3rd Place: Windbag Saloon
19 S Last Chance Gulch St.

Best Place to Enjoy a Cocktail

1st Place: Silver Star Steak Company
833 Great Northern Blvd.

When Silver Star Steak Company opened in 2002 their

goal was simple: to become "Montana's undisputed (best) source for gourmet steaks, seafood and fine dining." The Silver Star Steak Company describes itself as "A rich inviting atmosphere, an endless wine list, quality service and fantastic steaks, seafood, burgers, salads and more..." From Moscow Mules and martinis to specialty cocktails like Hurricane Bay and the Silver Star Blue, Silver Star offers a timeless and creative selection of beverages. (Silver Star Steak Company also took first place in Best Happy Hour, Best Outdoor Dining, Best Steak and Best Nachos)

2nd Place: Gulch Distillers
790 Front St.

3rd Place: On Broadway
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Bar with Best Beer Selection

1st Place: Bert & Ernie's
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Established in historic downtown Helena in 1974, Bert & Ernie's provides a friendly and casual atmosphere for residents and visitors to Montana's Capital City. The key ingredients in their lunch and dinner menus are quality dishes like the Cajun Fowl Burger, Ensalada Taquito, and Montana beef, as well as pasta, pizzas, calzones, subs, burgers and salads. Bert & Ernie's also offers one of the largest selections of micro-brews in Montana.

2nd Place: Brewhouse Pub & Grille
939 Getchell St.

3rd Place: Windbag Saloon
19 S Last Chance Gulch St.

**Best Microbrew**

1st Place: Miner's Gold Hefeweizen
Lewis & Clark Brewing Co.

Lewis and Clark Brewing Company's most popular beer is brewed as an unfiltered Hefeweizen in American Wheat Style this beer is light in body and very refreshing ready to quench even the most powerful thirst. This beer won a Gold Medal at the North American Brewers Association and a Silver Medal at the prestigious World Beer Cup in 2012.

2nd Place: Single Malt IPA
Blackfoot River Brewing Co.

3rd Place: Prickly Pear Pale Ale
Lewis & Clark Brewing Co.

Best Microbrewery

1st Place: Lewis & Clark Brewing Co.
1517 Dodge Ave.

A passion for home brewing and a background in marketing compelled Max Pigman to purchase Sleeping Giant Brewing Company back in 2001 and, over the past several years, transform it into the Lewis and Clark Brewery that Helena knows today. After a three year renovation project, Lewis and Clark Brewery landed at its current location at 1517 Dodge Avenue. In the summer of 2017, the brewery also celebrated the completion of a \$9 million expansion project which tripled their production capabilities. Customers continue to enjoy 12 different beers on tap in the Tap Room.

2nd Place: Blackfoot River Brewing Co.
66 S Park Ave.
3rd Place: Ten Mile Creek Brewing
48 N Last Chance Gulch

Best Casino

1st Place: Last Chance Casino
1001 N Last Chance Gulch

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2nd Place: Lucky Lil's Casino
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Best Happy Hour

1st Place: Silver Star Steak Company
833 Great Northern Blvd.

Silver Star Steak Company also took first place in Best Place to Enjoy a Cocktail, Best Outdoor Dining, Best Steak and Best Nachos.

2nd Place: Rialto
52 N Last Chance Gulch
3rd Place: Windbag Saloon
19 S Last Chance Gulch St.

Best Karaoke

1st Place: Haps
1505 Railroad Ave.

Located across from Helena's historic train depot off Railroad Avenue, one of Helena's last remaining brick lined roads, Haps is one of the original and most popular bars in town. Haps was first opened by Hap Schneider in 1935 when trains were still the favored cross country mode of transportation. Schneider ran the bar until 1941. The second owner, George Schneider, ran the bar from 1936 until 1974. The present owner, Don Lytle, bought Haps in 1974. Haps offers Mad Dawg Karaoke six night a week as well as hosts local league tournaments on its two league pool tables.

2nd Place: Rialto
52 N Last Chance Gulch

3rd Place: Smith's Place
3 E Main St

Best Place to Play Pool

1st Place: Miller's Crossing
52 S Park Ave.

Miller's offers a wide variety of regional and nationwide microbrews and cocktails made with liquor from Montana distilleries. They offer gaming machines, five televisions for watching sporting events and four pool tables. Whether you're looking for a cold beverage, late night snack, or a round of pool with friends, Miller's Crossing is the place to be.

2nd Place: Valley Hub
4960 N Montana Ave.
3rd Place: The Jesters Bar
200 N Rodney St.



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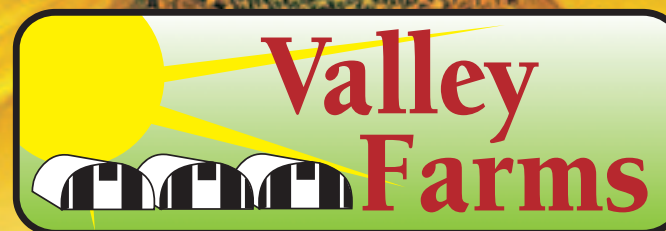
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2nd Place: Windbag Saloon
19 S Last Chance Gulch St.
3rd Place: Brewhouse Pub & Grille
939 Getchell St.



Best Bar Food

1st Place: Windbag Saloon
19 S Last Chance Gulch St.

Located along the Walking Mall in the same building that once housed Helena's last bordello, the recently remodeled Windbag Saloon is a Helena favorite for sophisticated bar food. From filibuster fries, spicy pub pickles, mac and cheese and wings, there are plenty of tasty options to pair with your viewing your favorite sporting event.

2nd Place: Brewhouse Pub & Grille
939 Getchell St.

3rd Place: Miller's Crossing
52 S Park Ave.

Best Asian Food

1st Place: Jade Garden
3128 N Montana Ave.

Jade Garden has been a Helena staple since 1995. An extensive remodel was recently completed and the community couldn't be happier to have their favorite Asian restaurant back up and running. Jade Garden strives to innovate and create original recipes beyond the traditional Chinese American offerings. Their menu offers contemporary Chinese dishes influenced by both American and global cuisines in a relaxed, elegant and family oriented atmosphere. From their soothing wonton soup, crispy

spring rolls, tangy sweet and sour chicken and fiery Kung-Pao chicken, there's something to suit everyone's tastes.

2nd Place: Nagoya
2790 Washington St.
3rd Place: Toi's Thai Cuisine
423 N Last Chance Gulch

Best Sushi

1st Place: Nagoya
2790 Washington St.

From the moment the doors first opened at Nagoya in Helena, it's built a reputation for being the ultimate fun dining experience. Guests have the option of sitting on the "Hibachi-style" side of the restaurant or the sushi side. Crowded in around the Hibachi grill, you are treated to dinner and a show as Nagoya's chefs prepare your meal right in front of you over the grill. Don't be surprised when the chefs start tossing food in the air and twirling their cooking tools about in a culinary acrobatics performance. Those more interested in the traditional sushi rolls have the option to either sit at a table or right up at the sushi bar to watch each and every roll prepared artistically by hand with the freshest ingredients.

2nd Place: Suki Café
15 W 6th Ave.
3rd Place: Safeway
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Best Bakery

1st Place: Park Avenue Bakery
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Park Avenue Bakery continues the tradition of hometown baking with its location in the old Eddy's Bakery building in downtown Helena. The bakery also honors tradition with its business model from the "European tradition of community cafes and making of artisan breads and fine pastries." But Park Avenue Bakery offers much more than just bread and desserts. They also prepare homemade soups daily along with hearth-baked pizzas and calzones, sandwiches and breakfast quiches. (Park Avenue Bakery also took first place in Best Dessert)

2nd Place: Vanilla Bean Bakery & Cafe
201 N Rodney St.
3rd Place: Van's Thriftway
306 Euclid Ave.



Best Breakfast

1st Place: Steve's Café
1225 E Custer Ave. / 630 N Montana Ave.

Named Montana's Best Diner in 2015 by Business Insider, Steve's Café is a local favorite for breakfast and lunch. The locally owned restaurant serves up unique offerings made with fresh ingredients. Some of the more popular items include huckleberry-stuffed French toast, homemade sausages and slow roasted corn beef hash.

2nd Place: No Sweat Café
427 N Last Chance Gulch
3rd Place: Main Street Eats
4 W Main St.

Best Budget Lunch

1st Place: Murry's Café
438 N Last Chance Gulch

Murry's was founded in 2008 to meet a perceived need for healthy, satisfying food served quickly. They specialize in wholesome comfort food for people on the go. They offer a variety of freshly made sandwiches, salads, soups, rice bowls, and daily specials. All the baked goods, soups, sandwiches, salads and lunch specials are cooked from scratch. Offering a friendly atmosphere with healthy food at a great price.

2nd Place: Steve's Café
1225 E Custer Ave. / 630 N Montana Ave.

3rd Place: Taco Del Sol
21 N Last Chance Gulch

Best Coffee

1st Place: Fire Tower Coffee
422 N Last Chance Gulch

Fire Tower Coffee House and Roasters was established in Historic Downtown Helena in 2000. They serve a variety of Certified Organic and Fair Trade coffees and expertly prepared espresso drinks. Sink into one of their comfortable armchairs and enjoy the cozy atmosphere with a warm cup of coffee. They also serve breakfast and a selection of pastries. Their lunch selections include soup, salads, sandwiches, panini and grilled wraps. Fire Tower roasts all of their coffees fresh on-site.

2nd Place: Florence Coffee Co.
1225 Euclid Ave. / 1822 E Custer Ave.
3rd Place: General Mercantile
413 N Last Chance Gulch



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2nd Place: Real Food Market & Deli
1096 Helena Ave.
3rd Place: Safeway
611 N Montana Ave.

Best Dessert

1st Place: Park Avenue Bakery
44 S Park Ave.

Park Avenue Bakery also took first place in Best Bakery

2nd Place: Vanilla Bean Bakery & Cafe
201 N Rodney St.
3rd Place: On Broadway
106 E Broadway St.

Best Hamburger

1st Place: York Bar
7500 York Rd.

Although a little off the beaten path, a visit to the famous York Bar is well worth the drive. Burgers, cheeseburgers and more are grilled up fresh and served alongside chips and their signature mini York Peppermint Patty. With cold beverages always flowing, legendary burgers, horseshoe pits out back and views of the surrounding mountain terrain, the York Bar keeps you coming back for more. And don't forget to leave your mark by signing a dollar bill and stapling it to the ceiling.

2nd Place: Chubby's Bar & Grill
9 Clancy Creek Rd, Clancy, MT
3rd Place: Brewhouse Pub & Grille
939 Getchell St.

Best Mexican Food

1st Place: El Vaquero Taqueria
1338 11th Ave.

Boasts serving up the "most authentic Mexican food in Helena." El Vaquero Taqueria offers traditional family recipes from south of the border like street tacos, chicken enchiladas with mole sauce and burritos. All of their dishes are handmade to order in their kitchen. They spend the time picking out the choicest cuts of meat and season it by hand on the grill for a delicious and authentic eating experience.

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2nd Place: Bridge Pizza
70 S Park Ave.

3rd Place: MacKenzie River Pizza Co.
1110 Road Runner St.

Best Restaurant

1st Place: On Broadway
106 E Broadway St.

On Broadway is a casual sit down restaurant in the heart of Helena's historic downtown. They offer a world cuisine with emphasis in Italian with fresh made pasta and west coast fusion using a variety of fresh fish and jazzy sauces. Every Thursday night, they feature live jazz. Come to On Broadway to enjoy fine, fresh food made and served by fine, fun people. (On Broadway also took first place in Best Salad, Best Seafood and Best Appetizer.)

2nd Place: Lucca's
56 N Last Chance Gulch
3rd Place: Benny's Bistro
108 E 6th Ave.

Best Salad

1st Place: On Broadway
106 E Broadway St.

On Broadway also took first place in Best Restaurant, Best Seafood, and Best Appetizer.

2nd Place: MacKenzie River Pizza Co.
1110 Road Runner St.
3rd Place: Real Food Market & Deli
1096 Helena Ave.



Best Outdoor Dining

1st Place: Silver Star Steak Company
833 Great Northern Blvd

Silver Star also took first place in Best Play to Enjoy a Cocktail, Best Happy Hour, Best Steak and Best Nachos.

2nd Place: Bert & Ernie's
361 N Last Chance Gulch

3rd Place: Mediterranean Grill
42 S Park Ave.



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Best Sandwich Shop

1st Place: Staggering Ox
400 Euclid Ave.

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2nd Place: Steffano's U-Bake Pizza & Sub Shoppe
2100 N. Last Chance Gulch
3rd Place: Jimmy John's
619 N. Montana Ave.

Best Steak

1st Place: Silver Star Steak Company
833 Great Northern Blvd.

Silver Star Steak Company also took first place in Best Place to Enjoy a Cocktail, Best Happy Hour, Best Outdoor Dining and Best Nachos.

2nd Place: Chubby's Bar & Grill
9 Clancy Creek Rd, Clancy
3rd Place: On Broadway
106 E Broadway St.

Best Seafood

1st Place: On Broadway
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On Broadway also took first in Best Restaurant, Best Salad, and Best Appetizer.

2nd Place: Lucca's
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3rd Place: Silver Star Steak Company
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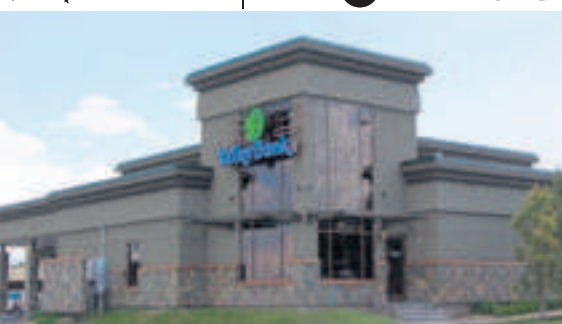


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2nd Place: Murry's Café
438 N Last Chance Gulch



3rd Place: Benny's Bistro
108 E 6th Ave.

Best Nachos

1st Place: Silver Star Steak Company
833 Great Northern Blvd.

Silver Star also took first place in Best Place to Enjoy a Cocktail, Best Happy Hour, Best Outdoor Dining, and Best Steak.

2nd Place: Bert & Ernie's
361 N Last Chance Gulch
3rd Place: Overland Express
2250 11th Ave.

Best Organic Food

1st Place: Real Food Market & Deli
1096 Helena Ave.

Real Food Market also took first place in Best Vegetarian Food

2nd Place: Natural Grocers
3061 N Montana Ave.
3rd Place: Benny's Bistro
108 E 6th Ave.

Best Appetizer

1st Place: On Broadway
106 E Broadway St.

On Broadway also took first place in Best Restaurant, Best Salad, and Best Seafood.

2nd Place: Silver Star Steak Company
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3rd Place: Brewhouse Pub & Grille
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