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PEOPLE OF THE YEAR

Best Artist

1st Place: Jay Crider

Local artist, Jay Crider, has lived in Helena his entire life. He admits to beginning his artist journey in 1st grade and knew then that being an artist was what he wanted to do with his life. In an interview with Queen City Framing & Art Supply, Crider admitted to really being influenced by Saturday morning cartoons. He also noted that there are elements of dark humor in a lot of his work. Crider's work has been displayed at local galleries like the Upper Missouri Artists Gallery and Free Ceramics.

2nd Place: Emily Free Wilson - Free Ceramics 3rd Place: Jami Daehn - Tattoo Sindicate

Best Accountant

1st Place: Mari Williams

- Accounting & Tax Specialists

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: Anna Stitt - Anderson Zurmuehlen 3rd Place: Van Barron

- Van H. Barron Accounting

Best Attorney

1st Place: John Doubek

- Doubek, Pyfer & Storrar

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 & Storrar. He primarily

represents people who have suffered severe injuries as a result of car crashes, defective products, medical negligence, work injuries, slipand-falls, wrongful death, traumatic brain injury and other accidents.

2nd Place: Rick Pyfer-Doubek, Pyfer & Storrar 3rd Place: Sara Berg - BKBH

Best Auto Loan Officer

1st Place: Linda Garrett - RMCU

Linda Garret has been helping the members of Rocky Mountain Credit Union with their lending needs for 15 years. In that time she has grown the credit union's loan portfolio and created wonderful partnerships in the process. Members enjoy working with her because she remembers every detail they share with her. Even when they are not in her office for a new loan, they will stop by to say hi and catch up.

2nd Place: Jeff Walker - Helena Motors 3rd Place: Roxanne Allen - Vallev Bank of Helena

Best Bartender

1st Place: Robert Starz - The Sapphire Bar Robert Starz is one of Helena's renowned bartenders at The Sapphire Bar located along the Walking Mall in Downtown Helena. Sapphire Bar has 11 taps on hand of some of Montana's finest brews, as well as a wide selection of spirits and wine. Next time you find yourself downtown, be sure to swing by and have Starz mix you a drink. One online reviewer commented. "Great bartender...Rob is amazing!" When Starz isn't busy pouring drinks at the Sapphire he has his hands full showing properties as a realtor for Century 21 Heritage Realty.

2nd Place: Kyle Whitney - Grub Stake 3rd Place: Jonny Seguoia - Jesters Bar

Best Car Salesperson

1st Place: Kyle Osborne

- Lithia Chevrolet Buick GMC of Helena Kyle Osborne, salesman for Lithia Chevrolet Buick GMC of Helena, has been a part of the Helena community for several years. When it comes to interacting with customers, Osborne takes the time to really care for them and works to create a low-pressure environment while they are shopping. Visit Osborne at Chevrolet Buick GMC of Helena at 1501 Cedar St. or call 406-558-2984.

2nd Place: Sam King

- Lithia Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Fiat of Helena 3rd Place: Kourtney Koch - Helena Motors

Best Chef

1st Place: Andrew Brosten

- Wassweiler Dinner House

Raised in Helena, Andrew Brosten began his career studying at le Cordon Bleu Culinary School in Scottsdale, Arizona. After graduating culinary school he went on work in various kitchens and even became a catering sous chef under the mentorship of Foot TV star Beau MacMillan, who participated in and defeated Bobby Flay on Iron Chef America. In 2013, Brosten moved back to Helena and has been the executive chef at some of Helena's best dining establishments, including formerly chef/ partner at Aster Restaurant. He has worked alongside renowned chefs Michel Richard, Ming Tsai, Geoffrey Zakarian, Marcus Samuelsson, and Stephanie Izard. He has also cooked for celebrities such as the late Muhammed Ali and former President George W. Bush. He now serves as head chef at Wassweiler Dinner House in Helena. (Wassweiler Dinner House also took first place in Best New Restaurant.)

2nd Place: Mike McWilliams - Montana Club 3rd Place: Eric Potuzak - Benny's Bistro





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Best Chiropractor

1st Place: Brandon Blank - Balanced Chiropractic

Dr. Brandon Blank graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, in 2014. He has advanced training in extremity adjusting, soft tissue (trigger point) work, Blair upper cervical, toggle, Thompson drop, Gonstead, activator and flexion distraction. Excelling in chiropractic is one of his top passions in life. He is currently working on a research project to document the effectiveness of the Blair Upper Cervical protocol for headache and migraine cases. Blank commonly says "I don't feel like I work, I just show up to the office and enjoy every minute."

2nd Place: Benjamin Clack - Big Sky Chiropractic 3rd Place: Lance Doppler - Advanced Spinal Fitness

Best Contractor

1st Place: Michael McCarthy - Stonefly Construction

Michael McCarthy, owner of Stonefly Construction, specializes in all aspects of construction. From new construction, residential remodeling, and commercial construction, McCarthy and his team can help show you the right way to build. McCarthy is focused on providing his clients with the best products and services for their needs and at the most affordable prices possible. Call Stonefly Construction today for "Affordable Excellence."

2nd Place: Dick Anderson Dick Anderson Construction 3rd Place: Bob Andersen - Andersen Artisan

Best Customer Service

1st Place: Kolar Tire & Auto

(Kolar Tire & Auto also took first place in Best Auto Service/Repair and

Best Tire Shop)

2nd Place: Associated Dermatology

3rd Place: Costco

Best Dentist

1st Place: Nathan Ahlers - Ahlers Family Dentistry

Dr. Nathan Ahlers and Ahlers Family Dentistry has had the privilege of serving the Helena area for over 16 years. Over the years, the clinic has been grateful for the support of their caring and professional staff as well as the support of the Helena community.

2nd Place:. Martin Coonen - Coonen Dental 3rd Place: Joel Maes - South Hills Dental Clinic

Best Dermatologist

1st Place: Jeffry Goldes

- Associated Dermatology

Jeffry A. Goldes is board certified in general dermatology, anatomic pathology, and dermatopathology Sub Specialty Fellowship. Jeff is from an Army family and was 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

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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: Kara Addison - Associated Dermatology 3rd Place: Megan Gittings

- Associated Dermatology

Best Electrician

1st Place: Joe White - Electrical Solutions Joe White, owner and master electrician of Electrical Solutions, has been delivering solutions to all of Helena's electrical needs since 2007. From remodels, new construction, residential, commercial, trouble shooting, and alternative energy, White has the experience and expertise to help.

2nd Place: Craig Martin - Gold Rush Electric 3rd Place: Getty Parker - Ascension Electric

Best Esthetician

1st Place: Amy Johnson - Opulence Aesthetics Amy Johnson has been working as an esthetician for six years in Montana and Colorado. Helping people achieve their skin care goals and needs is her primary focus and true passion. She attended

the Concentric Healing Institute in Boulder, Colorado where she received her certification for esthetics. She also attended the Rocky Mountain Laser College in Colorado and specializes in many advanced laser treatments and techniques and has in-depth experience in advanced chemical peel treatments, microneedling, dermaplaning, SilkPeel microdermabrasion and various facial services.

2nd Place: RaeAnn Hoveland

- Opulence Aesthetics

3rd Place: Amanda Berkram

- Crafted Aesthetics

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: Steve Finstad

- Helena Fire Department 3rd Place: Lou Antonick

- Fire Prevention Bureau/City of Helena

Best Hairstylist

1st Place: Ashley Stevens

- Teez Salon & Unique Boutique

Ashley Stevens, hairstylist at Teez Salon & Unique Boutique, is ready and willing to help you revamp your hairstyle for a new and improved you. One online reviewer commented that "Ashley did some foils on my hair and it turned out beautiful! Not only am I happy with the finished product, but she was very sweet to me while I was there. She listened to what I wanted and worked around my schedule to get me in." Visit Stevens at Teez for all of your hair cut, color, and style needs.

2nd Place: Kalli Huso Redden - Sixth Ave Salon 3rd Place: Ashlev Gross - Bassu Salon

Best Insurance Agent

1st Place: Mike Miller

- State Farm Insurance

Mike Miller at State Farm Insurance prides himself on providing the best combination of price, product and service for your insurance needs. By keeping your best interests first, Mike and his team can custom fit an insurance plan that is right for you and your financial future. State Farm offers auto, home, life and health insurance. In addition, State Farm offers financial services such as State Farm mutual funds and





bank products. Mike holds a finance degree from Carroll College.

2nd Place: Jon Miller - State Farm Insurance 3rd Place: Mike Allen

- Stockman Insurance Agency

Best Law Enforcement Officer

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

Leo Dutton was first sworn in as sheriff of Lewis & Clark County in September 2008 and took on the additional role of coroner in January 2019. 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: Deputy Chief William Harrington -City of East Helena

3rd Place: Domingo Zapata - Helena Police Department/City of Helena

Best Local Band

1st Place: Ten Years Gone

Ten Years Gone is a local Helena band. They play a huge variety, something for everyone and almost any genre. Classic Rock, Alternative, Country, POP, And Funk. Formed in 2007, their goal is to have fun and play danceable jams for any age. They play many local Helena events throughout the year and also play private functions as well traveling all over Montana. Great dance band for weddings, birthdays, Anniversary's, or any function needing some live music. Band members include Lead Vocals- Ben Fandry, lead guitar- Robert Doughty, bass-Dennis Ferriter, keys- Mark Walker, drums-Jeremy Slead.

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

Best Mechanic

1st Place: Ken Iwen - Iwen Automotive Ken Iwen, owner of Iwen Automotive, has been providing quality car care in Montana City since 2010 after working for the local Dodge dealer

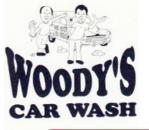
for 21 years. Iwen Automotive is a family-owned business delivering honest and professional automotive repair and auto maintenance services to the people of Montana City and surrounding areas. The ASE certified technicians employ today's latest automotive technology and are equipped to handle all major and minor repairs on foreign and domestic vehicles. Iwen Automotive is also a certified NAPA AutoCare Center, which means it is able to provide the benefits of an established national entity while maintaining the personal touch of a familyowned business.

2nd Place: Eric Kerchner - Independence Automotive 3rd Place: Todd Catron

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Best Mortgage Loan Officer

1st Place: Don Kessler

- Opportunity Bank of Montana

Don Kessler joined Opportunity Bank as a residential loan officer in 2013. Kessler has over 18 years of mortgage lending experience and specializes in purchase and refinance transactions. If you are a first time buyer or if you are purchasing or constructing your dream home or investment property, he can help with your financing. Kessler offers VA, FHA, USDA Rural Development, Conventional and Jumbo as well as the local assistance programs offered through Neighborworks and Montana Board of Housing.

2nd Place: Crystal Eckerson - Opportunity Bank of Montana 3rd Place: Corey Hill - Mann Mortgage

Best Nurse

1st Place: Chelsea Andrews - Helena Obgyn Chelsea Andrews, nurse at Helena OB/GYN, has long had a passion for nursing. She graduated with her nursing degree from Helena College in 2014. After graduating, she worked in geriatrics throughout the various nursing homes around Helena. In 2008, she landed her current role at Helena OB/GYN. Ever since nursing school, Andrews said she has wanted to work in women's health care and has since developed a real passion for it. She enjoys coming to work every day and being part of a team.

2nd Place: Elizabeth McCarthy - Mountain View/Opulence 3rd Place: Nancy Baylor - Mountain View/Opulence

Best Optometrist

1st Place: Bill Hasquet - Montana Eyecare Dr. Bill Hasquet joined Montana Eyecare in August 1997 in partnership with Dr. Bill Simons. Hasquet received his doctorate degree in optometry in 1997 from Southern California College of Optometry. He has been a strong leader in Montana as President of the Montana Optometric Association and member of the American Optometric Association. He was named

Montana's Young Optometrist of the Year and continues to be active in his profession. Hasquet has dedicated himself to delivering the very best optometric care to each and every patient he serves.

2nd Place: Matthew Nottingham

- Helena Vision Center

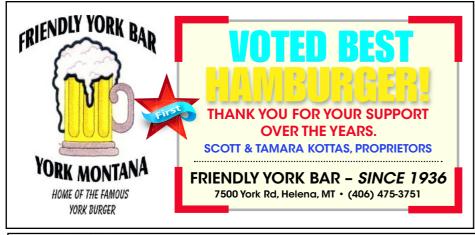
3rd Place: Rob Simons - Montana Eyecare

Best Orthodontist

1st Place: Timothy Ballweber

- Ballweber & Ostby Orthodontics

A Montana native, Dr. Timothy Ballweber has been creating beautiful smiles for over 30 years. Ballweber received his initial education at Western Montana College obtaining a bachelor's degree in education, before heading to California to earn his dental degree from Loma Linda University. After later receiving a degree in pediatric dentistry from UCLA, Dr. Ballweber returned to Loma Linda and earned his master's degree in orthodontics two years later. In practice since 1981. Ballweber is in the exclusive practice of orthodontics. Dr. Ballweber is a member of the American Dental Association, American Academy of Dentists, American Association of Orthodontists, Montana State Dental Society, the Montana State Orthodontic Society and the Capital City Study Club.







2nd Place: Jeffrey Foster - Helena Orthodontics 3rd Place: Kyle Jackson - Jackson Orthodontics

Best Pediatrician

1st Place:Michelle Danielson

- Partners In Pediatrics

Dr. Michelle Danielson was born and raised in Sidney, Montana, and graduated from Carroll College. She earned her medical degree at the University of Nevada School of Medicine and completed her residency in pediatrics at Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa, where she has also served as chief resident. Danielson has served the Helena community for more than 12 years. She also provides care for abused children as a member of the Lewis and Clark County Child Advocacy Center's multidisciplinary



team. Additionally, she has provided care at health clinics as part of medical missions to Grenada, Honduras, and Mexico and enjoys volunteering in underserved areas.

2nd Place: Tom Strizich - St. Peter's Health 3rd Place: Venus Villalva - St. Peter's Health

Best Photographer

1st Place: Samantha Yearry - Yearry Photography

For owner Samantha Yearry, photography first started as a hobby. But over the years it has transformed into a flourishing business and earned Yearry the reputation of "Helena's Most Caring Photographer." Yearry Photography specializes in maternity, newborns, and infants.

2nd place: Jacqui Smith - Floating Leaf Studios 3rd place: Jason O'Neil - Jason O'Neil Photo

Best Physical Therapist

1st Place: Kyle Cicero

- Ascension Physical Therapy

Kyle Cicero graduated from Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences in 2011 with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy. He has been practicing in the Helena area since that time. Cicero specializes in low back pain and spine care, post-operative care, shoulder pain, knee pain, and any other of your physical therapy needs. Cicero was

recently certified as a level-1 trainer for TPI (Titleist Performance Institute) and can help you with any golfing issues. He works closely with, Chad Carlson, head golf pro at Green Meadow Country Club. Cicero is also a CrossFit Level 2 Trainer, coach, and co-owner of Seven Devils CrossFit.

2nd Place: John Harrington - Harrington Physical Therapy 3rd Place: Matthew Fischer

- Fischer Physical Therapy

Best Physician

1st Place: Jessica Bailey - St. Peter's Health Family physician, Dr. Jessica Bailey, earned her medical degree at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in Chapel Hill. She completed her internship and residency at Montana Family Medicine Residency in Billings. Bailey's bachelor's degree is in biology with highest distinction from the University of North Carolina with minors in women's studies and chemistry. She has served as a women's clinic and homeless shelter volunteer and HIV counselor.

2nd Place: Kiley Kirksey - St. Peter's Health 3rd Place: Katy Wessel - St. Peter's Health





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Fire Marshal Lou Antonick, Capt. Vince Williams and Firefighter Steve Finstad on your honorable service to our community and recognition by this award. Thank you Helena for your amazing support and encouragement.

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Best Plumber

1st Place: Todd Clark

- Clark's Plumbing & Heating

For expert plumbing advice and quality repairs, contact Todd Clark with Clark's Plumbing & Heating. From commercial and residential services, gas systems, radiant heating, ventilation systems, water heaters, and more, Clark provides quality and timely work. One online reviewer commented. "Clark's was recommended to me from another plumber and I was very happy with the quality of work. I have used their services more than once and am about to contact them again for additional new work. They are very friendly and don't leave a mess behind. You can't go wrong!"

2nd Place: Luke Campbell - Shedhorn Plumbina

3rd Place: Chris Tillo - Tillo Plumbing

Best Realtor/Broker

1st Place: Kerry Cicero

- Century 21 Heritage Realty

Throughout all of Kerry Cicero's career endeavors he has always sought to give back to his local community. After his football career was cut short due to multiple ankle surgeries, he began coaching football at Helena High School. He went on to become a teacher at Warren Elementary School, where he still teaches today. When Cicero decided to get his real estate license, he did so with the intention of using the role as an opportunity to give back to Warren School. Now, Cicero gives 10 percent of every commission check he receives back to Warren Elementary. If you live in the Helena area and are looking at selling or buying a home, Cicero is ready and willing to guide you through the process.



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2nd place: Seth O'Connell - Keller Williams Realty 3rd place: Deb Whitcomb - Clearwater Montana Properties

Best Server

1st Place: Dean Mack - Brewhouse Pub & Grille

Dean Mack has been a server at the Brewhouse Pub & Grill for the past eight years. According to Kitty Brown, Brewhouse owner and general manager, Mack is "Very professional, personable, and responsible." Brown credits his success as a server to the multitude of people he knows on a personal level in town. Next time you visit the Brewhouse for drinks and apps, be sure to ask for Mack to wait on your table. (The Brewhouse Pub & Grill also took first place in Bar or Restaurant with Best Beer Selection, Best Appetizer, and Best Bar Food)

2nd Place: Samantha Stephenson

- Wassweiler

3rd Place: Christie Marks - Wassweiler

Best Surgeon

1st Place: John Michelotti - Helena Orthopaedic Clinic

Dr. John Michelotti earned his medical degree from the University of Washington in Seattle and completed his orthopaedic surgery residency at their affiliated hospitals. Afterward, he was selected for advanced fellowship training in sports medicine at the Steadman-Hawkins Clinic in Vail, Colorado, where he worked with the Denver Broncos, the Colorado Rockies, and the United States ski team. Michelotti brings his love of sports to his practice of sports medicine. He thrives on the care of athletes of all ages. He is the team physician for Carroll College, the Helena Brewers and the local high schools. He is also a team physician for the United States ski team. Michelotti is a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Sports Medicine.

2nd Place: John Galt - St. Peter's Health 3rd Place: John McMahon - Helena OB/GYN

Best Veterinarian

1st Place: Keith Stav

Bridger Veterinary Hospital

Dr. Keith Stav and his wife Sharleen, both Helena natives, bought Bridger Veterinary Hospital 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 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.

2nd Place: Mandy McGowan

- Animal Center Veterinary Hospital

3rd Place: Brenda Culver

- Montana Veterinary Specialists

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Best Art Gallery

1st Place: Ghost Art Gallery

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

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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 3rd Place: 1+1=1 Gallery

Best Auto Service/Repair

1st Place: Kolar Tire & Auto

(Kolar Tire & Auto also took first place in Best Customer Service and Best Tire Shop.) Kolar Tire & Auto was started by Frank Kolar and today operates out of two convenient Helena locations. Their professional auto mechanics can restore the reliability to your vehicle with repair services for brakes, steering and suspension systems, transmissions, axles, CV joints, and driveshafts. Both shop locations also provide 24hour roadside assistance and towing, seven days a week. To keep your vehicle running smoothly, Kolar Tire can perform preventative maintenance services including lube and oil changes, cooling system/radiator flushing, replacement of belts and hoses, and TPMS adjustments. Professional tire services include computer spin balancing, flat 2nd place: Point S Capital City Tire and Auto Service

3rd place: Iwen Automotive

Best Bank

1st Place: Valley Bank of Helena 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: First Interstate Bank 3rd Place: Opportunity Bank of Montana

Best Bike Shop

1st Place: Great Divide Cyclery 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 Cycling & Fitness 3rd Place: The Garage

Best Boat Shop

1st Place: Montana Boat Center Since 1992, Montana Boat Center has been providing the Helena area with quality boat and powersports sales and service. They are one of the few boat dealers in Helena (possibly Montana) that has as much space dedicated to service as they do to sales. Stop by their showroom to view their line of new and used ski and wakeboard, fishing, cruisers, pontoons and marine accessories. They support brands such as Bennington, Chapparal, Starcraft, and Tige. In addition, they have the complete line of the latest Arctic Cat ATVs and snowmobiles available.

2nd Place: One Way Marine 3rd Place: High Country Boats

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John Doubek Voted #1 Best Attorney



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1st Place: Woody's Car Wash

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. It also offers 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

3rd Place: Dave's Exxon

Best Church

1st Place: Cathedral of Saint Helena

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: Helena First Assembly of God

3rd Place: Narrate Church

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Best Church Choir

1st Place: Cathedral of Saint Helena St. Paul's United Methodist Church is a Christian community in the heart of downtown Helena. Their Chancel Choir sings on Sunday mornings and for other special events. They practice at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday at the church. They also have a group called the Sunrise Singers that since once a month at the 8:30 a.m. service with practice at 9:30 a.m. Sundays in the sanctuary.

2nd Place: Helena First Assembly of God 3rd Place: Narrate Church

Best Clothing Store

1st Place: Poppyseed Boutique A small but vibrant shopping destination in Downtown Helena, Poppyseed Boutique is "where luxury and casual meet." With new



arrivals daily, shop Poppyseed for unique offerings in women's clothing as well as other accessories like hats and scarves.

2nd Place: Macy's

3rd Place: Cobblestone Clothing

Best Construction Company

1st Place: Dick Anderson Construction Founded in 1975, Dick Anderson Construction has grown from a small, private client company into a large corporation handling multi-milliondollar 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: Golden Eagle Construction 3rd Place: Sussex Construction

Best Credit Union

1st Place: Intrepid Credit Union Intrepid Credit Union was established in Helena in 1936 as "Helena U.S. Employees Federal Credit Union." Since that time, the name has changed a few times but the membership and the services they offer continued to grow. Intrepid 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 IRAs, Share Certificates and VISA. Intrepid has three full service locations in Helena with drive through ATMs, plus standalone ATMs at eight different locations in town.

2nd Place: Rocky Mountain Credit Union 3rd Place: Vocal Credit Union

Best Date Night Location

1st Place: On Broadway

(On Broadway also took first place in Best

Restaurant and Best Dinner.)

2nd Place: Wassweiler Dinner House 3rd Place: Lucca's Fine Italian Restaurant



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Best Daycare

1st Place: Little Angel Daycare & Preschool

Little Angel Daycare & preschool offeres standard childcare and learning services. The center operates 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. It offers programs for infants, toddlers. early preschool, preschool, and kindergarten prep. It also offers before and after school programs, including summer camps and winter break activities. The staff at Little Angel strive to provide a safe and loving Christian based atmosphere. Their focus is to provide a stimulating early care environment.

2nd Place: Little World (on Warren street) 3rd Place: Creative Horizon

Best Employment Agency

1st Place: A2Z Staffing Solutions 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 3rd Place: Job Service Helena

Best Event Venue

1st Place: Helena Civic Center Originally built as a Shrine temple in 1920, the Helena Civic Center is now owned and operated by the City of Helena. The Helena Civic Center offers the community a unique place to enjoy concerts, conferences, conventions, banquets, balls, wedding receptions, expositions,

art shows and other special events. The Helena Civic Center houses two major facilities: the 1,925 seat auditorium theater and the 15,000 square foot ballroom exhibition hall, which is used for banquets, craft shows, dances, weddings, trade shows and conferences. The ballroom facility includes a second floor mezzanine over-looking the ballroom and a catering kitchen with a walk-in cooler. The auditorium contains a green room, two stagelevel dressing rooms and two upperlevel dressing rooms.

2nd Place: Kleffner Ranch 3rd Place: Lewis & Clark County Fairgrounds

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 non-profit organization that provides mental health and educational services to effectively meet the diverse needs of children and families facing emotional challenges.

2nd Place: Last Chance Stampede & Fair 3rd Place: Alive at Five

Best Flower Shop

1st Place: Knox Flowers & Gifts 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: Westmont Flower & Trading Company 3rd Place: The Herb & Garden



Best Furniture Store

1st Place: Ruckers Furniture

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 squarefoot 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 3rd Place: Ashley HomeStore

Best Grocery Store

1st Place: Van's Thriftway

(Van's Thriftway also placed first for Best

Meat Department.)

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.

2nd Place: Super 1 Foods 3rd Place: Safeway

Best Gym

1st Place: Capital City Health Club

Seven 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 3rd Place: Seven Devils CrossFit

Best Hair Salon or Barber

1st Place: Capital Hill Barber Shop & Styling Salon

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 process. Guests looking for last-minute beauty services will love the walkin 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 3rd Place: Sugar Salon

Best Home Improvement Store

1st Place: Lowes

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: Home Depot 3rd Place: Power Townsend

Best Hotel/Lodging

1st Place: Best Western Premier Helena

Great Northern Hotel

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 [continued on page 20]

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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, quests find it themselves in the heart of everything when they stay at the Great Northern Hotel.

2nd Place: Hampton Inn Helena 3rd Place: Delta Hotels by Marriott Helena Colonial

Best Jewelry

1st Place: Eaton Turner Jewelry

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 years.

2nd Place: Imagine Designs 3rd Place: Jensen Jewelers

Best Landscape/Sprinkler Company

1st Place: Gardenwerks Nursery and Landscaping

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2nd Place: Spieker Sprinklers 3rd Place: Valley View Lawn and Landscape



Best Massage

1st Place: Kayla Corpron at Mahalo Spa Kayla Corpron is a deep tissue massage specialist at Mahalo Spa. Mahalo Spa is a full service salon offering a wide variety of services and professional retail products. The staff is experienced, knowledgeable, and proud to provide quality services to get you feeling great. Services offered include a complete range of hair services, full body waxing, nail services, massages and tanning.

2nd Place: The Light Room Helena 3rd Place: Mariposa Massage

Best Meat Department

1st Place: Van's Thriftway

(Van's Thriftway also placed first in Best Grocery

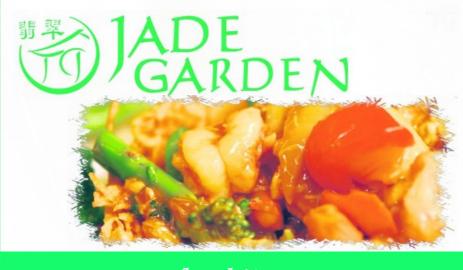
2nd Place: Super 1 Foods 3rd Place: Costco

Best Motorcycle/ATV Dealer

1st Place: Helena Cycle Center

Like many successful businesses, Helena Cycle Center was founded on passion over 35 years ago. Over the course of three decades and three locations, Helena Cycle Center has transformed into the most successful powersports dealership

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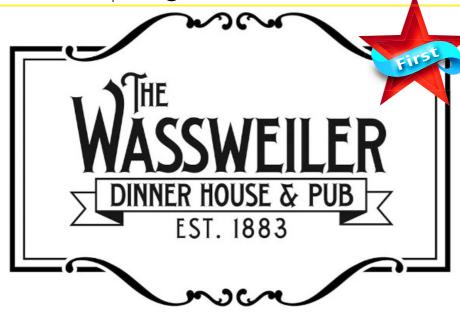
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in town for Honda, Kawasaki and Polaris. The business sells and services motorcycles, ATVs, snowmobiles, and sports utility vehicles. They also offer the latest in clothing, parts, and accessories. But besides an impressive showroom, what Helena Cycle 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 3rd Place: Mount Helena Motor Sports

Best Nail Salon

1st Place: Paradise Nails & Spa Paradise Nails specializes in design/color tips, acrylic, gel nails, fading/tie-dye nails, shellac, mani/pedi, nail art and hand painted designs. Whether you're wanting to jazz up your nails with flowers, snowflakes, palm trees or the Easter bunny, Paradise Nails will decorate nails for any occasion.

2nd Place: Pro Nails 3rd Place: Luxury Nails & Spa

Best New Car Dealership

1st place: Helena Motors (Helena Motors also took first place in Best Used

Car Dealership)

2nd Place: Placer Motors 3rd Place: Lithia Chevrolet Buick GMC of Helena

Best Pawn Shop

1st place: Capital Pawn

Capital Pawn located off Cedar Street was established in 2011 and specializes in pawnbrokers, jewelry buyers, video games, sporting goods, tools, jewelers, and loans.

2nd Place: Dave's Pawn 3rd Place: Alisa Smith & Jones Pawn

Best Pet Boarding/Grooming 1st Place: Alpine Animal Clinic

The staff at Alpine Animal Clinic strive to provide the best care to your family pets through compassionate and professional service. From

simple care to intensive care, vaccinations to trauma surgery, everything you need is right there. As Helena's first veterinary hospital accredited by the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA), Alpine Animal Clinic prides itself on being the standard of veterinary excellence, all at an affordable price with services you can tailor to your personal needs.

2nd Place: SkyHi Kennel 3rd Place: Countryside Kennels and Farms

Best Place for Kids' Fun

1st Place: ExplorationWorks

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 handson exhibits, programs, workshops, classes, and camps for kids, youths, families, seniors, as well as school and community groups.

2nd Place: Great Northern Carousel 3rd Place: Gym406





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Best Place to Buy Books

1st Place: Montana Book Company

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 Book & Gifts

3rd Place: Costco

Best Place to Buy Fitness Equipment

1st Place: Better Body Fitness

Better Body Fitness has been selling exercise equipment in Montana and northern Wyoming to businesses and individuals since 1999. In the fall of 2018, the business relocated to a brand new building off Custer Avenue. 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 fitness equipment and clothing. Owned by Clint and Mona Erb, Better Body Fitness has been a staple in the Helena community for

2nd Place: Play it Again Sports 3rd Place: Bob Ward's

Best Place to Buy Pet Supplies

1st Place: Petco 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

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The law firm of Doubek, Pyfer & Storrar is pleased to announce the association of Jonathan King as a lawyer with their business. Jonathan is 2008 graduate of New York University (NYU) Law School, JD, and a 2008 graduate of New York University Stern School of Business, MBA. He received his Bachelor's degree in 2002 from Claremont McKenna College, graduating magna cum laude. Jonathan is a member of the State Bar of Montana, the Montana Trial Lawyers Association, and the American Association for Justice.

Jon is rated a "Top Attorney" by Avvo, receiving a perfect 10 out of 10 score, and was selected to the National Trial Lawyers' Top 40 Under 40 list and the National Academy of Personal Injury Attorneys' Top 10 Under 40 list. He has also received Avvo's "Client's Choice" award for exceptional client service.

When not representing his clients, Jon enjoys fishing and hunting Montana's wild places and spending time with his beautiful wife and two sons.



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2nd Place: PetSmart

3rd Place: Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply

Best Place to Buy Unique Gifts

1st Place: General Mercantile

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 3rd Place: Leslie's Hallmark

Best Plant Nursery

1st Place: Valley Farms

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

3rd Place: Gardenwerks Nursery and Landscaping



Best Produce Department

1st Place: Super 1 Foods

(Super 1 Foods also took first place in Best Retail Beer Selection.)

Super 1 Foods strives to bring customers the best value and the best variety of beer, wine, and liquor. There's no need to drive to another store when you can find exactly what you're looking for right down the street. 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 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 3rd Place: Safeway

Best Real Estate Agency

1st Place: Century 21 Heritage Realty The award-winner agents at Century 21 Heritage Realty pride themselves on providing top-notch quality service. From the moment guests walk through the entry, they are greeted by a warm and inviting atmosphere that carries throughout the office. The 8,000-plus square foot building is

full of cutting-edge technology designed to make your sale or purchase a comfortable one. From the upscale lobby to the generous conference rooms, clients know they are working with the highest of quality found in the industry.

2nd Place: Big Sky Brokers 3rd Place: Windermere Real Estate

Best Retail Beer Selection

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2nd Place: Van's Thriftway 3rd Place: Toppers Cellar

Best Retail Wine Selection

1st Place: Topper's Celler

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."

2nd Place: Island Liquor 3rd Place: Super 1 Foods

Best Senior Living Community

1st Place: Touchmark

Touchmark on Saddle Drive has over 35 years of experience in retirement living. Established in 1997, Touchmark has built a solid reputation for catering to the needs and aspirations of active, older adults. Their beautiful, 11.5-acre campus in Helena's upper eastside has been carefully planned to bring comfortable homes, excellent amenities and services, and friendly, interesting people together into one supportive community. Do you prefer a cozy studio or a more spacious one- or two-bedroom home, with perhaps a den

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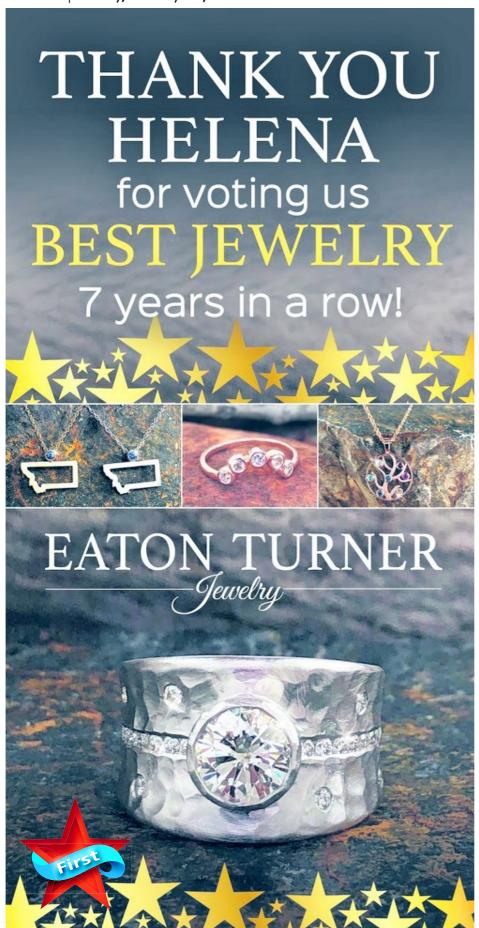




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2nd Place: Hunters Pointe 3rd Place: BeeHive Homes

Best Shoe Shopping

1st Place: Famous Footwear

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2nd Place: Macy's 3rd Place: Sole Sisters

Best Spa

1st Place: Broadwater Hot Springs & Fitness

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2nd Place: Crafted Aesthetics 3rd Place: Opulence Aesthetics

Best Sporting Goods Store

1st Place: Capital Sports

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 3rd Place: Sportsman's Warehouse

Best Tattoo/Piercing Studio

1st Place: DM6 Studio

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: New Image Ink Studio 3rd Place: Dermawerx Custom Tattoo

Best Thrift Store

1st Place: Good Samaritan Thrift Store 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 feet 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 five 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: Goodwill 3rd Place: Funky Trunk

Best Tire Shop

1st Place: Kolar Tire & Auto

(Kolar Tire & Auto also took first place in Best Auto Service/Repair and Best Customer Service.)

2nd Place: Eagle Tire 3rd Place: Point S Capital City Tire and Auto Service

Best Used Car Dealership

1st Place: Helena Motors

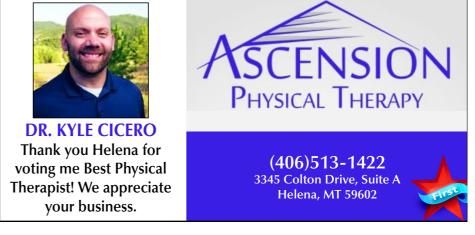
Helena Motors sells three of America's top selling brands: Ford, Honda, Lincoln and Toyota. Their goal is to "exceed your expectations at all times." From helping you select, finance and purchase your vehicle to keeping it serviced and maintained throughout your ownership of it, Helena Motors is committed to its customers long after your first drive your new vehicle off the

2nd Place: Placer Motos 3rd Place: J&D Auto Sales









RESTAURANTS & DRINK

Best Beer Selection

1st Place: Brewhouse | Pub & Grille (Brewhouse Pub & Grille also took first place in Best Appetizer, Best Bar Food, and Best

2nd Place: Windbag Saloon

3rd Place: Bert & Ernie's Dining Saloon & Grill

Bar or Restaurant with **Best Wine Selection**

1st Place: The Hawthorn

The Hawthorn is a place to fill your wine cooler and have a glass while you wait. It is a place to meet your wine (and beer) drinking friends after work and it is a place to shop for and enjoy wine from around world, small batch beer, and specialty meats and cheeses. They offer a variety of wines to purchase by the glass and all of them can be enjoyed at their bar or various table during the day and evening. Cheese and charcuterie, including house made crackers, dips, and spiced nuts are available for pairing. The Hawthorn is a "comfortable, unpretentious venue for people to relax, sip, and celebrate downtown Helena."

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

Best Appetizer

1st Place: Brewhouse | Pub & Grille (Brewhouse Pub & Grille also took first place in Best Bar Food, Best Server, and Bar or Restaurant with Best Beer Selection.)

2nd Place: On Broadway

3rd Place: Silver Star Steak Company

Best Asian Food

1st Place: Nagoya | Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi

(Nagoya Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi also took first place in Best Sushi and Best Seafood.)

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 Nagova'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: Jade Garden 3rd Place: Toi's Thai

Best Bakery

1st Place: Park Avenue Bakery

(Park Avenue Bakery also took first place in

Best Dessert.)

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.

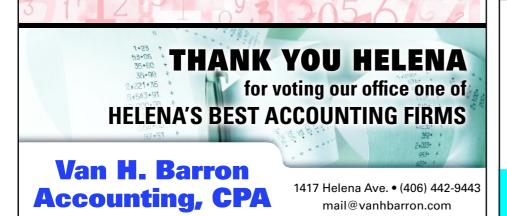
2nd Place: Vanilla Bean Bakery 3rd Place: Cotton-Top Pastries

Best Breakfast

1st Place: Steve's Café

Named Montana's Best Diner in 2015 by Business Insider, Steve's Café is a local favorite for breakfast and lunch. The locally owned

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2nd Place: No Sweat Café 3rd Place: Shellies Country Cafe

Best Burger

1st Place: York Bar

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 Bark 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: Suds Hut 3rd Place: Big Bull Bar & Grill

Best Casino

1st Place: Last Chance Casino You can gamble here on the 20 line games, keno or poker, but you'll always be a winner and treated right by the friendly staff who serve up great meals and drinks. The Last Chance Casino is a family friendly restaurant.

2nd Place: Lucky Bucky's Casino 3rd Place: Nickels Gaming Parlour

Best Catering

1st Place: Chili O'Briens Catering Chili O'Briens has been Helena's premier catering company for several years. The company was started by Bob Goetz and Tim O'Brien. With Tim's education in culinary arts and Bob's background in the social work field, the team has a unique skill set that puts them above the competition. With tantalizing menu options like Cajun beef wraps, French brie and pear stuffed chicken, and Montana huckleberry grilled flank steak, your event will be a delicious success when you ask Chili O'Briens to cater.

2nd Place: Bad Betty's Barbeque 3rd Place: Smokejumper Station

Best Coffee

1st Place: Florence Coffee Co. Family owned and operated since 2003, Florence Coffee strives to deliver the "smoothest flavor every time" customers visit. With three drive-up kiosks in town, you're never far from recharging

with a shot or two of their renowned espresso. For the non-coffee drinkers in town, Florence also serves up tasty concoctions like their Matcha green tee, real huckleberry smoothies, and Italian sodas.

2nd Place: Scenic Brew 3rd Place: Firetower Coffee

Best Deli

1st Place: The Real Food Market & Deli (The Real Food Market & Deli also took first place in Best Vegetarian Food.) 2nd Place: Van's Thriftway

3rd Place: Safeway

Best Dessert

1st Place: Park Avenue Bakery

(Park Avenue Bakery also took first place in

Best Bakery.)

2nd Place: On Broadway

3rd Place: Wassweiler Dinner House

Best Dinner

1st Place: On Broadway

(On Broadway also took first place in Best

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2nd Place: Wassweiler Dinner House 3rd Place: Lucca's Fine Italian Restaurant

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Best Food Truck

1st Place: Saigon Alley

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2nd Place: Cheddar's Gourmet Grilled Cheese 3rd Place: The Missionary

Best Happy Hour

1st Place: Silver Star Steak Company (Silver Star Steak Company also took first place in Best Steak, Best Place to Enjoy a



Cocktail, and Best Outdoor Dining.) 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 says it offers "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.

2nd Place: Windbag Saloon 3rd Place: Overland Express

1st Place: Hap's Beer Parlor

Best Karaoke

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

3rd Place: VFW Post 10010

Best Lunch

1st Place: Benny's Bistro

Benny's Bistro is a small, farm to table restaurant in the heart of Downtown Helena. They rely on local farms to supply Montana grown proteins and as much produce as possible. With exotic lunch options like Thai green curry, Indian curry, and mushroom lentil bowls to fresh salads and grilled panini sandwiches, Benny's has the fresh and filling lunch options you've been searching

2nd Place: Murry's Café 3rd Place: Lattes and Sundaes

Best Steak

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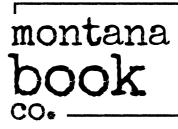


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2nd Place: Wassweiler Dinner House 3rd Place: Chubby's Bar & Grill

Best Mexican Food

1st Place: Melague

After briefly closing down for a substantial building remodel in August 2018, Melaque is back open and continuing to serve up their authentic Mexican cuisine. From enchiladas and chimichangas to burritos and carne asada, their extensive menu gives you plenty of tasty options. With moderate prices, generous portions, a friendly staff, and a colorful atmosphere, Melague is the place to be when you're craving some south-of-the-border cuisine.

2nd Place: Fiesta Mexicana 3rd Place: El Vaquero Taqueria

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. Miner's Gold has won gold awards at some of the biggest competitions in three different geographical locations with three different sets of judges.

2nd Place: Blackfoot Single Malt IPA

- Blackfood River Brewing Co. 3rd Place: Blackfoot Cream Ale

- Blackfoot River Brewing Co.

Best Microbrewery

1st Place: Lewis & Clark Brewing Company 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 Company 3rd Place: Ten Mile Creek Brewing

Best Bar Food

1st Place: Brewhouse | Pub & Grille (Brewhouse Pub & Grille also took first place in Bar or Restaurant with Best Beer Selection, Best Server, and Best Appetizer.)

Located in the Great Northern Town Center, the Brewhouse Pub & Grille is "way more than just a pub." It is one of Helena's most respected and frequented restaurants. With 20 beers on tap, you can sample some of the favorites in the state. Need something to munch while you sample their drink options? Their extensive appetizer menu includes items like beer battered cheese sticks, crunchy shrimp, sweet potato fries, calamari, and Brewhouse wings. They also feature gourmet entrees like buffalo chicken pizza, blackened prime rib sandwich, and shrimp ravioli. Love the Brewhouse but looking for a more relaxed atmosphere? Try eating Downstairs at the Brewhouse where a separate menu is offered alongside the same chilled beverages.

2nd Place: Windbag Saloon 3rd Place: Miller's Crossing

Best Nachos

1st Place: Mackenzie River (Mackenzie River Pizza Co. also took first place in Best Salad.)







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Mackenzie River Pizza Co. might be known for serving up the "Best Pie from the Big Sky" but they also know how to toss up fresh and filling salads. From classics like their Caesar and Cobb salads to more unique offerings like their Thai and Southwest Chop salads, there are plenty of options to choose from. Their house salad is also always a favorite with its toppings of fresh diced pears and crunchy grape nuts. From salads and pizzas, to flatbreads, nachos, sandwiches, and pasta, you'll always find a meal to fill your cravings at Mackenzie River Pizza Co.

2nd Place: Melague 3rd Place: Overland Express

Best New Restaurant

1st Place: Wassweiler Dinner House

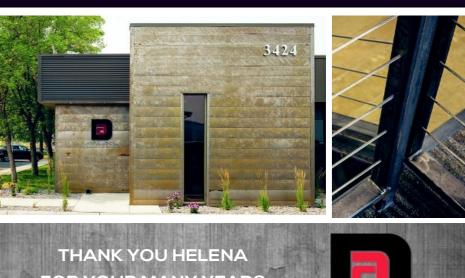
Wassweiler Dinner House owner, Marci Andersen, restored the original 1883 Inn & Bathhouse into a "fine dining experience steeped in good old-fashioned Montana history." With gourmet entrees like spiced carrot anocchi, bison top sirloin and duck breast served over truffled mustard risotto, your taste buds won't soon forget your dining experience at Wassweiler. During the summer months, enjoy shrimp cocktail and southwest egg rolls paired with a glass of wine out on their stone patio. (Wassweiler Dinner House's head chef also took first place in Best Chef.)

2nd Place: Hwy 55 Burgers Shakes & Fries

3rd Place: Nosh Café









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Best Restaurant

1st Place: On Broadway

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2nd Place: Wassweiler Dinner House 3rd Place: Lucca's Fine Italian Restaurant

Best Organic Food

1st Place: The Real Food Market & Deli (Real Food Market also took first place Best Vegetarian Food.)

2nd Place: Natural Grocers 3rd Place: No Sweat Café

Best Outdoor Dining

1st Place: Silver Star Steak Company (Silver Star also took first place in Best Steak, Best Place to Enjoy a Cocktail, and Best Happy Hour.)

2nd Place: Mediterranean Grill

3rd Place: Bert & Ernie's Dining Saloon & Grill

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Best Pizza

1st Place: Bullman's Wood Fired Pizza Pizza aficionados will tell you that the only proper way to prepare a pizza is in an authentic Italian style wood fired oven. At Bullman's Wood Fired Pizza, they are all about authenticity and flavor, and all of their pizzas are prepared in a wood fired oven. Wood fire baking, Bullman's says, "produces a crisp, slightly chewy crust with just a hint of smoky goodness." Bullman's ovens are heated to 800 degrees and it takes just four minutes to cook a pizza.

2nd Place: Bridge Pizza

3rd Place: MacKenzie River Pizza Co.

Best Place to Enjoy a Cocktail

1st Place: Silver Star Steak Company (Silver Star Steak Company also took first place in Best Steak, Best Happy Hour, and Best **Outdoor Dining.)**

2nd Place: Gulch Distillers 3rd Place: On Broadway

Best Place to Play Pool

1st Place: Valley Hub

The Valley Hub offers one of the largest selection of pool tables in Helena as well as gaming machines, and several televisions for watching sporting events. During the summer months,

guests can also enjoy their outdoor patio area which features another bar and a stage for live entertainment. On Monday nights, enjoy 50 cent tacos along with the regular supply of microbrews, domestics, hard liquor and a limited wine selection. Whether you're looking for a cold beverage, late night snack, or a round of pool with friends, the Valley Hub is the place to be.

2nd Place: Miller's Crossing 3rd Place: Jesters Bar

Bar or Restaurant with Best Salad

1st Place: MacKenzie River Pizza Co.

2nd Place: On Broadway

3rd Place: Brewhouse | Pub & Grille

Best Seafood

1st Place: Nagoya | Japanese Steakhouse

(Nagoya also took first place in Best Sushi.)

2nd Place: On Broadway 3rd Place: Wassweiler



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Best Sandwich Shop

1st Place: Steffanos

Steffano's has been Helena's go-to U-bake pizza and sub shop since 1982. Started by Ron and Deb Stefanik, the business has continued to grow in size and menu selection throughout the years. But throughout it all, the delectable food and friendly customer service, and relaxing atmosphere have remained exactly the same. Today, Steffano's serves up ready to bake pizzas, hot and cold sub sandwiches, soups and salads, and St. Louis style barbecue ribs. If you're looking for a quick meal on the go, try their taco, pizza or barbecue rollups—a local favorite! If you have time to dine in, be sure to take in Deb's collection of 50s and 60s memorabilia adorning the walls.

2nd Place: Staggering Ox 3rd Place: Jimmy John's

Best Sports Bar

1st Place: Buffalo Wild Wings

The Buffalo Wild Wings chain started in 1982 in Columbus, Ohio with a three part mission: wings, beer and sports. In fulfilling their mission they say they served more than a billion wings in 2013, 27 million each week. On Super Bowl Sunday 2015, they served 11 million wings. With 21 signature sauces and seasonings to try on your wings, your taste buds will feel as excited as you are watching the big game.

2nd Place: Windbag Saloon

3rd Place: Bert & Ernie's Dining Saloon & Grill

Best Sushi

1st Place: Nagoya | Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi

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 3rd Place: Safeway

Best Vegetarian Food

1st Place: The Real Food Market & Deli

For those who insist on unadulterated food, the place to shop is Helena's Real Food Market and Deli, open since 1975. All the food they sell is grown and processed without any toxic pesticides, petroleum fertilizers or synthetic additives. The store's purpose is to "inspire and empower our customers to live to their fullest potential through optimum nutrition and a lifestyle in harmony with nature."

2nd Place: Murry's Café 3rd Place: No Sweat Café

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