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The Votes Are In, And the Winners Are...

The publication you are holding in your hands, or reading online, is the result of many hours of work by our staff, but more importantly, the result of feedback from the many readers who voted on these outstanding merchants. Our thanks to our readers for taking time to study the ballot and vote on the entries they believe to be the best in the Greater Stokes area. Most assuredly, the results here are The Readers’ Choice. How were the results determined that you see here? There were thousands of votes cast online. All the entries by categories were then counted electronically to obtain the results.

Our readers are the best year in and year out. For many years you have shown how much you like this special publication, and we appreciate your support. If you are a business owner and want to be included on the ballot next year, please email Advertising@thestokesnews.com. Our thanks to the advertisers that participated and to you for voting. Winners will be presented with a special award certificate for display at their place of business.



Beauty & Health

Alzheimer’s/Memory Care
PRIDDY MANOR ASSISTED LIVING & MEMORY CARE..... WINNER
Walnut Ridge Assisted Living..... Finalist

Assisted Living Facility
PRIDDY MANOR ASSISTED LIVING & MEMORY CARE..... WINNER
Walnut Ridge Assisted Living..... Finalist

Barber Shop
DON’S BARBER SHOP WINNER
Tux Barber Shop..... Finalist

Chiropractor
MASSEY FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC..... WINNER
Crown Chiropractic..... Finalist

Dental Assistant
LISA MARVIN, EDWARD BELL, DDS, PA & ASSOCIATES WINNER

Dental Hygienist
ROSA, SAURATOWN DENTAL WINNER

Dental Practice
SAURATOWN DENTAL..... WINNER
Edward Bell, DDS, PA & Associates..... Finalist

Dentist
RYAN MEHRER, DDS, SAURATOWN DENTAL..... WINNER
Dr. Sassan Bassiri, DDS..... Finalist

Eye Care Center
KULITS EYE CARE WINNER
Eye Care Center..... Finalist

Doctor/Physician
KIRK SANDERS, MD, FAMILY CENTER OF DANBURY WINNER
Amber Hairford, MD,
Novant Health Mountainview Medical..... Finalist

Gym/Health Center
STOKES FAMILY YMCA..... WINNER
Planet Fitness..... Finalist

Hair Salon
SHEAR COUNTRY HAIR & TANNING.... WINNER
Hairitage Salon and Design..... Finalist

In Home Health
CENTERWELL HOME HEALTH..... WINNER

Massage Therapist
LOIS COX SKIN CARE & MASSAGE..... WINNER
Heavenly Reflections Salon & Day Spa..... Finalist

Medical Facility
COMMUNITY HOSPITAL OF STOKES WINNER
Novant Health Mountainview Medical..... Finalist

Medical Practice
NOVANT HEALTH MOUNTAINVIEW MEDICAL..... WINNER
Novant Health Pediatrics King..... Finalist

Nail Salon
NATURAL NAILS SPA WINNER
Nails by Kay..... Finalist

Nurse
ANGIE MCHONE, RN, CENTERWELL HOME HEALTH..... WINNER

OBGYN
LYNDHURST GYNECOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES WINNER
Hawthorne OB-GYN..... Finalist

Pediatric Care
NOVANT HEALTH PEDIATRICS KING... WINNER
Atrium Health Children’s Care
One Health Pediatrics..... Finalist

Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
ERIN HAYMORE, NOVANT HEALTH PEDIATRICS KING... WINNER

Pharmacist
DOYLE RICHARDSON, HICKS PHARMACY WINNER
Ron Kiser, Stokes Pharmacy..... Finalist

Pharmacy/Medical Supply
HICKS PHARMACY WINNER
King Drug..... Finalist

Physical Therapy
CENTERWELL HOME HEALTH..... WINNER
Novant Health Rehabilitation Center..... Finalist

Rehabilitation Center
NOVANT HEALTH REHABILITATION CENTER WINNER

Tanning Salon
SILVER WINGS WELLNESS & TANNING..... WINNER



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Barbecue JOHN BROWN’S COUNTRY STORE & GRILL WINNER Aunt Bea’s Barbeque..... Finalist	Ice Cream/Frozen Dessert DAIRI-O WINNER Front Porch Creamery..... Finalist
Breakfast Restaurant BAGEL BOSS WINNER (TIE) KING KITCHEN WINNER (TIE) PB Clark Family Restaurant Finalist	Italian LITTLE ITALY PIZZA & ITALIAN RESTAURANT WINNER Sam’s Pizza Finalist
Catering JOHN BROWN’S COUNTRY STORE & GRILL WINNER All Things Possible Catering..... Finalist	Lunch Restaurant SAM’S PIZZA WINNER The Milk Bar..... Finalist
Coffee CUP OF JOE WINNER Hailey Bakery Finalist	Mexican LINDA VISTA MEXICAN RESTAURANT WINNER El Cabo..... Finalist
Dinner Restaurant SAM’S PIZZA WINNER Town & Country Restaurant..... Finalist	Pizza SAM’S PIZZA WINNER Little Italy Pizza & Italian Restaurant Finalist
Fast Food DAIRI-O WINNER Chick-fil-A..... Finalist	Seafood CORONET SEAFOOD WINNER King Kitchen Finalist
French Fries SAM’S PIZZA WINNER John Brown’s Country Store & Grill Finalist	Sports Bar SAM’S PIZZA WINNER East Coast Wings Finalist
Fresh Meat for Grilling JOHN BROWN’S COUNTRY STORE & GRILL WINNER Robertson Family Farm..... Finalist	Steakhouse TOWN & COUNTRY RESTAURANT WINNER The Mercantile Chop House..... Finalist
Hamburger JOHN BROWN’S COUNTRY STORE & GRILL WINNER Sam’s Pizza..... Finalist	Wings JOHN BROWN’S COUNTRY STORE & GRILL WINNER East Coast Wings Finalist
Home Cooking KING KITCHEN WINNER The Milk Bar..... Finalist	

Home, Home Services & Finance

Bank FIRST CITIZENS BANK WINNER Truist Bank..... Finalist	Insurance Agency WEST RIDGE INSURANCE AGENCY WINNER Stormie Speaks Insurance Agency..... Finalist
Construction Company RIMAK CONSTRUCTION GROUP WINNER Delta Builders Finalist	Internet Provider RIVERSTREET NETWORKS WINNER Spectrum Finalist
Credit Union ALLEGACY FINANCIAL WINNER State Employees’ Credit Union..... Finalist	
Electrical Services BALLFIELD ELECTRIC WINNER Jay’s Electric Finalist	
Heating & Air Service PILOT MECHANICAL WINNER M&M Heating & Air..... Finalist	
Home Improvement Services CHURCH HANDYMAN WINNER	
Insurance Agent WEST RIDGE INSURANCE AGENCY WINNER Stormie Speaks..... Finalist	



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Kent Hunter, Kent Hunter RealtyFinalist

Real Estate Company
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Kent Hunter Realty.....Finalist

Roofing/Roof Repair
TRUROOFWINNER

People & Places

Boss
JEFFERY WALKER,
SLATE FUNERAL HOME.....WINNER
Lori Martin, Featherpick..... Finalist

Church
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCHWINNER
Trinity United Methodist Church Finalist

Elementary School
KING ELEMENTARY SCHOOLWINNER
Germanton Elementary School..... Finalist

Female Owned Business
WEST RIDGE INSURANCE AGENCYWINNER
Wallflower Book Co. Finalist

First Responder
RENE BRIDGES.....WINNER
Tim Settle, Stokes EMS..... Finalist

Golf Course
HEMLOCK GOLF CLUBWINNER

Middle School
CHESTNUT GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOLWINNER
Southeastern Stokes Middle School..... Finalist

Most Community Involved Business
SLATE FUNERAL HOME.....WINNER
Mitchell’s Nursery & Greenhouse Finalist

New Business
WALLFLOWER BOOK CO.....WINNER
Bagel Boss..... Finalist

Preschool
STOKES PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDRENWINNER

Small Business
WEST RIDGE INSURANCE AGENCYWINNER
Mitchell’s Nursery & Greenhouse Finalist

Stokes County Department
STOKES COUNTY
SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENTWINNER
Stokes County Health Department..... Finalist

High School
SOUTH STOKES HIGH SCHOOL.....WINNER
West Stokes High School Finalist

Innovative Business
MITCHELL’S NURSERY & GREENHOUSEWINNER
Wonder Wheels Mobile Play Place..... Finalist

Large Business/Corporation
WIELAND COPPER PRODUCTS.....WINNER
RJ Reynolds Tobacco Company Finalist

Local College/University
FORSYTH TECH STOKES
COUNTY CENTERWINNER
Kings College..... Finalist

Local High School Coach
TANNER LOMAX,
WEST STOKES HIGH SCHOOLWINNER
Stephan Sauer, North Stokes High School..... Finalist

Locally Owned Business
WEST RIDGE INSURANCE AGENCYWINNER
Mitchell’s Nursery & Greenhouse Finalist

Local Tourist Attraction
MITCHELL’S NURSERY & GREENHOUSEWINNER
Hanging Rock State Park..... Finalist

Stokes County Employee
WAYLON PATTERSON,
SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENTWINNER
Linda Cornwell, Featherpick Finalist

Wedding Venue
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Attorney RUTLEDGE & RUTLEDGE WINNER Royster & Royster, PLLC Finalist	Jewelry Repair LONG JEWELERS..... WINNER R. Thomas Jewelers..... Finalist
Auction Company STOKES REALTY & AUCTION WINNER Highway 14 Auction..... Finalist	Monument Company CARROLL MEMORIALS WINNER Wholesale Monument..... Finalist
Auctioneer STANLEY SMITH, STOKES REALTY & AUCTION WINNER Leon Inman, Carolina Farms and Homes Finalist	Pest Control/Exterminating THE BEST PEST CONTROL SOLUTIONS..... WINNER Cook’s Pest Management..... Finalist
Best Value Service SLATE FUNERAL HOME..... WINNER Colonial Funeral Home Finalist	Pet Grooming VICTORIA WARDEN WINNER
Car Wash Facility ROCKS EDGE CAR WASH..... WINNER Stokes Mobile Detailing..... Finalist	Photography Services Easy Living Photography..... Winner
Cleaning Service KRISTEN’S CLEANING WINNER	Plumbing Services RIDDLE’S SEPTIC SOLUTIONS WINNER County Line Plumbing Finalist
Customer Service SLATE FUNERAL HOME..... WINNER Mitchell’s Nursery & Greenhouse Finalist	Signs & Graphics FIREBLADE GRAPHICS WINNER Carroll Signs..... Finalist
Dry Cleaner CRAFT DRY CLEANERS..... WINNER	Veterinarian Office WALNUT COVE VETERINARY HOSPITAL WINNER
Farm/Lawn & Garden Services MITCHELL’S NURSERY & GREENHOUSE WINNER	Wedding Services BENNETT’S BASKETS & BOWS WINNER
Funeral Home SLATE FUNERAL HOME..... WINNER Burroughs Funeral Home..... Finalist	

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<u>Appliance Store</u> BJ STEVENS FURNITURE & APPLIANCES WINNER Lowe’s Home Improvement..... Finalist	<u>Jewelry Store</u> LONG JEWELERS WINNER R. Thomas Jewelers Finalist
<u>Artwork/Framing</u> HAMPTON HOUSE ART AND FRAMING WINNER	<u>Lawn & Garden Equipment</u> KING LAWN & GARDEN CENTER WINNER LTD Farm & Garden..... Finalist
<u>Clothing Store</u> FEATHERPICK BOUTIQUE & WESTERN WEAR WINNER Miss Fitz Consignments & Gifts Finalist	<u>Mattress Store</u> BJ STEVENS FURNITURE & APPLIANCES WINNER Walnut Cove Furniture Finalist
<u>Florist</u> TALLEY’S FLOWER SHOP WINNER Pilot Mountain Florist..... Finalist	<u>Pawn Shop</u> SHANNOCK’S PAWN WINNER Walnut Cove Pawn..... Finalist
<u>Furniture Store</u> BJ STEVENS FURNITURE & APPLIANCES WINNER Walnut Cove Furniture Finalist	<u>Rental Equipment/Items</u> COOKE RENTALS WINNER
<u>Garden Center/Nursery</u> MITCHELL’S NURSERY & GREENHOUSE WINNER Lowe’s Home Improvement..... Finalist	<u>Shoe Store</u> FEATHERPICK BOUTIQUE & WESTERN WEAR WINNER Shoe Market..... Finalist
<u>Gift Store</u> WALLFLOWER BOOK CO. WINNER Featherpick Boutique & Western Wear..... Finalist	<u>Used Furniture Store</u> HABITAT FOR HUMANITY STOKES COUNTY: RESTORE WINNER Exodus Ministries Finalist
<u>Guns/Ammo</u> PILOT MTN GUNS AND AMMO WINNER Shannock’s Pawn Finalist	



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Body Shop TUTTLE’S BODY SHOP WINNER Harris Body Shop..... Finalist	Towing Service NORTHEND WRECKER SERVICE WINNER Neal’s Towing Finalist
Independent Used Car Dealer PARKER AUTO SALES WINNER Germanton Auto Sales..... Finalist	Vehicle Graphics FIREBLADE GRAPHICS & SIGNS WINNER Randy’s Custom Lettering Finalist

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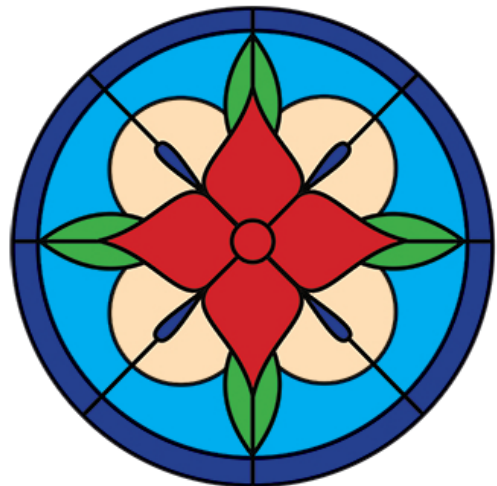
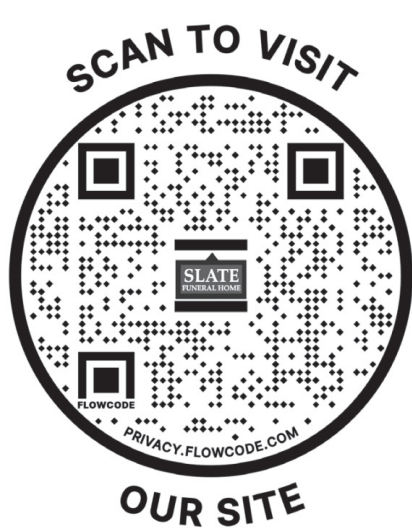
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