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## ASIAN FOOD



**GOLD:** Golden Grill Asian Bistro  
**SILVER:** Tokyo Grill  
**BRONZE:** Hong Kong Chinese Restaurant

## BAR



**GOLD:** 1792 Beer Co.  
**SILVER:** Dalton's Sports Bar & Grill  
**BRONZE:** Buoy's Bar & Grill

## BARTENDER



**GOLD:** 1792 Beer Co.  
**SILVER:** Old Country Club Steakhouse  
**BRONZE:** Black Creek Brewery

## BREAKFAST BISCUIT



**GOLD:** Biscuitville  
**SILVER:** Stuart's Family Grille  
**BRONZE:** Bojangles

## BBQ



**GOLD:** Smokey Dave's BBQ  
**SILVER:** Soulful Peartree Country Cooking  
**BRONZE:** Bullock's Bar-B-Cue

## "HOME COOKED" BREAKFAST



**GOLD (tie):** Flat River Cafe  
**GOLD (tie):** The Open Kettle  
**BRONZE:** Rox City Grill

## BURGER



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**BRONZE:** Rox City Grill

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## BRUNCH



**GOLD:** Clarksville Station  
**SILVER:** Tricia's Espresso  
**BRONZE:** Brookland Eats

## BRUNSWICK STEW



**GOLD:** Steelhorse Strangers Motorcycle Club  
**SILVER:** Roxboro Moose Lodge  
**BRONZE:** Stuart's Family Grille

## CATERING



**GOLD:** Homestead Steakhouse & Restaurant  
**SILVER:** Old Country Club Steak House  
**BRONZE:** Clarksville Station

## CHEF



**GOLD:** Thomas Lewis, Clarksville Station  
**SILVER:** Chris Long, Old Country Steak House  
**BRONZE:** Chef Dave, Brookland Eats

## PLACE FOR COFFEE



**GOLD:** Tricia's Espresso  
**SILVER:** Hopper's Poppers  
**BRONZE:** Biscuitville

## COMFORT FOOD



**GOLD:** Drizzle D's  
**SILVER:** Aunt Millie's Pizza Subs & Suds  
**BRONZE:** Flat River Cafe

## DATE NIGHT SPOT



**GOLD:** Old Country Club Steak House  
**SILVER:** Homestead Steakhouse & Restaurant  
**BRONZE:** Brookland Eats

## "HOUSE MADE" DESSERT



**GOLD:** Sweet Tooth Bakery  
**SILVER:** Brookland Eats  
**BRONZE:** Drizzle D's

## FAST FOOD RESTAURANT



**GOLD:** Biscuitville  
**SILVER:** Bojangles  
**BRONZE:** Stuart's Family Grille

## FRIED CHICKEN



**GOLD:** Bojangles  
**SILVER:** Golden Corral Buffet & Grill  
**BRONZE:** Homestead Steakhouse & Restaurant

## FOOD TRUCK



**GOLD:** Drizzle D's  
**SILVER:** Soulful Peartree Country Cooking and Catering  
**BRONZE:** Carters 5

## FRENCH FRIES



**GOLD:** Bojangles  
**SILVER:** McDonalds  
**BRONZE:** Stuart's Family Grille

## HOT DOG



**GOLD:** Cole's Pharmacy  
**SILVER:** Savannah Jack's Cafe  
**BRONZE:** Stuart's Family Grille

## PLACE FOR ICE CREAM



**GOLD:** Hopper's Poppers  
**SILVER:** Aunt Millie's Pizza Subs & Suds  
**BRONZE:** Quality Mart #14

## ICED TEA



**GOLD:** Stuart's Family Grille  
**SILVER:** Bojangles  
**BRONZE:** Clarksville Station

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A large pepperoni pizza is shown on a wooden cutting board. The pizza is cut into several slices and is topped with pepperoni. A wooden handle of a pizza cutter is visible on the right side of the board.

A variety of fresh vegetables and dips arranged in small bowls, including cherry tomatoes, broccoli, cauliflower, and shredded cheese.

A large, oval-shaped platter filled with a variety of seafood. It includes several large lobster tails, numerous shrimp, and scallops. The seafood is garnished with lemon wedges and fresh herbs. In the background, there are asparagus spears and more lemon halves. A small white bowl of green sauce sits in the center of the platter.

A tall glass filled with a vibrant pink, frothy smoothie. A single fresh raspberry sits on the rim of the glass, accompanied by a small sprig of green mint leaves. The background is a plain, light color.

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# Voters choose their favorites in food and drink



By **KELLY SNOW**  
kellysnow@roxboro-courier.com

The readers of Person County had their say as to their best places to eat and drink and the people who serve them in many categories in the Best of Person County voting.

Old Country Club Steakhouse was the winner for Best Overall Restaurant. This was the first of several wins for the Community House Road eatery.

Brookland Eats and Homestead Steakhouse & Restaurant tied for second place.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: La Cocina Mexican Restaurant, Clarksville Station, Torero's Mexican Restaurant, Stuart's Family Grille, Taste of New York Pizza & Grill, Milltown Eatery & Saloon, La Piazza Italian Restaurant & Bar, Vesuvio's Italian Restaurant, Golden Corral Buffet & Grill, Crazy Dragon & Tavern, Smokey Dave's BBQ, La Veracruzana Mexican Grill, Open Kettle, Casa Oaxaca Restaurant, Depot Southern Bistro.

Golden Grill was the people's choice for Best Asian Food. Tokyo Grill was second, followed by Hong Kong Chinese Restaurant.

Local bottle shop 1792 Beer Co. was the overwhelming choice for Best Bar. Dalton's Sports Bar & Grill was second, followed by Tunnel Creek Vineyards.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: Black Creek Brewery, Buoy's Bar & Grill, La Piazza Italian Restaurant & Bar, La Cocina Mexican Restaurant, Crazy Dragon & Tavern, Milltown Eatery & Saloon, Rock of Ages Winery & Vineyard, Casa Oaxaca Restaurant.

The Best Bartender also went to 1792 Beer Co. Owners Kyle James and Zack Wynne, as well as Malorie Andrews are known for supplying their patrons with tasty beverages. Old Country Club Steak House finished second in the voting, followed by Black Creek Brewery. Others receiving votes include: Ashleigh Freeman, Houston Arthur, Crazy Dragon & Tavern, Heather Herndon, Kimberly Allen at Milltown Eatery & Saloon, Milltown Eatery & Saloon and Matt Wilson from Vesuvio's Italian Restaurant.

Biscuitville claimed the gold for Best Breakfast Biscuit in Person County. The silver went to Stuart's Family Grille, while Bojangles claimed third.

Others to receive votes and nominations include: Concord Grill, Rox City Grill, Spicy & Big J's Mayo Marina, Open Kettle, Country Club Convenience.

Smokey Dave's BBQ was the clear choice for the Best BBQ in Person County by the C-T's readers. Soulful

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Peartree Food Truck was second in the voting, followed by Durham landmark Bullock's Bar-B-Cue.

Others receiving nominations include: The Outlaw Pig Food Truck, Stuart's Family Grille, Flat River Cafe, Country Club Convenience, Clarksville Station, Savannah Jack's Cafe, Open Kettle.

Flat River Cafe and Open Kettle will share the top honors for Best "Home Cooked" Breakfast, each amassing 78 votes. Rox City Grill finished third in the voting.

Others receiving nominations and votes include: Concord Grill, Tricia's Espresso, Stuart's Family Grille, Clarksville Station, Country Club Convenience, Spicy & Big J's Mayo Marina, Homestead Steakhouse &

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Restaurant.

The vote for having the Best Burger in Person County went to Brookland Eats. Concord Grill took home second, while Rox City Grill was third.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: Clarksville Station, Flat River Cafe, Cookout, Stuart’s Family Grille, Crazy Dragon & Tavern, Open Kettle, Taste of New York Pizza & Grill, Spicy and Big J’s Mayo Marina, Buoy’s Bar & Grill, La Piazza Restaurant & Bar, Country Club Convenience, Smokey Dave’s BBQ, Tricia’s Espresso, Hardee’s.

Clarksville Station was the people’s choice for Best Brunch in Person County. Tricia’s Espresso was second, followed by Brookland Eats.

Others receiving nominations and votes include: Homestead Steakhouse & Restaurant, Open Kettle, La Piazza Italian Restaurant & Bar, The Tavern,

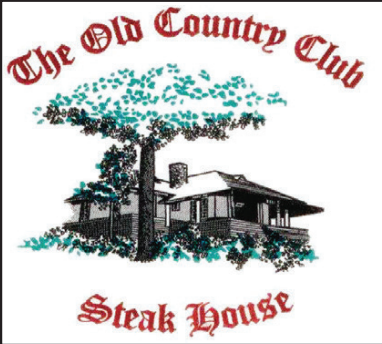
The Berry Hill Resort.

The honors for Best Brunswick Stew goes to Steelhorse Strangers Motorcycle Club. Roxboro Moose Lodge claimed second, while Stuart’s Family Grille was third.

Others receiving nominations and votes include: Mount Zion Methodist Church, Timberlake Fire Department, Person Industries, Warren’s Grove Methodist Church, Clarksville Station, Ceffo Volunteer Fire Department, Montwood Baptist Church, Roxboro Jaycees, Leasburg United Methodist Church, Savannah Jack’s Cafe, Smokey Dave’s BBQ, Allensville United Methodist Church, Concord Church, Lea’s Chapel United Methodist Church, Person County Senior Center.

Homestead Steakhouse took the gold for Best Catering in Person County. Old Country Club Steak House was second, followed by Clarksville Station.

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Others receiving nominations include: Southern Edge – Keith Watts, Torero’s Mexican Restaurant, Smokey Dave’s BBQ, Don Tito’s Catering, Jersey Mike’s Subs, La Piazza Italian Restaurant & Bar, Casa Oaxaca Restaurante.

Top honors for Best Chef went to Thomas Lewis from the Clarksville Station. Second place went to the late Chris Long of Old Country Steak House, followed by Chef Dave from Brookland Eats.

Others receiving nominations and votes include: Ricky Eastwood from Old Country Club Steak House, Vesuvio’s Italian Restaurant, Keith Watts-Southern Edge Catering, Tyrie Stewart from Crazy Dragon & Tavern, Chef Smokey Dave from

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Smokey Dave's BBQ, Rox City Grill, La Piazza Italian Restaurant and Bar, Open Kettle.

Tricia's Espresso continued its winning streak for being the choice for Best Place for Coffee in Person County. Hopper's Poppers was second, followed by Biscuitville.

Rise Up Nutrition and Open Kettle also received votes.

Local food truck Drizzle D's Inc. was voted to have the Best Comfort Food by the C-T's readers. Aunt Millie's Pizza Subs & Suds in Milton was second, followed by Flat River Cafe.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: Old Country Club Steak House, Homestead Steakhouse & Restaurant, Stuart's Family Grille, Clarksville Station, Vesuvio's Italian

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The honors for Best Date Night Spot went to Old Country Club Steak House. Homestead Steakhouse & Restaurant took second, followed by Brookland Eats.

Others to receive votes and nominations include: Clarksville Station, Palace Pointe, Milltown Eatery & Saloon, La Piazza Restaurant & Bar, Open Kettle.

Sweet Tooth Bakery has made a splash in its short time in business and was chosen as the place for the Best "House Made" Desserts.

Brookland Eats was the silver medalist, followed by Drizzle D's.

Others to receive votes and nominations include: Old Country Club Steak House, Homestead Steakhouse & Restaurant, Hopper's Poppers, Don Tito's Catering, Flat River Cafe, Vesuvio's Italian Restaurant, O'Kelly's Deli & Pastries, Stuart's Family Grille, Milltown Eatery & Saloon, Open Kettle, Smokey Dave's BBQ, Crazy Dragon & Tavern.

Biscuitville won a tight race to be named the Best Fast Food Restaurant in Person County. Bojangles was the silver medalist, followed by Stuart's Family Grill.

Others to receive votes and nominations include: Cookout, McDonald's, Sheetz, Wendy's, Smokey Dave's BBQ, Hardee's.

Bojangles was the people's choice for Best Fried Chicken. Golden Corral Buffet & Grill was second,

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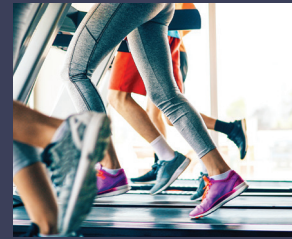


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**SILVER:** Jeff Kennedy  
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## BARBER SHOP



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**SILVER:** Perfect 10 Barber Shop  
**BRONZE :** Lumberjack Barbershop

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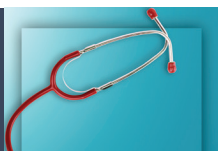
**GOLD:** Saunders Chiropractic Clinic  
**SILVER:** Gary J. Sullivan, D.C.  
**BRONZE:** DeGraw Chiropractic Clinic

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**SILVER:** Dr. Jeanne Chen, Patty Vision Center  
**BRONZE:** Miriam Lavelle-Sams, Roxboro Family Vision

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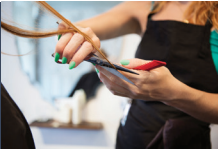
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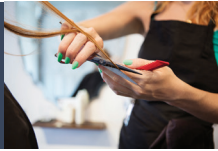


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**SILVER:** Carrie Howard  
**BRONZE:** Nancy "Tootie" Morris of HairPlay

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CARE



**GOLD:** United Home Care  
**SILVER:** BAYADA Home Health  
**BRONZE:** Medi Home Health & Hospice

MAKE-UP  
ARTIST



**GOLD:** Sarah Farenga  
**SILVER:** Bennie Clayton  
**BRONZE:** Alexa Clayton

MASSAGE/  
BODY WORK  
THERAPIST



**GOLD:** Leslie Howren, Serenity Salon  
**SILVER:** McIntyre Massage & Body Work  
**BRONZE:** Carleigh Barbour

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FACILITY



**GOLD:** Roxboro Medical Associates  
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**BRONZE:** North State Medical Center

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**GOLD:** Pink & White Nail Salon  
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**BRONZE:** Desi Yackrel at Head Mechanix

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**BRONZE:** Durham Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics

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**SILVER:** Michael Johnson "King Fitness" at Bullpen Fitness  
**BRONZE:** Cameron Bray, Rox Fitness Center

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# Voters select best in health and beauty

By **KELLY SNOW**  
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The readers of *The Courier-Times* selected dozens of winners in the Health and Beauty section of the Best of Person County.

Cy Clayton of Perfect 10 Barber Shop was voted the Best Barber,

amassing 133 votes. Jeff Kennedy from Community Barber Shop was second in the voting, followed by Ashton Chambers of Vintage Barber Shop.

Others receiving votes include: George Evans, Scotty Smith, Reeko from Vintage Barber Shop, Montrell from Blazing Cutz and Chase Chambers.

Community Barber Shop was the gold place winner for Best Barber Shop with 185 votes. Perfect 10 Barber Shop was the silver medalist, while Lumberjack Barbershop was third.

Vintage Barber Shop and Blazing Cutz also received nominations.

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**GOLD:** Endless Summer Tanning and Nailz by Dyan

**SILVER:** Alexa Clayton

**BRONZE:** Transformation

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Saunders Chiropractic Clinic was the overwhelming choice for Best Chiropractic Clinic with 273 votes. Dr. Gary Sullivan was the second-place winner, followed by DeGraw Chiropractic Center of South Boston, Va.

Dr. William J. (Jeff) Noblett was the people's choice for Best Dentist serving Person County. Noblett is a multiple time winner of this award. Dr. Brian Swift of Swift Family Dentistry on South Main Street is the silver medalist, followed by Dr. Christopher M. Atkins Jr. DDS.

Other dentists receiving nominations include: Dr. Jerry Bayliff Jr. DDS, Charles Perkins DDS, Person Family Medical & Dental Center, Total Smiles of Roxboro, Dr. Thomas J. Day Jr. DDS, and Lane & Associates Family Dentistry of Roxboro.

Dr. Kenneth Strachan prevailed in the voting for Best Doctor/Healthcare Provider among a deep pool in the Best of Person County voting. Strachan is a hospitalist medical director at North Carolina Specialty Hospital.

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Dr. Jeffrey C. Kafer was the silver medalist, while Michael Parrella, PA from Roxboro Medical Associates was the bronze medal winner.

Others receiving nominations and votes include: Dr. Terri Cates, Dr. James Short, Dr. Patrick Godwin, Lisa Wilson M.D. and Elizabeth Bowlin F.N.P from Person Primary Care, Elizabeth Buno, Dr. Thomas D. Long Jr. M.D., Molly M. Evans PA, Tami Lee PA-C, Tabatha Horner, Anna Stephenson, John Illsley PA Person Family Medical and Dental Center, Dr. Alisa Paily, Dr. Safwat Nasrat, Dr. Demaura Russell.

Dr. Steve D. Garrett from MyEye-Dr. was the winner of the voting for Best Eye Doctor. Dr. Jeanne Chen of Patty Vision was second, followed by Miriam Lavelle Sams of Roxboro Family Vision.

North Carolina Eye, Ear, Nose

and Throat of Roxboro also received nominations and votes.

Jazzercise was the people's choice in a tight vote for Best Fitness Class in Person County. Rox Fitness Center was the second-place finisher, followed by Fitness with Will Paul.

Others receiving votes include: Total Fitness XTreme, Kick Rox with Kristina Slaughter, Pilates with Holly at Rox Fitness, Yoga with Nicole Rippey at Rox Fitness, Cameron Bray at Rox Fitness Center, Yoga with Water and the Well, Glow Yoga at Palace Pointe, Yoga at Person County Recreation, Arts and Parks Department.

Rox Fitness Center was the gold-medal winner for Best Gym. The gym, located on North Madison Boulevard picked up 213 votes. Bullpen Fitness was the silver medalist, followed by American Patriots Gym with the bronze.

Person County Senior Center and Total Fitness XTreme also received

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votes.

Hairplay was the winner among a deep field on nominees for Best Hair Salon in Person County. The North Madison Boulevard salon racked up 266 votes.

Elysian Salon Group was the silver medalist, followed by Mad Hair Studio.

Other salons receiving votes and nominations include: Serenity Salon, Head Mechanix Full Service Re-pHAIR Shop, Studio 57 Hair Salon, Shear Perfection, The Hair Company, the room, Creative Cuts, Hair by Mandie Martin, Blazing Cutz, Hair by Tom & Company, Special Effects Styling Salon.

Pyper Lynch won a tightly-contested race to be voted Best Hair Stylist in Person County. Lynch finished with 129 votes, three more than sec-

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ond-place finisher Carrie Howard of Elysian Salon Group. Nancy “Tootie” Morris of Hair Play finished third, also receiving more than 100 votes.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: Lauren Norris of Serenity Salon, Martha Allen, Beauty by LaKeidra, Bennie Clayton of Elysian Salon Group, Amanda Davis of HairPlay, Joy Colvard, Hannah Reaves of Shear Perfection, Shantel Reese of HairPlay, Jessica Wesley, Mandie Martin, Cindy Leonard of Head Mechanix, Kimberly Painter, Ashley Wesley, Abigail Jacobs Harris of Mad Hair Studio, Kelsey Whitley, Betty Thaxton, Madeline Henderson, Cierra Jackson, Anna Ellis, Tracey Waller, Karen Howerton, Brittany MacDonald at HairPlay, Rachael Denny, Jenna Williams, Alexa Clayton at Hair Play Salon, Chelsea Santana, Michelle Davis at Studio 57 Hair Salon, Johnny Thaxton at Creative Cuts, Wendy Cole, Tom Reaves from Hair by Tom and Company, Cheyenne Simmons, Casey Whitt.

United Health Care was voted Best Home Health Care by the readers. BAYADA Home Health finished second in the voting, followed by Medi Home Health & Hospice. Compass Solutions of North Carolina also received nominations and votes.

Elysian Salon Group took the top two spots for Best Makeup Artist. Sarah Farenga was the winner, with 98 votes, narrowly edging out her

co-worker, Bennie Clayton. Alexa Clayton of Hair Play Salon finished third.

Others receiving nominations and votes include: Jennifer Phillips, Donna Kay Albright, Mia Price from Merle Norman Studio.

Leslie Howren of Serenity Salon was the top vote getter for Best Massage and Body Work Therapist. McIntyre Massage & Body Work finished second, followed by Carleigh Barbour.

Sara Sumner and The Berry Hill Resort and Conference Center in South Boston, Va. also received nominations and votes.

Roxboro Medical Associates was the gold medalist for Best Medical Facility in Person County. Roxboro Family Medicine & Immediate Care was second, followed by North State Medical Center.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: Person Memorial Hospital, Roxboro MedPeds, Person Family Medical & Dental Center and FastMed Urgent Care.

Five nominees received at least 50 votes in the race for Best Nurse in Person County. Fay Solomon was the winner with 135 votes. Jasmine Sanders was second, followed by Brandy Blalock.

Others receiving nominations and votes include: Jennifer Walker, emergency room nurses at Person Memorial Hospital, Christie Windham, Lucinda Kah at Person Memorial Hospital, Courtney Clayton, Lindsay Poole, Zoe Hodgins, Wanda Burch,

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BRONZE: Sherwin Williams Paint Store

## CONTRACTOR/ HOME REMODELER



GOLD: Randy Moore Building Contractors

SILVER: Jacovitch Construction

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## NURSERY & GARDEN CENTER



**GOLD:** Rolling Hills Garden Center

**SILVER:** Lowe's Home Improvement

**BRONZE:** Flat River Nursery

## PLUMBING COMPANY



**GOLD:** Hall's Plumbing Heating & Air

**SILVER:** Daniel Clayton Plumbing

**BRONZE:** Ted's HVAC + Plumbing

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# Person County selects its home and garden bests

By **KELLY SNOW**  
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The readers of *The Courier-Times* cast their votes in support of many businesses and individuals in Home and Garden categories in the Best of Person County.

Long-time Madison Boulevard merchant Furniture Mart was voted the Best Appliance Store. Lowe's Homes Improvement was second, followed by Danville Appliance Sales & Service.

Carpet One Floor & Home was the peoples' choice for Best Carpet and Flooring Store.

Lowe's Home Improvement was the silver medalist, followed by Sherwin-Williams Paint Store.

Flooring by Design in Durham and House of Carpets in South Boston,

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Va. were also nominated and received votes.

Randy Moore Building Contractors was the top vote-getter for Best Contractor/Home Remodeler. Jacovitch Construction was second, followed by Legacy Building Company was third.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: Brad Wesley Construction and Realty, Corey Davis Construction, Jonathan Dillard Construction, CHI, PAC Contractors, Clement Construction Co., Oak Tree Construction, Mike Perry.

Lawrence Electrical picked up the most votes in the Best Electrician category.

Jason Yarborough Electrical was the silver medalist, followed by Tom-

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# Local and community bests honored by voters

By KELLY SNOW

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The readers of *The Courier-Times* made their choices on a variety of categories of local significant.

Carlee Hawkins was selected as the Best Local Artist. Phil Holeman was second in the voting, followed by Candice Ford. Others receiving votes and nominations include: Crystal Hardt, Karen Godwin, Scotty Hein, Ruth Boss.

Three Roxboro Community School students were voted in the top three the Best Local Athlete category. RCS softball standout freshman Presley Leonard was selected as the Best Local Athlete. Middle school athlete Katie Man was second in the voting,

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**GOLD:** Carlee Hawkins  
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## LOCAL ATHLETE



**GOLD:** Presley Leonard  
**SILVER:** Katie Mann  
**BRONZE:** Tori Bailey

## LOCAL BAND



**GOLD:** Brian Ellis and the Real Country Band  
**SILVER:** Brayden Morris & No Direction Band  
**BRONZE:** Misbehavin

## LOCAL CHURCH



**GOLD:** Antioch Baptist Church  
**SILVER:** Mt. Harmony Baptist Church  
**BRONZE:** High View Baptist Church

## LOCAL CIVIC ORGANIZATION



**GOLD:** Steelhorse Strangers Motorcycle Club  
**SILVER:** Animal Protection Society of Person County  
**BRONZE:** Life Choices – Pregnancy & Parenting Support

## LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENT



**GOLD:** Steelhorse Strangers Toy Run  
**SILVER:** Jingle on Main  
**BRONZE:** Roxboro Christmas Parade

## ENTERTAINMENT VENUE



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**SILVER:** 1792 Beer Co.  
**BRONZE:** Tunnel Creek Vineyards

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**SILVER:** Marilyn Newell  
**BRONZE:** Ray Jeffers

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**BRONZE:** Blaine Newton, Hyco Cattle Company

## BEHIND THE SCENES LOCAL HERO



**GOLD:** Ronnie Jeffreys  
**SILVER:** Jarrett Shotwell  
**BRONZE:** Sherry Clayton

## LOCAL HISTORIAN



**GOLD:** Joe Berryhill  
**SILVER:** Clark Oakley  
**BRONZE:** Norwood Walker

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**SILVER:** Ronnie Epps  
**BRONZE:** Bennie Clayton

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# Jeffreys honored for volunteer work

BY GEORGE WILLOUGHBY  
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Person County Veterans Council President and Veterans Mafia Godfather Ronnie Jeffreys has been named Person County's Best Local Volunteer and Best Behind-The-Scenes Local Hero for 2023.

The United States Marine Corps veteran said even being nominated was humbling.

"It's humbling – it's totally humbling to be up against everyone else in those categories," Jeffreys told *The Courier-Times*. "I was shocked. I think the Lord puts everyone on this planet with a calling and I think my calling is making sure my fellow veterans are taken care of. With the Veterans Council, the American Legion, the Disabled American Vet-

erans (DAV) and the Person County Veterans Mafia, it's a group effort and I think we're doing a great job of making sure our veterans are taken care of and that's the key for me. I'm just privileged to be the face of some of these organizations. It's a group effort. These awards aren't just for me, they're for all of us."

Despite becoming the face of veterans in Person County, Jeffreys did not get involved immediately.

"I came back to North Carolina in 1996 after I graduated college," Jeffreys said "When I came back, I had the typical young veteran mentality that I was tired of the military and didn't want anything to do with it and it took me probably seven or eight years before I went

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THE COURIER-TIMES FILE PHOTO

Ronnie Jeffreys (center, left) and members of the Person County Veterans Council pay tribute to fallen soldiers during a recent event at the Person County Veterans Park.

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# Wilborn named top elected official, personality



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Jason Wilborn was joined by his family as he sworn in as Person County Sheriff this past January.

By **GEORGE WILLOUGHBY**  
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With a first-place finish this year, Sheriff Jason Wilborn continued the sheriff’s streak as the best local elected official in *The Courier-Times*’ 2023 Best Of Person County.

Wilborn also takes home the title of best local personality, which he shared last year with other members of the WSkeet-TV stable.

Wilborn said the sheriff’s continuous spot at the top of the local official category speaks highly of the citizens of Person County.

“Being that the sheriff has continuously won best elected official speaks to how much the citizens of the county respect the Sheriff’s Office and the office

of the sheriff and law enforcement in general,” Wilborn said. “They stand behind us in law enforcement and that’s something to be noted when people want to not show support for law enforcement. I think it speaks volumes of the citizens of this county to have that support system out there for us. I think it’s not just a representation of me, it’s a representation of all law enforcement in the county – whether it’s the Sheriff’s Office, Highway Patrol or Wildlife. I guess my name is attached to it as the sheriff, but I think it’s an overall representation of law enforcement.”

On being named best local personality, Wilborn said he tries to be accessible to the public.

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Front Row: Paige Lovette, Carrie Howard, Sarah Farenga, Lelia McGregor  
Back Row: Kelley Thomas, Bennie Clayton (not pictured: Shirley O’Brien, Lizzy StJohn, Wendy Cole)

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to a Legion meeting and I went for a while and then I stopped. Then about six years ago, I really got involved in the Legion because I realized I needed something to be associated with the people who speak the way I do. Veterans will say that a lot of times and people who have never been in the military will never understand it. You can sit down with a veteran and you've got things in common that civilians may not understand. If a fellow Marine walked in and sat down, I may have never met them, but we've got everything in common. That's what I finally figured out I needed and that's what we're trying to push out"

With more than 3,000 veterans in the county, Jeffreys said the local groups are trying to be a support system for any veteran who needs it.

## 'I've got your six'

That mentality led to the formation of the Person County Veterans Mafia, which meets weekly at 1792 Beer Co.

"That's what the Person County Veterans Mafia is about – veterans supporting veterans," Jeffreys said. "There are no agendas. We meet every week and we hear the same stories every week with different twists. We sit there and if someone is having a hard time, we sit there and listen. That's what I love about being a veteran here and that's what I love about the Veterans Council, the Legion, the DAV and the Mafia. We just listen to each other. We always tell each other, 'I've got your six.'"

The Veterans Mafia is a little over a year old.

"One veteran was over there and made a phone call and said they needed to talk," Jeffreys said "We started as two and now we average anywhere from 20 to 40 veterans



THE COURIER-TIMES FILE PHOTO BY KELLY SNOW

Ronnie Jeffreys, shown here during last year's Roxboro Christmas Parade, is known as the Godfather of the Person County Veterans Mafia, a group of veterans who come together weekly to socialize.

each week. And we're so active – we try to take care of our community because they take care of us."

At last year's Veterans Ball, the-

mafia made a donation to the North Carolina Firefighters' Burned Chil-

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dren Fund and has donated to local Boy Scouts, the Person High School JROTC program and has donated picnic tables to the Timberlake Volunteer Fire Department and Person County EMS.

Two more local organizations will be supported through funds from the mafia formation’s weekly donation jar later this year, Jeffreys said.

Jeffreys said the mafia formation has also helped reach an overlooked population – female veterans.

“We don’t take ourselves seriously,” Jeffreys said. “We like to enjoy each other’s company and we’re here to make sure we take care of Person County’s veterans and get the word out to them that if they need somebody to talk to, call us. You always hear 22 a day – there are 22 veterans every day who are fighting the demons and give in to the demons and we need to change that and that’s

what the mafia is about. It’s great for your mental health and I’m just grateful to be a part of it.”

Jeffreys contends that Person County and the City of Roxboro are the most veteran-friendly county and city in the state and highlighted Chief Kenneth Torain with the City of Roxboro Fire Department.

“We always joke around with Chief Torain and tell him he’s not allowed to retire,” Jeffreys said. “I have so much respect for that man. He called me up one day and asked if I was in town and I wasn’t so he sent me a picture – he took his crew that was working on a Saturday to the Veterans Park and totally cleaned out the flower beds and put down mulch and everything. He’s a good man and a real asset for the City of Roxboro. [Person County] Sheriff [Jason] Wilborn is a real supporter of us. [Roxboro Police] Chief [David] Hess is a supporter of us and [Emergency Services] Director Thom

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Ronnie Jeffreys, shown here speaking during a recent event at the Person County Veterans Park, was selected as the Best Local Volunteer and Best Behind the Scenes Local Hero by the readers of The Courier-Times.

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# WILBORN

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“The WSkeetTV stuff and me being out in front of the public and being accessible to people helps,” Wilborn said. “I have people who reach out on social media or they come by the office or when I’m out to eat – I just try to be available to the citizens of this county when I’m able to and I think the public sees and recognizes that because I get invitation to come speak or other things. I recently got asked by Cry Freedom Missions to participate in the Dance For Change at RCS and those are things I enjoy doing – I love being in front of the community and showing my personality. My personality helped in winning the election and my success in being the sheriff I think is related to the personality I strive to have. Just

being myself – I coached little league sports for the past 15 years and showed my personality there and influencing kids and they’re adults now and I think that reflects my personality and I hope people see that.”

Wilborn also credited the others in both categories.

“I can’t thank people enough,” Wilborn said. “To even be mentioned with the group of people in those categories and to be on the same level as those people – I’m proud of it and I’m very thankful that people think that much of me.”

Initially sworn in Dec. 5, Wilborn has been in office approximately five months.

In that time, he has set a priority of keeping his workforce in place

“My first priority is keeping the people of this county and their property safe and my

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THE COURIER-TIMES FILE PHOTO BY KELLY SNOW

Jason Wilborn, dressed here as Sheriff Woody from the Toy Story franchise during a Roxboro Christmas Parade, was selected by the readers of The Courier-Times as the Best Local Personality and Best Local Elected Official.





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# WILBORN

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second priority is ensuring the men and women who work for me have the tools they need to get their job done,” Wilborn said. “I can’t do the first thing unless I have the second in place. My main goal is to keep the men and women in the office and keep that office fully staffed as much as possible because there is a significant need statewide.”

At the recent North Carolina Sheriff’s Business Conference, Wilborn said some sheriffs said they are up to 20 deputies short or only half staffed in their detention center.

Wilborn said the office’s search and recovery team is nearly complete with a boat purchased and deputies undergoing dive training.

“The guy I have looking after that team said, ‘Sheriff, this equipment is going to be expensive, but I;m ordering some of the best we can get,’” Wilborn said. “I told him, ‘I want the best for my people.’ If you have to go 30 or 40 feet underwater, I want my people to resurface and come back to me.”

Wilborn highlighted the use of asset forfeiture money to make purchases.

“We may not be able to match salaries with the surrounding counties, but I can match equipment,” Wilborn said. “The equipment they can use to protect themselves and the citizens of this county – you can’t put a price tag on that.”

Other recent purchases using asset forfeiture money include a drone and a street-legal side-by-side UTV for the search and

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Jason Wilborn and Person County deputies make their way to the Person Courthouse to be sworn in to service.



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# JEFFREYS

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Schwalenberg with EMS – it’s all of their park as much as it is ours. In my opinion, Person County and the City of Roxboro is the most veteran-friendly county and city in the state of North Carolina and I’d love for another city or county to prove me wrong. It’s unreal how the county and the city – the governmental agencies and the citizens – take care of us. If we need something, they’re there for us and support us. All of the emergency services, any time we need them, they’re there. You don’t get this kind of support in other counties.”

At it’s Memorial Day ceremony May 29, the Veterans Council will break ground on a reflection pool honoring the county veterans who were killed in action with plans to make a full dedication next year.

“The original group built that park – they came up with it, they

fundraised, they built it and it’s beautiful and now it falls on me as president to carry on their values and their ideas,” Jeffreys said.

“The current Veterans Council, we’re in the process of expanding it. We’re raising money for a reflection pool that’s going to go at the park. Hopefully that will be dedicated next May on Memorial Day in honor of soldiers from Person County who were killed in action.”

To raise money for the pool, the Veterans Mafia is completing a 10.5-mile rucksack march starting at Timberlake Fire Department to the Veterans Park May 27.

Other events this year include American Legion Post 138’s annual craft fair at the Veterans Park June 17, a flag retirement ceremony to be scheduled for July and a Patriot’s Day ceremony and emergency vehicle parade Sept. 9 leading up to the Weekend of Honor coinciding with Veterans Day in November.

# WILBORN

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recovery team and equipment and an old transport ambulance to serve as the mobile command unit for the Special Response Team.

The Sheriff’s Office also just completed the first facelift of the Law Enforcement Center since the 1990s with a pressure washing and new landscaping, Wilborn said.

Wilborn said he’d also like to tackle the hill behind the LEC with new landscaping.

Other major projects Wilborn has eyes on are a road-side cleanup program to supplement the funding the county gets from the state for housing inmates convicted of misdemeanors and sentenced between 90 days and two years.

Wilborn says he also has eyes on getting a body scan-

ner for the detention center to curb contraband entering the jail and a Person County Sheriff’s Office mobile application.

The app will be free to download and completely customizable by the Sheriff’s Office.

Wilborn said he plans to have inmate information with charges and bonds, National Weather Service information, sex offender registry and concealed carry permit process information.

“The biggest benefit from that is that we can get information instantly to the citizens, Wilborn said. “If you have that app on your phone and notifications on, if there’s an armed robbery at a convenience store for example, almost instantly I can put that notification out to the citizens and information to be on the look out for.”

Wilborn said he hopes the app will be live in June.



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# Boyette voted Best Local School Coach

By **SILAS ALBRIGHT**  
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The responsibility that comes with being a coach and leader isn't something Kyle Boyette takes lightly.

"There are nights where I lose sleep because I still don't think I'm doing enough," Boyette said. "That's always part of it. I guess that's part of the reason why I continue to show up, because I don't think the job is ever done. I feel that there's always a way to be better than I was the day before, whether that's my attitude with the guys or a decision I made in a game. Everything matters to me. It's a constant reworking of how I'm doing things or how I'm looking at things."

Boyette, who's in his seventh season as head baseball coach at Person High School, was voted the best coach of Person County in 2023 by the readers of *The Courier-Times*.

"It's special. I'm left speechless," Boyette said, pausing before finding more words. "I think it speaks a lot to the guys and coaching staff I have around me, too. I don't think I'd be where I am today without the guys I have helping me or the guys on the team, the seniors I've had the past few years and the guys I had way back when I first started. Everything that's happened has shaped where we're at as a program and I couldn't be more grateful for the community and their

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THE COURIER-TIMES FILE PHOTO

Person High School head baseball coach Kyle Boyette celebrates with his players after they clinched the program's first conference championship since 2002.

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# Leonard selected Best Local Athlete



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Presley Leonard has made the smooth transition to playing third base for the Roxboro Community School softball team this season.

By SILAS ALBRIGHT

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When she was 10 years old, Presley Leonard witnessed an influential moment at a University of North Carolina softball game.

"I saw a girl hug her dad after she hit a home run and that really inspired me," Leonard said. "It really told me that I should work harder because I want to do that one day. I want to make my parents happy. I've always dreamed of playing college softball, too."

Leonard, a standout freshman on Roxboro Community School's softball team, was voted the Best Local Athlete by readers of *The Courier-Times*.

"It's made me feel good about myself because I would've never imagined getting this," Leonard said. "From just being a little girl growing up, playing rec ball, I never thought that I'd be winning athlete of the year for Person County."

Over 17 regular season games, Leonard batted .300 with four doubles, a triple, two homers, 14 RBIs and 15 runs as the Bulldogs' everyday third baseman in her first year competing at the high school level.

Growing up, Leonard's natural position was in the outfield, but when the team needed her at third base this year, she was up for the challenge after seeing time at the hot corner in 12U.

Leonard recorded a fielding percentage of .917 with just three errors on the year.

"We had a hole at third so she's been able to step up and play there. She's been a pretty consistent bat," RCS head coach Michael Clark said. "There have been several instances where we needed a hit and she's come up and given us a hit when we need-

ed it. She's been a great addition for us all the way around, on defense and offense."

Leonard's success on the field this year didn't happen by chance, either—she puts in the work.

"I practice almost seven days a week," Leonard said. "Sometimes, it's just me and my dad throwing in the yard or working on small things. I have batting practice once a week and then I practice with school ball four or five times a week. On weekends, I'm either practicing with my travel team or playing in a tournament."

Leonard credited her father, Ronnie Leonard, and Clark for helping her become the player she is today.

"Shoutout to my dad because he's really my biggest fan. From us arguing in the yard a lot to him throwing with me and pitching me balls in the batting cage—small things help a lot," Leonard said. "I didn't think I would like (coach Michael Clark), but he's a really good coach. It's definitely going to be really hard to leave him my senior year because he's a really good coach."

Leonard started playing softball at age three and fell in love with the game during rec ball. After being selected for a 10U all-star team, she started to take it more seriously. Since then, she's played travel ball and school ball year round.

Aside from her contributions on the field, Clark said Leonard has made a positive impact on the team dynamic as well.

"She's a good kid. She's a little silly," Clark said. "Everything is a joke with her so she keeps us laughing. She's good to be

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Person High School baseball coach Kyle Boyette, shown here during a game this season, was recently voted as the Best Local School Coach by the readers of The Courier-Times.

## BOYETTE

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support. I really think that the best days for us are ahead. To see the excitement from the community this year, I think there's going to be even more as we move forward. I couldn't be more appreciative or grateful of the opportunity to win this award. That's a special thing."

Under Boyette's guidance, the trajectory of his program took a leap over the last two seasons.

This year, Person (14-9, 7-5 Central Conference) wrapped up its regular season with its most wins in a decade.

Last year, the Rockets pulled off a thrilling postseason run that ended with a Central Conference tournament championship and a banner hung on the outfield wall at Lela Barker Field.

Boyette came by his passion for baseball honestly—and naturally. His grandfather won hundreds of

games as a coach at Wake Forest High School.

Boyette's father, Clyde, won a state championship for North Johnston in 1981 before going on to play at Louisburg College and N.C. State. Clyde was inducted into the Johnston County Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011.

"So I was kind of destined to be part of the game in one way or another," Kyle Boyette said. "I started playing when I was four and played up until I started coaching."

Boyette mostly pitched and played corner infield for Middle Creek High School in Wake County and helped the Mustangs win a conference championship.

While at Middle Creek, Boyette played against Holly Springs pitcher Carlos Rodon, one of the most dominant pitchers in North Carolina high school baseball history and now a two-time MLB all-star.

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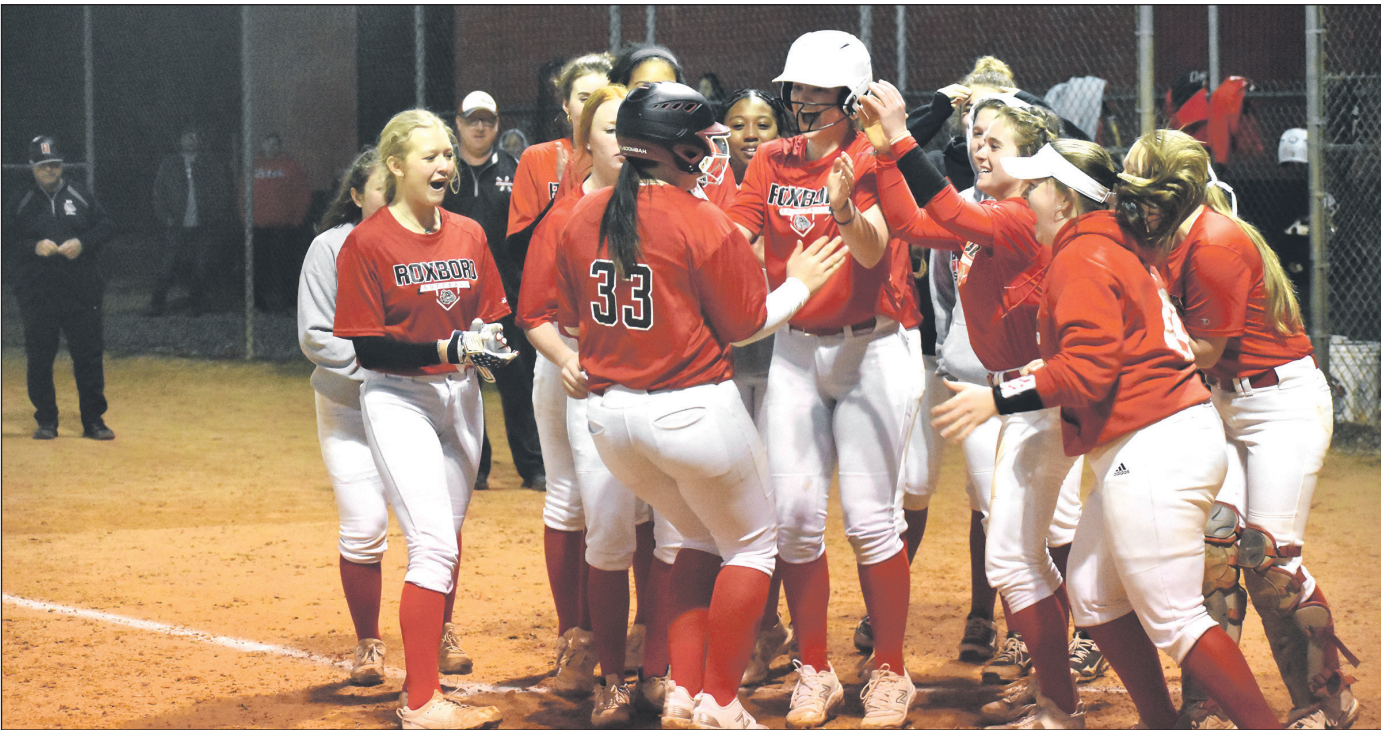
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around and she keeps a smile on everyone's face."

Now with a strong freshman season under her belt, Leonard has an opportunity to continue building on what she's already accomplished.

"As long as she keeps her head in it and continues with the will to grow and learn, she's got tons of possibilities," Clark said. "Right now, I think she's her own worst enemy, just as far as being so hard on herself sometimes. The stars are the limit if she wants to be there—she's got the ability to do it."

The Roxboro Community School softball team earned a spot in this year's North Carolina High School Athletic Association 1A state playoffs.



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Roxboro Community School softball player Presley Leonard, shown here being mobbed by teammates after a home run this season, was voted as the Best Athlete in Person County by the readers of The Courier-Times.

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# BOYETTE

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After high school, Boyette went on to graduate from N.C. State on a teaching fellows scholarship.

Boyette’s coaching career began in 2012 at Holly Springs, a perennial state powerhouse, as an assistant coach with the JV team under the tutelage of longtime varsity head coach Rod Whitesell.

“Coach Rod has been a big part of my development as a coach and how you want to approach different things,” Boyette said. “He’s been (at Holly Springs) close to 20 years now and built that program into what it is. I’m extremely grateful for him and the five years I had with him.”

Boyette eventually moved up to lead the JV team and before long, was offered his first head job at Person in 2017.

After a sit-down with Whitesell,

Boyette accepted. Person hadn’t had a winning record in three seasons before Boyette arrived on the scene.

The Rockets finished with a losing record in each of Boyette’s first six years, but he kept showing up, making adjustments, and giving it his best.

The labor began to pay off with the conference tournament championship run late last season and the momentum carried into 2023.

“It’s been special,” Boyette said. “Last year when we made that run, to see the community support was incredible. Holly Springs was fun and I enjoyed it, but you don’t get that same feel that you do here. The community support and the way the town just rallied around us, that was special to be a part of.”

Boyette is also a math teacher at Person High School and was the third-place finisher for Best Teacher in the Best of Person County voting.



SILAS ALBRIGHT | THE COURIER-TIMES.

Person High School coach Kyle Boyette (left), was selected by the readers of The Courier-Times as the Best Local School Coach in Person County.



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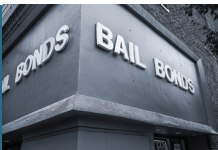


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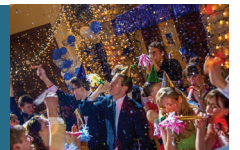


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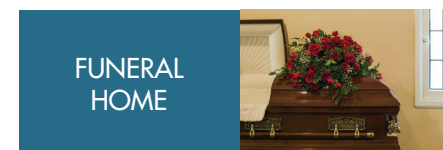
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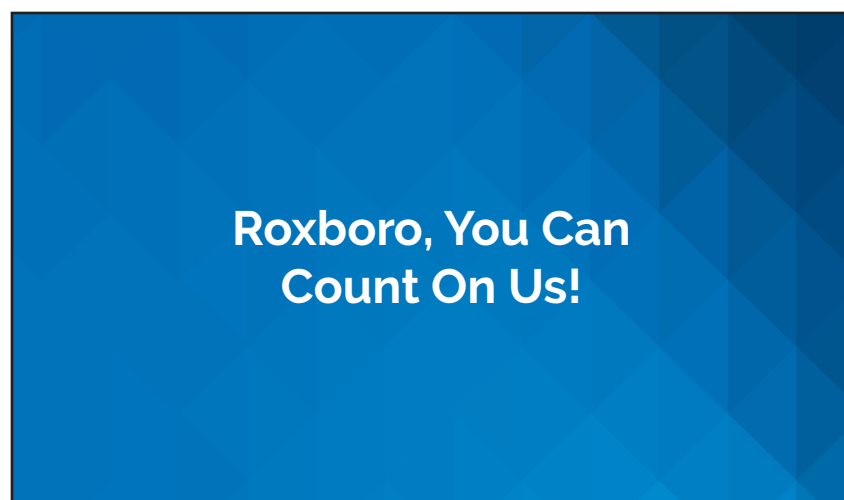
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**GOLD:** Clayton & Hurdle Disposal Service Inc.  
**SILVER (tied):** Person County Recycle Center  
**SILVER (tied):** City of Roxboro



**GOLD:** Winstead's Glass  
**SILVER (tied):** Hicks Glass House  
**SILVER (tied):** Roxboro Glass Co. Inc.



**GOLD:** Caswell Pines Golf Club  
**SILVER:** Lake Winds Golf Course  
**BRONZE:** Mill Creek Golf Club



**GOLD:** Hampton Inn, Roxboro  
**SILVER:** Timberland Motel  
**BRONZE:** Quality Inn, Roxboro South



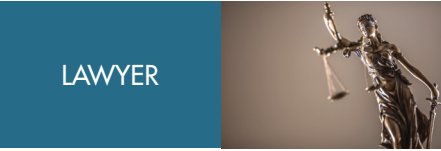
**GOLD:** Lisa Echevarria, State Farm Insurance  
**SILVER:** N.C. Farm Bureau Insurance  
**BRONZE:** Carver Insurance



**GOLD:** Sharon Coats at State Farm  
**SILVER:** Angela Austin  
**BRONZE:** Rodney Huff at Farm Bureau



**GOLD:** Grissom & Holloman, PC  
**SILVER:** Hubbard and Cates, Attorneys at Law  
**BRONZE:** Long Law Office, PA



**GOLD:** Christy Grissom, Grissom & Holloman  
**SILVER:** Daniel Long, Long Law  
**BRONZE:** Julie A. Ramsey



**GOLD:** AJ'z Auto & Tire  
**SILVER:** Ford Brothers Auto Repair  
**BRONZE:** Garrey Martin



**GOLD:** Specialty Design Co.  
**SILVER:** R&S Sporting Goods/Sign Graphics  
**BRONZE:** Rox City Apparel



**GOLD:** My Life Matters  
**SILVER:** Cry Freedom Missions Roxboro Shoppe  
**BRONZE:** Steelhorse Strangers Motorcycle Club



**GOLD:** Finish Line Pest Control  
**SILVER:** Stone's Exterminating  
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**GOLD:** Roxboro Animal Hospital  
**SILVER:** Woodsdale Animal Hospital  
**BRONZE:** Pet's Companion Inn



**GOLD:** Laura Bowen  
**SILVER:** Helena's Pet Grooming  
**BRONZE:** Roxboro Animal Hospital



**GOLD:** Community Pharmacy of Roxboro  
**SILVER:** Cole's Pharmacy  
**BRONZE:** Community Pharmacy Services



**GOLD:** Brittany Niehaus Photography  
**SILVER:** Abby Perkins Photography  
**BRONZE:** Natalie Clayton, A Latte Love Photography



**GOLD:** AS&L Alarm & Camera Systems  
**SILVER:** ADT Security Services  
**BRONZE:** InControl CEI Timberlake



**GOLD:** My Life Matters  
**SILVER:** The Dance Connection  
**BRONZE:** Roxboro Gymnastics Academy



**GOLD:** Libby's Tax Service  
**SILVER:** Dan Craig CPA  
**BRONZE:** Stephen Wilson, CPA PA



**GOLD:** Brann's Wrecker Service  
**SILVER:** Brandon's Wrecker Services Inc.  
**BRONZE:** Dusty's Towing



**GOLD:** Bahama Road Veterinary Hospital  
**SILVER:** Dr. E, Roxboro Animal Hospital  
**BRONZE:** Woodsdale Animal Hospital



**GOLD:** Tunnel Creek Vineyards  
**SILVER:** Carver Lake Venue  
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# Favorite professionals standout in Best of Person County

By **KELLY SNOW**  
kellysnow@roxboro-courier.com

The readers of *The Courier-Times* made their voices heard and celebrated their favorites in professional services in the Best of Person County.

Tim Williams was the winner for Best Auctioneer. Catherine Winstead from Winstead's Antique Auction Co. was the silver medalist, followed by Phillip Walker Auctions.

Bowes Collision Center was top vote getter for Best Auto Body and Paint Shop. Dreamworks Motorsports was second, followed by Ford Brothers Auto Repair.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: Martin Body Shop, Roxboro Auto Body, Dave's Auto Body, Wilborn's Body Shop, Blalock Automotive.

AJ's Auto & Tire was the winner for Best Auto Service Center. Ford Brothers Auto Repair was second, Brann's Wrecker Service. Others receiving

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votes include: Total Tire/Best Tire, Ralph's Auto Center, County Line Automotive, Robert's Service Mart, Mr. Tire Auto Service Center, Litchfield Service Station, Boyd's Tar Heel Chevrolet GMC, Rose Automotive, Marathon Gas.

Roxboro Assisted Living, formerly known as Cambridge Hills Assisted Living, was the top vote getter for Best Assisted Living Facility and Long Term Care.

Canterbury House was second, followed by Roxboro Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center.

A Better Bail Company was the peoples choice for Best Bail Bonding Company in Person County. A1 Bail Bond is second, followed by Act II Bail Bonds.

Roxboro Savings Bank was the winner for Best Bank by the voters of

Person County.

Carter Bank & Trust was second, followed by Fidelity Bank.

Wells Fargo Bank, Truist and First National Bank each received votes and nominations.

Trecia Sanford from Roxboro Savings Bank was the top vote getter for Best Bank Teller.

Rachel Tuck, also of Roxboro Savings Bank was second, followed by Oscar Vargas from the State Employees Credit Union.

Cicely Wilborn, Penny Pennington and Summer Walker each received votes.

Elysian Salon Group was voted as the Best Birthday Party Venue. Palace Pointe was second, followed by The Dance Connection.

Others receiving nominations and votes include:

Homestead Steakhouse & Restaurant, Roxboro Gymnastics Academy, 1792 Beer Co., Mayo Lake Park, Tun-

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nel Creek Vineyards, Hyco Lake Recreation Area.

Brightleaf Auto Detailing was the top vote getter for Best Car Detailing.

Local merchant 360 Detail was second, followed by Mr. Franks.

The Wave Car Wash was the winner of Best Car Wash.

Autorific was second, followed by Scoot Thru.

Small World Day Care was the choice for Best Child Care/Day Care. Sonshiners was second, followed by PCC Child Development Center.

Others receiving

votes and nominations: Mother Goose Preschool Early Learning Center, Georgiana Wolfe, Renee Oakley, Lester's Toddler Center, Learn & Play Children's Academy.

Eddie and Laura Burton Realty Group with Keller Williams Preferred Realty was the top choice for Best Commercial Real Estate Company. Sherry Clayton of Keller Williams was second, followed by Pointer & Associates Real Estate. Brad Wesley Construction & Realty was nominated and received votes.

State Employees Credit Union was the top vote getter for Best Credit Union. Vision Financial FCU was second, followed by ElecTel



Cooperative Federal Credit Union.

State Farm Insurance Agent Lisa Echevarria was the winner of Best Customer Service.

Finish Line Pest Control was second, while

Elysian Salon Group and Furniture Mart tied for third.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: Saunders Chiropractic Clinic, Community Pharmacy

of Roxboro, Roxboro Savings Bank, Ford Brothers Auto Repair, Russell's Limited, Dunn Right Home Services, Community Pharmacy of Timberlake, Specialty Design Co., Tribbie

Dare's Boutique, Roxboro Heating and Air, Madison Marketplace, N.C. Farm Bureau Insurance, Clegg's Termite & Pest Control, Footwear Plus, Whitney Best at Total Tire/Best Tire, Food Lion Durham Road, Roxboro Animal Hospital, Ted's HVAC, Fidelity Bank, Recie Krems of Carver Agency, Tractor Supply Co., Timber Hill Country Store, Walker Insurance Agency, Ron Corlew of State Farm, First National Bank.

Christi Lappin was the choice for Best Dance Instructor. Katlyn Quick was second, followed by Heather Sanford.

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Teresa Coleman, Jennifer Ashworth and Mandi Whitlow were also nominated and received votes.

The Dance Connection were the top choice for Best Dance Studio in Person County. Christi's Dance Center finished second, followed by Fabulous Feet Dance Academy.

Nina's School of Dance and Essence-Movement Dance Studio in South Boston were also nominated and received votes.

Horner Financial Services was the top vote getter for Best Financial Services. The State Employees Credit Union were the second highest vote getter, followed by Roxboro Savings Bank.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: David Bremer – Edward Jones Financial Advisor, Truist, Fidelity Bank, Vision Financial FCU,

First National Bank.

Village Gallery Florist & Gift was the runaway winner for Best Florist by the voters of Person County. Four Seasons Floral & Gifts were second, followed by Kreative Designs.

Renee's, Cultivate Flower Company, Wisters were all nominated and received votes.

Brooks & White Funeral Home were the peoples choice for Best Funeral Home.

Strickland & Jones Memorial Funeral Services was second, followed by Cunningham & Nelson Funeral Home. Alan L. Lawson Mortuary was nominated and received votes.

Clayton & Hurdle Disposal Service was the winner of the Best Garbage/ Recycling Service category. Person County Recycle Center and City of Roxboro tied for second. Trustworthy & Affordable Garbage Service and First Piedmont were also nominated and received votes.

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Best Lawyer,  
Christy Grissom



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Winstead’s Glass was the top vote getter for Best Glass Repair Company. Hicks Glass House and Roxboro Glass tied for second place.

Caswell Pines Golf Club was the winner for Best Golf Course Serving Person County Residents.

Lake Winds Golf Course finished second, followed by Mill Creek Golf Club. Southern Hills Golf Course in Danville, Va. was also nominated and received votes.

Hampton Inn of Roxboro was the top vote getter for Best Hotel/Motel in Person County.

Timberland Motel was second, followed by Quality Inn-Roxboro South.

America’s Best Value Inn was nominated.

State Farm Insurance Agent Lisa Echevarria was the choice for Best Insurance Agency in Person County. N.C. Farm Bureau Insurance was second, followed by Carver Insurance.



Others nominated and receiving votes included: Walker Insurance Agency, KB Hamlett Insurance Agency, Huff’s Insurance & Realty, Dun-  
evant’s Insurance Agency – Nation-  
wide Insurance, Piedmont Security

Insurance Agency, McKee Insurance.  
Sharon Coats of State Farm was  
the winner of Best Insurance Agent.  
Angela Austin was second, followed  
by Rodney Huff at Farm Bureau.  
Others receiving nominations and

votes include: Jayme Welch, Linda  
Vernon, Sonja Vaughn, Neal Bowes,  
Will Carver, Vickie Wrenn, Larry  
Hamlett, Michael Clark, Renee Shaw,  
Bruce Moore Agency, Blake McSher-  
ry, Audrey Whitlow, Stacy Hill, Sha-  
ron Slaughter, Norman Boyette, Ron  
Corlew, Leigh Henderson.

Grissom & Holloman, PC is the  
top vote getter for Best Law Firm.  
Hubbard and Cates Attorneys at Law  
was second, while Long Law Office  
finished third.



Others receiving nominations and  
votes include: Julie A. Ramsey, Joe  
Weinberger, Tolin Law, King Law  
Group PLLC, Watkins Law PLLC.

Christy Grissom was the winner  
for Best Lawyer in Person County.  
Daniel Long of Long Law was second,  
followed by Julie A. Ramsey.





Others receiving votes and nomina-  
tions include: Lin Cates, Joe Wein-  
berger, Wells King, Walter Cates, Ben  
Grissom, Adam Watkins.

AJ’s Auto & Tire was the peoples


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# Bethel Hill Charter School




## Best Elementary School




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### Bridget Melton, Best Teacher Lakeisha Bailey, Best Support Staff Kelly Franco, Best Support Staff



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## COMMUNITY COLLEGE TEACHER



**GOLD:** Chandler Fry  
**SILVER:** Scott Tatum  
**BRONZE:** Valerie Hein

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE/ TRADE SCHOOL



**GOLD:** Piedmont Community College  
**SILVER:** Alamance Community College  
**BRONZE:** Vance-Granville Community College

## EARLY CHILDHOOD PRESCHOOL



**GOLD:** Long Memorial Preschool  
**SILVER:** Small World Day Care  
**BRONZE:** Weeschool Roxboro Baptist

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



**GOLD:** Bethel Hill Charter School  
**SILVER:** Helena Elementary School  
**BRONZE:** Oak Lane Elementary School

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



**GOLD:** Dwayne Johnson  
**SILVER:** Jessica Poole  
**BRONZE:** Heather Bowling

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER



**GOLD:** Suzanne Boyette  
**SILVER:** Richard Hughes  
**BRONZE:** Bridget Melton

## HIGH SCHOOL



**GOLD:** Person High School  
**SILVER:** Roxboro Community School  
**BRONZE:** Person Early College for Innovation and Leadership

## HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



**GOLD:** Darkarai Bryant  
**SILVER:** Michelle Honeycutt  
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**GOLD:** Jeff Jennings  
**SILVER:** Phillip Gillis  
**BRONZE:** Kyle Boyette



**GOLD:** Roxboro Community School  
**SILVER (tie):** Southern Middle School  
**SILVER (tie):** Northern Middle School



**GOLD:** Donna Ingram  
**SILVER:** Patrick Holmes  
**BRONZE:** Ashley Warren



**GOLD:** Laura Jennings  
**SILVER:** Tara Dickerson  
**BRONZE (tied):** Heather Lewis  
**BRONZE (tied):** Alexandra Clayton-Porter



**GOLD:** Pam Wilkins  
**SILVER:** Toni Whitlow  
**BRONZE (tied):** Nancy Berryhill  
**BRONZE (tied):** Laura Dallas



**GOLD:** Kayla Rice  
**SILVER (tied):** Hannah Evans  
**SILVER (tied):** Carter Nichols



**GOLD:** Amy Kennedy  
**SILVER:** Laura Graham  
**BRONZE (tied):** Kelly Franco  
**BRONZE (tied):** Lakeisha Plenty-Bailey

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# Teachers, schools celebrated by C-T readers

By **KELLY SNOW**  
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The readers of *The Courier-Times* showed their appreciation to their favorite schools and educators in the Best of Person County.

Piedmont Community School swept the top three spots for Best Community College Teacher. English teacher Dr. Chandler Fry was the voters' choice for Best Community College teacher. Welding instructor Scott Tatum was the silver medalist, followed by cosmetology teacher Valerie Hein.

Piedmont Community College teachers William Hatchett and Bryan Ruffin also received nominations and votes.

Piedmont Community College was the overwhelming selection for Best Community College/Trade School. Alamance Community College finished second in the voting, followed by Vance-Granville Community College.

Long Memorial Preschool was the top vote-getter for Best Early Childhood Preschool. Small World Day Care was second, followed by Weeschool of Roxboro Baptist.

Others to receive nominations and votes include: Sonshiners Preschool, Piedmont Community College Childhood Development Center, Earl Bradsher Preschool Center, Early Intervention and Family Services, Mt. Zion Methodist, Roxboro Christian Academy, Tiny Tummies.

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Bethel Hill Charter School was the people's choice for Best Elementary School. Helena Elementary School was second, followed by Oak Lane Elementary.

Other schools to receive nominations and votes include: Woodland Elementary, Stories Creek Elementary, South Elementary, North End Elementary, North Elementary, Carolina Community Academy at North Elementary.

Woodland Elementary School principal Dwayne Johnson was the winner of the Best Principal voting. Bethel Hill Charter School principal Jessica Poole was second, followed by Oak Lane's Heather Bowling.

Others to be nominated and receive votes include: South Elementary principal Whitney Sharlow, Helena Elementary principal Sherita Fuller, Stories Creek Elementary principal Dusty Martin.

Bethel Hill Charter School teacher Suzanne Boyette was voted as Elementary School Teacher of the Year. Woodland's Rick Hughes was second, followed by Bridget Melton from Bethel Hill Charter School.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: Bransyn Whitfield, April Jo Revels, Shelly Perry, Nicole Chalk, Melissa Currier, Julie Goodwin, Carla Wilkins, Freda Tillman, Kim Solomon, Monica Long, Stacey Hatley, Erica Hatcher, Kelsey Martin, Allison Bowes, Carrie Briggs, Mary Jane Bowman, Stephanie Hopper, Jenni Puryear, Jodi Panther, Rick Baltes, Melisa Poindexter, Amanda Frazier.

Person High School took the top spot in voting for Best High School in Person County. Roxboro Community School was second, followed by Person Early College for Innovation & Leadership.



Person County School Virtual Academy was also nominated and received votes.

Roxboro Community School's Darkarai Bryant was selected as the Best High School Principal. Bryant recently accepted the position of Managing Executive Director at Roxboro Community School and will be taking over for retiring Dave Ebert at the end of this school year. Person High School's first-year principal Michelle Honeycutt was second, while Shirlrona Johnson was third.

Person High School assistant principal Prentice Hargrove and Person County Schools Virtual Academy principal Tisha Duncan were nominated and received votes.

Person High School drafting teacher Jeff Jen-

nings was voted Best High School Teacher by the C-T readers. Roxboro Community School teacher Phillip Gillis was second, followed by Person High School math teacher and baseball coach Kyle Boyette.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: Keegan Stoops, Ashley Bailey, Steve Dunevant, Stephen Poindexter, Jamie Phelps, Raymond Myers.

Roxboro Community School was selected as the Best Middle School in Person County by the C-T voters. Southern and Northern middle schools tied for second.

Roxboro Community School's Donna Ingram

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was chosen as the Best Middle School Principal. Ingram is retiring from RCS at the conclusion of this school year.

Southern Middle School principal Patrick Holmes was second, followed by Northern Middle School's Ashley Warren.

Southern Middle School teacher Laura Jennings was the peoples' choice as Best Middle School teacher. Northern's Tara Dickerson was second, while RCS teachers Heather Lewis and Alexandra Clayton-Porter tied for third.

Other teachers to receive votes and nominations include: Laquetta Rogers, Katie Austin, Hannah Vaughan, Judy Clayton, Tracey Atkins, Jordan Butner, Bert Poole, Kayla Gatewood, Kayla Walker, April Cobb, Justin Campbell, Nicole Outlaw.

Pam Wilkins from Weeschool was voted the Best Preschool Teacher. Toni Whitlow from Sonshiners was second, while Nancy Berryhill and Laura Dallas tied for third.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: Pam Day, Keisha Satterfield, Courtney Dixon,

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Small World Staff, PCC Child Development Center staff, Earl Bradsher staff, Brenda Bittner, Sharon Davis, Linda Woods, Sam Craig, Karla Mangum, Paige Scoggins, Chiquita Hamlett, Sondra Rich, Joanna Weaver, Tweety Hamlett.

Person Early College for Innovation and Leadership senior Kayla Rice was voted Best Student Leader by the C-T readers.

Person High School students Hannah Evans and Carter Nichols tied for second. Others receiving votes and nominations include: Zane Lappin, Grace Pryor, Farrah Porterfield and Chase Dukes.

Person High School's Amy Kennedy was the peoples' choice for Best Support Staff Member. Roxboro Community School's Laura Graham was second in the voting, while Bethel Hill Charter School's Kelly Franco and Lakeisha Plenty-Bailey tied for third.

Others receiving nominations and votes include: Jenny Overman, Angela Schreffler, Natalia Gil, Melonie Carpenter, Kimberly Smith, Mariana Gomez.



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  - Mr. Jeff Jennings, Best High School Teacher
- Mrs. Laura Jennings, Best Middle School Teacher
  - Kayla Rice, Best Student Leader
  - Mrs. Amy Kennedy, Best Support Staff
  - Mr. Kyle Boyette, Best School Coach



- Helena, Best Elementary School
  - Mr. Richard Hughes, Best Elementary School teacher
- Mrs. Michelle Honeycutt, Best High School Principal
  - SMS, Best Middle School
  - NMS, Best Middle School
  - Tara Dickerson, Best Middle School Teacher
- Mr. Patrick Holmes, Best Middle School Principal
  - Hannah Evans, Best Student Leader
  - Carter Nicholas, Best Student Leader



- Mr. Charles Darcus, Best School Coach
- Mrs. Ashley Warren, Best Middle School Principal
  - Mr. Kyle Boyette, Best High School Teacher
- Mrs. Shirlona Johnson, Best High School Principal
  - PECIL, Best High School
  - Oak Lane, Best Elementary School
- Mrs. Heather Bowling, Best Elementary School Principal





# FOOD

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Homestead Steakhouse & Restaurant finished third.

Others to get votes and nominations include: Flat River Cafe, KFC, Popeye's Louisiana Chicken, Crazy Dragon & Tavern.

Drizzle D's was the overwhelming choice for Best Food Truck. Soulful Peartree Country Cooking and Catering was second, followed by Carter's 5.

Others to get votes and nominations include: Queso Monster, Martin's Concessions, The Outlaw Pig, Smokey Dave's BBQ, Cousins Maine Lobster, Duck Donuts, Drunken Noodles, Crispy Gyoza, Smokehouse Bandits, Bulkogi, Qspresso Food Truck.

Bojangles was voted as having the Best French Fries in Person County. McDonald's was second, followed by Stuart's Family Grille.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: Old Country Club Steak House, Brookland Eats, Rox City Grill, Taste of New York Pizza & Grill, Open Kettle, Crazy Dragon & Tavern, La Piazza Italian Restaurant & Bar, Sheetz, Burger King, Smokey Dave's BBQ.

The winner for the Best Hot Dog in Person County goes to an old favorite – Cole’s Pharmacy. Savannah Jack’s Cafe was the silver medalist, followed by Stuart’s Family Grille.

Others receiving nominations and votes includes: Handi Cupboard, Country Kitchen, Dairy Dell in South Boston, Va., Rox City Grill, Country Club Convenience, Cook Out, Spicy & Big J's Mayo Marina, Smokey Dave's BBQ, Open Kettle.

Hopper's Poppers on Madison Boulevard was the choice for Best Place for Ice Cream in Person County. Aunt Millie's Pizza Subs and Suds was the silver medalist, while Quality Mart No. 14 took home the bronze.

Others receiving votes and nomina-

tions include: Cole's Pharmacy, Dairy Dell, Cry Freedom Missions Roxboro Shoppe, Crazy Dragon & Tavern.

Stuart's Family Grille was the winner for Best Iced Tea.

Bojangles is second, followed by Clarksville Station.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: Torero's Mexican Restaurant, Old Country Club Steak House, McDonald's, Homestead Steakhouse & Restaurant, O'Kelly's Deli & Pastries, Country Club Convenience, Open Kettle, Rox City Grill, Mill Creek First Stop, Crazy Dragon & Tavern.

Vesuvio's Italian Restaurant is the top choice for Best Italian Food. La Piazza Italian Restaurant & Bar is second, followed by Taste of New York Pizza & Grill.

Italian Delight Family Restaurant in South Boston, Va. and American Hero Restaurant also received nominations and votes.

Torero's Mexican Restaurant was the winner for Best Lunch Spot.

Cole's Pharmacy was second, followed by La Cocina Mexican Restaurant.

Others receiving nominations and votes include: Flat River Cafe, Open Kettle, La Piazza Italian Restaurant & Bar, Brookland Eats, Stuart's Family Grille, O'Kelly's Deli & Pastries, Rox City Grill, Jersey Mike's Sub, Savannah Jack's Cafe, Tricia's Espresso, Country Club Convenience, La Veracruzana Mexican Grill, Smokey Dave's BBQ, Spicy & Big J's Mayo Marina, Casa Oaxaca Restaurante.

The people's choice for Best Mexican Food was Torero's Mexican Restaurant. La Cocina Restaurant was second, followed by Casa Oaxaca Restaurante.

La Veracruzana and Don Tito's Catering also received nominations.

Aunt Millie's Pizza Subs and Suds was the winner, yet again, in the voting for Best Pizza.

Vesuvio's Italian Restaurant was

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second, followed by La Piazza Italian Restaurant & Bar.

Others receiving nominations and votes includes: Taste of New York Pizza & Grill, Domino's Pizza, Pizza Hut, Papa John's Pizza, Italian Delight Family Restaurant in South Boston, Va., Spicy & Big J's Mayo Marina, Roseville Grocery, Buoy's Bar & Grill.

Torero's Mexican Restaurant was the top vote-getter for Best Restaurant Atmosphere.

Homestead Steakhouse & Restaurant was second, followed by Brookland Eats.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: Clarksville Station, Old Country Club Steak House, La Piazza Italian Restaurant & Bar, Crazy Dragon & Tavern, Milltown Eatery & Saloon, Buoy's Bar & Grill, Rox City Grill, Casa Oaxaca Restaurante,

Smokey Dave's BBQ, Open Kettle.

A long-time favorite, Old Country Club Steak House was the winner for Best Salad Bar.

Homestead Steakhouse & Restaurant was second, while Clarksville Station was third.

Others receiving nominations and votes include: Golden Corral Buffet & Grill, Milltown Eatery & Saloon, La Piazza Italian Restaurant & Bar, Open Kettle.

Jersey Mike's Sub was the top vote-getter for Best Sandwich. O'Kelly's Deli & Pastries was second, followed by Vesuvio's Italian Restaurant.

Others receiving nominations and votes include: American Hero Restaurant, Brookland Eats, Stuart's Family Grille, Concord Grill, Open Kettle, La Piazza Italian Restaurant & Bar, Taste of New York Pizza & Grill, Aunt Millie's Pizza Subs and Suds, Smokey Dave's Cafe.

Mayflower Seafood Restaurant was the winner of the Best Seafood

category.

Old Country Club Steak House was second, followed by Homestead Steakhouse & Restaurant.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: Rox City Grill, Flat River Cafe, Chef Lambert Greens Food Truck, Milltown Eatery & Saloon.

Ezequiel Anaya was the people's choice for Best Server in Person County. Cindy Kidd of Cole's Pharmacy and Garrett Dorthy from Vesuvio's tied for second place.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: Pooka Gay, Wendy Palmer, Jordan Goss, Jamie Perkins, Houston Arthur, Freda Ford Brown, Peyton Henderson, Andrea Sherow, Rox City Grill, Milltown Eatery & Saloon, Open Kettle, Matt Wilson, Smokey Dave's BBQ, Casa Oaxaca Restaurante.

Rise Up Nutrition was the overwhelming choice for Best Smoothie in Person County.

Tricia's Espresso was second, followed by McDonald's.

Old Country Club Steakhouse was the voters' choice for Best Steak in Person County.

Homestead Steakhouse & Restaurant was second, followed by Clarksville Station.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: Brookland Eats, Milltown Eatery & Saloon, La Piazza Italian Restaurant & Bar, Crazy Dragon & Tavern.

Torero's Mexican Restaurant was voted to have the Best Waitstaff in Person County.

Old Country Club Steak House was second, while Drizzle D's was third.

Others receiving nominations and votes include: Homestead Steakhouse & Restaurant, La Cocina Mexican Restaurant, Clarksville Station, Brookland Eats, Milltown Eatery & Saloon, La Piazza Italian Restaurant & Bar, Rox City Grill, Taste of New York Pizza & Grill, Open Kettle, Smokey Dave's BBQ, La Veracruzana Mexican Grill, Casa Oaxaca Restaurante, Crazy Dragon & Tavern.

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# SHOPPING



## AUTO SUPPLY/ PARTS STORE



**GOLD:** NAPA Auto Parts, Tires Unlimited Inc.

**SILVER:** Ford Brothers Auto Repair

**BRONZE:** Advance Auto Parts

## BUILDING SUPPLY/LUMBER HARDWARE STORE



**GOLD:** Bullock Lumber Company

**SILVER:** Talbert Building Supply

**BRONZE:** Lowe's Home Improvement

## PLACE TO BUY CARS



**GOLD:** Burnette Automotive Inc.

**SILVER:** University Ford North

**BRONZE:** Boyd's Tar Heel

## CELL PHONE PROVIDER/ RETAILER



**GOLD:** Verizon Authorized Retailer-Russell Cellular

**SILVER:** AT&T Store

**BRONZE:** U.S. Cellular

## CLOTHING STORE



**GOLD:** Russell's Limited

**SILVER:** Specialty Design Co.

**BRONZE:** The Exchange

## CONSIGNMENT THRIFT STORE



**GOLD:** The Exchange

**SILVER (tied):** Durham Rescue Mission Thrift Store Roxboro

**SILVER (tied):** EPlus Thrift Inc.

## CONVENIENCE GAS STORE



**GOLD:** Robert's Service Mart

**SILVER:** Sheetz

**BRONZE:** Quality Mart No. 14

## EYEWEAR SHOP



**GOLD:** Patty Vision Center of Roxboro

**SILVER:** MyEyeDr.

**BRONZE:** Roxboro Family Vision

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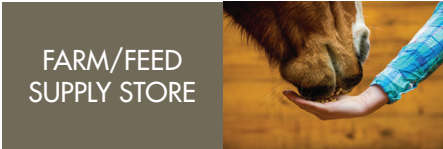
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**FARM/FEED  
SUPPLY STORE**

**GOLD:** T.G. Brooks  
**SILVER:** Camp Chemical Corp.  
**BRONZE:** Hurdle Mills Feed and Farm Supply



**PLACE TO  
BUY A GIFT**

**GOLD:** Kimrey's Krafts  
**SILVER:** Specialty Design Co.  
**BRONZE:** Green's Jewelers



**GROCERY  
STORE**

**GOLD:** Food Lion  
**SILVER:** IGA Foodliner  
**BRONZE:** Hurdle Mills Market & Butcher Shop



**GUN  
SHOP**

**GOLD:** Rock City Guns LLC  
**SILVER:** DPC Pawn & Gun Shop  
**BRONZE:** Drye's Gun Shop



**PLACE TO  
BUY JEWELRY**

**GOLD:** Green's Jewelers  
**SILVER:** Russell's Limited  
**BRONZE:** Specialty Design Co.



**LAWN/  
TRACTOR  
SUPPLY**

**GOLD:** Tractor Supply Co.  
**SILVER:** Quality Equipment, LLC  
**BRONZE:** Country Gardens



**PLACE TO  
BUY MAKEUP**

**GOLD:** Merle Norman  
**SILVER:** Walmart Supercenter  
**BRONZE:** Sally Beauty



**PLACE TO  
BUY MEAT**

**GOLD:** Twins Meat Market  
**SILVER:** Hurdle Mills Market & Butcher Shop  
**BRONZE:** IGA Foodliner



**PLACE TO  
BUY PRODUCE**

**GOLD:** Roxboro Farmers' Market on Depot Street  
**SILVER:** Countryside Produce  
**BRONZE:** Food Lion



**PLACE TO  
BUY SHOES**

**GOLD:** The Bootery  
**SILVER:** Footwear Plus  
**BRONZE:** Russell's Limited



**TIRE  
SHOP**

**GOLD:** AJ's Auto & Tire  
**SILVER:** Ford Brothers Auto Repair  
**BRONZE:** Robert's Service Mart



**TOBACCO &  
VAPE STORE**

**GOLD:** Robert's Service Mart  
**SILVER:** Roxboro Tobacco & Vape  
**BRONZE:** Vanishing Vapors

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# Best places to shop honored by readers

By **KELLY SNOW**  
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The readers of *The Courier-Times* showed their support for their favorite places to shop for a variety of items in the Best of Person County.

NAPA Auto Parts Tires Unlimited was the winner for Best Auto Supply/Parts Store. Ford Brothers Auto Repair was second, followed by Advance Auto Parts.

The voters choice for Best Building Supply/Lumber/Hardware Store was Bullock Lumber Company. Talbert Building Supply was second, followed by Lowe's Home Improvement.

Burnette Automotive was the choice for the Best Place to Buy Cars. University Ford North in Durham was second, followed by Boyd's Tar Heel Chevrolet.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: Brann's Auto Sales II, RG Motors, Steve Padgett's Danville Honda, Silverline Auto Brokers, New Car Alternative.

Russell Cellular Verizon Authorized Retailer was the winner for Best Cell

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Phone Provider/Retailer. AT&T Store was second, followed by U.S. Cellular.

Russell's Limited was the peoples choice for Best Clothing Store. Specialty Design Co. was second, while The Exchange was the bronze medalist.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: Footwear Plus, Cato Fashions, Madison Marketplace, Tribbie Dare's Boutique.

The Exchange was the winner for Best Consignment/Thrift Store. Durham Rescue Mission Thrift Store and EPlus Thrift tied for second.

Robert's Service Mart on Burlington Road was the choice for Best Convenience/Gas Store. Sheetz was second, followed by Quality Mart No. 14.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: County Line Marathon, Exxon Scoot Thru, O'Neils Quik Stop, Mangum's Store, S.P. Gentry Store, Timber Hill Country Store, Roseville Grocery.

Patty Vision Center of Roxboro was chosen as the Best Eyewear Shop. MrEyeDr. was second,

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followed by Roxboro Family Vision.

T.G. Brooks was the winner for Best Farm/Feed Supply Store. Camp Chemical Corp. was second, followed by Hurdle Mills Feed and Farm Supply. Tractor Supply Co. and Southern States also received votes and nominations.

Kimrey's Krafts was the choice for Best Place to Buy a Gift. Specialty Design Co. was second, followed by Green's Jewelers.

Others receiving nominations and votes include: Russell's Limited, Village Gallery Florist & Gift, Madison Marketplace, Cry Freedom Mission Shoppe, B and C Woodworking, Tribbie Dare's Boutique, Truth Books & Gifts, Footwear Plus, Walmart, Renee's, Nerdibles, Zane + Bradley Apparel, Southern Acorn Market, S.P. Gentry Store.

Food Lion was voted Best Grocery Store. IGA Foodliner was second,

followed by Hurdle Mills Market & Butcher Shop.

Rock City Guns was the peoples choice for Best Gun Shop. DPC Pawn & Gun Shop was second, followed by Drye's Gun Shop in Bahama.

Green's Jewelers was the top vote-getter for Best Place to Buy Jewelry. Russell's Limited was second, followed by Specialty Design Co. Tribbie Dare's Boutique and Madison Marketplace also received votes and nominations.

Tractor Supply Co. was the winner for Best Lawn/Tractor Supply. Quality Equipment was second, followed by Country Gardens. Ace Home & Building Center in Yanceyville also received nominations and votes.

Merle Norman was the choice for Best Place to Buy Makeup. Walmart Supercenter was second, followed by Sally Beauty. King's Beauty Supply also received votes and nominations.

Twins Meat Market was the winner for Best Place to Buy Meat.

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Paul Harvey said it best, "God made a farmer", and Bubba was one of the best. So much so that God needed him to help tend the golden fields of Heaven. Thanks to everyone who honored his legacy by voting for him to get this award.

-Sue, Brian and Chris Blalock

Bubba, Congratulations on winning this award, we wish you were still here to see it and receive it yourself. But we know that you are riding a tractor in a endless field, and that makes you and us happy. But just know we sure do miss you down here, it's not the same with out you, but we will see you again we promise!!

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# SHOP

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Hurdle Mills Market & Butcher Shop was second, followed by IGA Foodliner. Food Lion also received votes and nominations.

Roxboro Farmers’ Market was the peoples choice for Best Place to Buy Produce. Country-side Produce was second, followed by Food Lion. Hurdle Mills Market & Butcher Shop and Walmart received nominations and votes.

The Bootery was the top vote-getter for Best Place to Buy Shoes. Footwear Plus was second, followed by Russell’s Limited. Others receiving votes and nominations include: The Exchange, The Brick Running & Tri Store in Danville, Va., Specialty Design Co.

AJ’s Auto & Tire was the top choice for Best Tire Shop. Ford Brothers Auto Repair was second, followed by Robert’s Service Mart. Others receiving votes and nominations include: Brann’s Wrecker Service, Total Tire, Tough Tire. Robert’s Service Mart was voted as the Best Tobacco & Vape Store. Roxboro Tobacco & Vape was the silver medalist, followed by Vanishing Vapors. Discount Tobacco also received nominations and votes.



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choice for Best Mechanic.

Ford Brothers Auto Repair was second, followed by Gary Martin.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: Mark Litchfield, Steven Myers – Brann’s Wrecker Service, Ralph’s Auto Center, County Line Automotive, Robert Kerr, Joel Stevens, Mr. Tire Auto Service Centers, Joseph Clayton – AJ’z, David Keyser, Strutdaddy’s Complete Car Care, Joel Rose, Hawkins’ Brothers Store, Chad Caviness, Shull Garage.

Specialty Design Company was the top vote getter for Best Monogram/Embroidery Service. R&S Sporting Goods/Sign Graphics finished second in the voting, followed by Rox City Apparel. Others receiving nominations and votes include: Moving Screens, Black Acid Apparel, Madison Marketplace.

My Life Matters was the peoples choice for Best Nonprofit Organization. Cry Freedom Missions Roxboro Shoppe was second, followed by Steelhorse Strangers Motorcycle Club.

Others receiving nominations and votes include:

Firefighters Burned Children Fund of Person County, Person County Animal Services, Life Choices – Pregnancy & Parenting Support, Blind Spot Animals Sanctuary, Person County Relay for Life, Person County Senior Center, Santa’s Helpers, Person Veterans Council, Person County Partnership for Children, Roxboro Area Chamber of Commerce, Roots & Wings, Uptown Roxboro Group.

Finish Line Pest Control was the top vote getter for Best Pest Control Service. Stone’s Exterminating was second, followed by Clegg’s.

Dodson Pest Control and Orkin also received nominations and votes.

Roxboro Animal Hospital was the top choice for Best Pet Boarding. Woodsdale Animal Hospital was second, followed by Pet’s Companion Inn.

Laura Bowen was the winner of the Best Pet Grooming category. Helena’s Pet Grooming was the silver medalist, followed by Roxboro Animal Hospital.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: Spaw, Petsense, Kayla Howell, Woodsdale Animal Hospital, Donna Martin – Stylin’ Pets, PetSmart.

Community Pharmacy of Roxboro was the top vote-getter for Best Pharmacy.

Cole’s Pharmacy was second, followed by Com-

munity Pharmacy Services of Timberlake.

Walgreens and Walmart Supercenter were also nominated and earned votes.

Brittany Niehaus was the top choice for Best Photographer in Person County.

Abby Perkins Photography was second, followed by Natalie Clayton of A Latte Love Photography.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: Cosmic Media Co., Shanna Spradlin, Bobby Kelleher, Jaime Harris, Steve Long, Dwayne Reaves, Kelly Horner, Richard Long, Danae Photography, Jason Beaver, Ginger Chambers, Lisa Rogers.

AS&L Alarm & Camera Systems was the top choice for Best Security System Provider/Locksmith. ADT Security Systems was second, followed by InControl CEI.

My Life Matters was the top vote getter for Best Summer Camp. The Dance Connection finished second in the voting, followed by Roxboro Gymnastics Academy. Small World Day Care, Fuller’s International Taekwondo and Camp Oak Hill & Retreat Center were also nominated and received votes.

Libby’s Tax Service was the top choice for Best Tax Preparer in Person County. Dan Craig CPA

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finished second in the voting, followed by Stephen Wilson.

Others earning nominations and votes include: Candy Holt, Jimmy's Tax Services, PKCS-PLLC (formerly Todd B. Crum CPA).

Brann's Wrecker Service was the winner of the Best Towing Company category. Brandon's Wrecker Services was the runner-up, followed by Dusty's Towing. Paul Shields Tow & Go and Warren's Towing and Recovery were also nominated and earned votes.

Bahama Road Veterinary Hospital was the winner of Best Veterinarian. Dr. E from Roxboro Animal Hospital was second, followed by Woodsdale Animal Hospital.

Quail Roost Animal Hospital and Cozy Pet Mobile Veterinarian Care were also nominated and earned votes.

Tunnel Creek Vineyards was the winner of Best Wedding Venue.

Carver Lake Venue was second, followed by The Carolina Estate. Sunset Ridge Buffalo Farm was also nominated and earned votes.

# HEALTH

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Mariana Gomez, United Home Care.

Smith & Heymann Orthodontics was the people's choice for Best Orthodontist serving Person County. Wilson Orthodontics Invisalign & Braces in Oxford was second, followed by Durham Pediatric Dentistry.

Kelsie Holt from Rox Fitness Center was voted as the Best Personal Trainer in Person County.

"King Fitness" Michael Johnson from Bullpen Fitness was cho-

sen second, followed by Cameron Bray from Rox Fitness Center. Others receiving votes include: Total Fitness XTreme, Rosemarie Howle, George Pettiford, Kyle Barker and Daniel Wright.

EmergeOrtho-Roxboro was the winner for Best Physical Therapy. Person Memorial Hospital was second, followed by Roxboro Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center.

ACI Physical Therapy in Roxboro also received nominations and votes.

Community Pharmacy took the top two places in the voting for Best Pharmacist in Person

County.

The Roxboro location finished first, while Timberlake was second.

Cole's Pharmacy, a staple in Uptown Roxboro, was the bronze medalist.

Others receiving votes included: Emily Lappin of Walgreens, Food Lion, Allison Porterfield, Walgreens, Walmart Pharmacy, Jamie Pergerson of Community Pharmacy in Roxboro.

Endless Summer Tanning and Nailz by Dyan was the people's choice for Best Tanning Service. Alexa Clayton finished second, followed by Tansformation.



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my Lawrence Electrical Contractors. Rice’s Electric, Wolfpack Electric and Mertis Blalock each received nominations and votes.

Furniture Mart was the winner in the Best Furniture Store category. D&J Furniture Mart finished second, followed by Schewels Home.

Durham Rescue Mission Thrift Store and Aaron’s received votes and nominations.

North Main Street’s Cry Freedom Missions Roxboro Shoppe was voted as the Best Place to Buy Home Decor.

Village Gallery Florist and Gifts was second, followed by B and C Woodworking Shop.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: Kreative Designs, The Exchange, Southern Acorn Market, Durham Rescue Mission Thrift Store, Renee’s, Tribbie Dare’s Boutique, Four Seasons Floral and

Gifts, Madison Marketplace, Mother Cluckers in South Boston, Va. and S.P. Gentry’s Store.

Hall’s Plumbing Heating & Air was the top vote-getter for Best Heating and Air Company. Regan & Son Heating & Air was second. Ted’s HVAC and Plumbing and Dunn Right Home Services tied for bronze.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: Shotwell’s Heating & Air, Cothran & Long Heating & Air, Roxboro Heating and Air, Campbell’s Heating & Air.

William Ragan Jr. Construction was the winner for Best Home Improvement Professional. Jacovitch Construction was second, followed by Randy Gravitte.

Others who received votes and nominations include: Jonathan Dillard Construction, Jimmy Sprinkler, Carpet One Floor & Home, C.H.I. Construction, PAC Contractors, Mike Perry, Clement Construction Co., Flooring by Design, Thompson’s Hauling and Junk Service.

J&K Stump Grinding were the top vote-getters for Best Landscaping, Local Residents Home. Fuller’s Services was second, followed by Clayton’s Lawn Service.

Other vote getters include: Peninger Landscaping, Jose’s Maintenance & Services, Bushy Fork Services, Solomon’s Enterprise Gravel Service, Clean Cuts Lawn Care.

Clayton Homes was the peoples choice for Best Modular and Manufactured Homes.

Yates Homes was the silver medalist, followed by Oakwood Homes.

America’s Mattress was the gold medal winner for Best Place to Buy a Mattress.

Furniture Mart was second, followed by BoxDrop.

D&J Upholstery & Furniture and Schewels Home also received nominations and votes.

Rolling Hills Garden Center was the runaway winner for Best Nursery and Garden Center. Lowe’s Home Improvement was second, followed

by Flat River Nursery. Country Gardens Garden Center and Haymore Garden Center also received nominations and votes.

Hall’s Plumbing Heating & Air was the top vote-getter for Best Plumbing Company.

Daniel Clayton Plumbing was second, followed by Ted’s HVAC and Plumbing. Others receiving nominations and votes include: A+ Plumbing, Kyle Baker KDB Plumbing, Eric Platt with Flow Tech, Danny Tackett Plumbing.

Eddie and Laura Burton Realty Group with Keller Williams and Donna Dunevant tied for Best Real Estate Agent. David Whitt was the bronze medalist.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: Sherry Clayton, Tim Chandler, Jessica Wilson, Janene Carver, Brad Wesley, Carla Stovall, Crystal Kelly.

Eddie and Laura Burton Realty

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Group with Keller Williams was also the winner in the Best Residential Real Estate Company category. Donna Dunevant with Keller Williams was second and Sherry Clayton was third,

Others receiving nominations and votes include: Pointer & Associates Real Estate, Brad Wesley Construction & Realty, West & Woodall.

Hubbard's Roofing and Home Maintenance was the peoples choice for Best Roofing Company. Leonard's Home Improvement was second, followed by Expert Roofing & Guttering Company.

The Aluminum Company of North Carolina picked up a nomination and vote.

J&K Stump Grinding was the winner for Best Tree and Stump Grinding Service. Kendrick's Tree Service was the silver medalist, followed by Dixon Farm & Tree Service. Others receiving votes and nominations include: Brad's Tree Service, All Season Tree Service, K&K Tree Service, Elite Arborist Tree Experts, Lil Beaver Tree Service.

Water Wizards of Roxboro was the Best Well Drilling winner. Barnette Well Drilling was second, followed by Hudson Well.



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followed by TNAC Girls' Basketball Player of the Year Tori Bailey.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: Julian Crawley, Scott Wesley, Trevquan Gary, Makayla Bradsher, Ben Wheeler, Nate Stovall.

Brian Ellis and the Real Country Band were voted as the Best Local Band. Brayden Morris and No Direction Band were second, followed by Misbehavin'.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: The Pizazz Band, Southern Class Band, The Castaways, Brake Tyme Band, Drive Tyme, Justin Thomas Band, The Travellers.

Antioch Baptist Church was voted Best Local Church. Mt. Harmony Baptist Church was second, followed by High View Baptist Church.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: Mt. Zion Methodist, Roxboro Baptist Church, Long Memorial United Methodist Church, Concord Church of Roxboro, Red Mountain Baptist Church, Theresa Baptist, Overflow Worship Church,

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New Life Independent Baptist Church, Clement Baptist Church, Westwood Baptist Church, F.I.T. Community Church, Providence Baptist Church, Hope Church – Mill Creek, Berry’s Grove Baptist Church, New Beginnings Baptist Church, Rock Grove Baptist Church, New Brook United Methodist Church, Montwood Baptist Church, Saints Mary & Edward Catholic Church, Gateway Baptist Church, Greater Covenant Church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

The Steelhorse Strangers Motorcycle Club was the peoples’ choice as the Best Local Civic Organization. Animal Protection Society of Person County was second, followed by Life Choices – Pregnancy and Parenting Support.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: Roxboro Jaycees, Person County Santa’s Helpers, Roxboro Women’s Club, Person Veterans Council, Roxboro Moose Lodge, Vintage Racers for Rescue, Kiwanis Club.

The annual Steelhorse Strangers Motorcycle

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Clubs Toy Run was voted as the Best Local Community Event. Uptown Roxboro Group’s Jingle on Main was the silver medalist, followed by the Roxboro Christmas Parade.

Other events receiving votes and nominations include: Relay for Life, Personality Festival, Uptown Roxboro Group’s Food Truck Rodeo, Palace Pointe Yard Sale, Flem Whitt Beach Music Festival, Person Veterans Council Military Vehicle Show, Galentine’s Fashion Show.

Palace Pointe was the popular choice as Best Community Entertainment Venue. Local Uptown Roxboro bottle shop 1792 Beer Co. was second in the voting, followed by Tunnel Creek Vineyards.

Homestead Festival House and the Kirby Cultural Arts Complex also received votes and nominations.

Person County Sheriff Jason

Wilborn was the peoples choice for Best Local Elected Official. Roxboro Mayor Marilyn Newell was second in the voting, followed by N.C. State House Representative Ray Jeffers earned the bronze. Others receiving votes and nominations include: Person County Commissioners Gordon Powell and Kyle Puryear, Roxboro City Councilmen Tim Chandler and Mark Phillips, Person County Schools Board of Education member Margaret Bradsher.

Keith “Bubba” Blalock from Farms of Bushy Fork was voted as the Best Local Farm/Farmer. Carver Farms was second, followed by Blaine Newton, Hyco Cattle Company.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: Colby Whitfield, Thomas Farms, Flat River Farm & Nursery, Winstead Farms (Danny Winstead), Brann Farms (Chris Brann), Eight Arrows Farm, Elliott Farms, J&B Herb & Plant Farm, Allied Organics, Parker Farm & Vineyard.

Ronnie Jeffreys was the top vote-getter for Best “Behind the Scenes” Local Hero. Jarrett Shotwell from the Steelhorse Strangers Motorcycle Club was second, followed by local real estate and insurance agent Sherry Clayton. Others receiving votes and nominations: Roxboro Fire Chief Kenneth Torain, Chuck Ford, Bennie Clayton, Beth Townsend, Ollie Jeffers, Wendy Holeman, Louise Oliver, Samantha Bagbey, Alicia Puryear, Robyn Handy, Erin Hill, Recie Krems, Claudia Berryhill. Joe Berryhill was selected by the voters as the Best Local Historian. Clark Oakley finished second, followed by Norwood Walker. Andi Bradsher and Linda Long were also nominated and received votes. Person High School baseball coach Kyle Boyette was selected as the Best Local School coach. Boyette led the Rockets to a conference tournament championship in 2022. Roxboro Community School’s Jennifer Solomon was second, followed by Person’s boys’ bas-

ketball coach and athletic director Charles Dacus. Others receiving votes include: Mark Litchfield Jr., Tyler Wade, Michael Clark, Tracey Atkins, Kimberly Hargrove, Kayla Walker, Hayden Rigsbee, Tiffany Brooks.

Hunt Fitzgerald and Timothy James tied for Best Local Parks and Recreation Coach. Lauralin (Tink) Leonard finished third.

Others receiving votes and nominations include: Justin Mize, Ricky Chandler, Cameron Jones, Shawn Nocilla, Jason West, Zeb Barnette, Emily Hepler, David Thompson, Derrick Roberts, Steve Meyer, Ben Foti, Autumn Gentry. Pastor David Chambers was the choice for Best Local Pastor/Reverend. Avery Dalton was the silver medalist, followed by Pastor G. Barry Chambers. Others receiving votes and nominations include: Pastor Dave Pryor, Dupre Sanders, Pastor Ed Priestaf, Pastor David King, Chase Chambers, Jimmy

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Pulliam, Pastor Gerald Hodges, Pastor Tom Newman, Brad Wesley, Pastor Glen Warren, Ben Francis, Pastor Curtis Hammock, Craig Willingham, Pastor Chris Talley, Pastor Chad Benefield, Deborah Barnette Street, Randy Pittman, Philip Adams, Pastor Ken Stewart, Pastor David Romero, Andy Ray Carver. Person County Sheriff Jason (Skeet) Wilborn was the runaway winner in the voting for Best Local Personality. Multi-time winner Ronnie Epps finished second, followed by Bennie Clayton.

Others receiving nominations and votes include: Stacey Davis, Paul Shields, Ronnie Jeffreys, Allison Satterfield, Bonnie Briggs, Samantha Bagbey, Todd Fox, Michelle Knott, Karen Clayton. Ronnie Jeffreys was the choice for Best Local Volunteer. Sherry Clayton was the second-highest vote getter, followed by Beth

Townsend. Others receiving nominations and votes include: Bennie Clayton, Chuck Ford, Wendy Holeman, Travis Vaughn, Katly Quick, Teresa Burch, B.J. Long, Lisa Saunders, Autumn Gentry, Claudia Berryhill.

Elysian Salon Group was voted as the Best Place to Work. Bethel Hill Charter School was second, with Ford Brothers Automotive Repair earning the bronze. Others receiving votes and nominations include: Roxboro Savings Bank, Piedmont Community College, Old Country Club Steak House, Jacovitch Construction, Roxboro Community School, Community Pharmacy of Roxboro, Oak Lane Elementary School, Small World Day Care, Roxboro Heating and Air, Ted's HVAC, Open Kettle, Person High School, Footwear Plus, Head Mechanix, North Carolina State Employees Credit Union, Roxboro Animal Hospital, Certain-teed, Finish Line Pest Control, Kirby Cultural Arts Complex, The Hair Company, Stuart's Family Grille.



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