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The Hill Country News celebrated its 50th year of publication in 2018 and we can honestly say there's never been a better time to live in this wonderful community.

There are the amazing people who call this part of Texas home. There are the world-class businesses and organizations they've created. And so we set out on a journey in March this year to find out who our readers thought were the Best of the Best...

The response was astounding. Every record we've set in past reader's polls was left in the dust.

We hope you'll join in our congratulations to everyone who received votes in the Best of the Best reader poll, and especially those that won and were finalists in their categories.

As always, thanks for reading the Hill Country News. We couldn't do any of this without you, dear reader.

SCOTT W. COLEMAN Publisher, Hill Country News

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HEALTHCARE

BEST SURGEON

We would like to congratulate Dr. Nicole Basa for being voted Hill Country News' Best of the Best Surgeon for 2018!

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MOONIE'S BURGER HOUSE

BEST HAMBURGER

What a year for the original Moonie's Burger House in Cedar Park! They've now won "Best Burger" for 11 straight years. But the party is just getting started now that a complete store remodel is finished. After nearly 12 years in business, Moonie's focus on the vibe and customer experience has never been more compelling, and customers are raving about the updates.

The newly renovated restaurant boasts a much more vibrant atmosphere, with 10 draft beers, more spacious seating for large parties, better TV viewing, easy access to the patio, quicker counter service for To-Go orders, and hand-spun Blue Bell shakes. They're also phasing out Styrofoam for more sustainable packaging and materials. "We always try to do right for our customers without sacrificing quality, and now it's time to do right for the planet as well," says Stuart Ward, the owner since 2014.

Moonie's also switched to Angus beef for their signature 6oz patties. "Moonie's has a heart and soul that's remained since opening, and we believe improving rather than changing is the best path forward. It started as an open invitation to our guests to eat at Grandma Moonie's, and we want to continue to have that welcoming family feeling."



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Bush's Chicken opened in Cedar Park almost ten years ago and is the unquestioned "King of Fried Chicken." Bush's earned its tenth title as "Best of Best Chicken" in the annual Hill Country News reader poll.

Bush's uses its own proprietary marinade and cooking process along with the highest quality chicken products to make its award-winning chicken by the piece. Bush's Chicken is headquartered in Cedar Park, Texas and has four corporate stores in the area — Cedar Park, Round Rock, North Austin and South Austin. They also have a booth in the Erwin Center where they provide food for events going on at the center.

"Cedar Park, Leander and the surrounding areas have been a blessing to Bush's Chicken. The community has provided us not only with great employees but an environment and culture that we are proud to call our home. The family values and support in the community are unmatched. We could not have won this award with just the Best Chicken, we credit most of our success to our wonderful employees in this area who deliver excellent customer service and run the fastest drive-thru in the business," says Jeff Hammock, President of Bush's Chicken.

Bush's Chicken is very active in the community through their support of area schools and churches. Visit any press box or concession stand at a Friday high school football game and you will see Bush's Chicken everywhere. The coaches, scouts, media and volunteers can always count on Bush's each Friday night at all the stadiums in the Austin Area school districts. During the 2017 Fall sport season Bush's helped raise over \$150,000 for the participating clubs & booster groups! If you have bought Bush's iced tea at a school-sponsored event, you should feel good knowing that 100 percent of the proceeds of the tea sales went straight to the booster club or community group that sold it to you.

"Bush's Chicken is not only in business to provide the Community with the Best Chicken, iced tea, rolls and sides but to also give back and help our community and students wherever we can. Bush's Chicken would like thank to our customers for their support and friendship over the years. We look forward providing the Best Chicken and being a part of this great community in the years to come," says Jeff Hammock.

Stop in and check out the Bush's Summer Special: Happy Hour through the end of summer is now all day every day! Happy hour specials include a 32-ounce cup filled with Bush's famous tea for 69 cents — also save on soft drinks, tender rolls, pies, and brownies!

BEST CHICKEN



BUSH'S CHICKEN



DINING, DRINKS & NIGHTLIFE

BEST SANDWICH

Forget everything you know about the sub sandwich. Planet Sub isn't your typical sub topped with meats or veggies that have been sitting out for hours or even days. We endeavor to make authentic, healthy & delicious food. We mix our bread from simple ingredients right in the store, hand roll it into loaves and bake it to perfection to provide the freshest sandwiches to our customers. Each of the meats, cheeses and veggies are sliced in house and the made-fromscratch sauces are prepared fresh daily. We're not just another sandwich shop that tosses together a meal to hustle you out the door. We're passionate about creating our food and it shows. We offer over 45 unique sub sandwiches along with a select menu of craft beer. For those looking for an alternative dining experience we serve gluten-free bread, marinated tempeh and tortilla or lettuce wraps.

"Offering the freshest ingredients, paired with superior customer service is something Planet Sub strives for every day," says Franchise Operator, Frank Garza. "We are fortunate to have outstanding employees who not only take pride in the food they create, but also appreciate the value in ensuring each guest has an enjoyable experience. We are very honored and grateful to have been chosen the 'Best Sandwich in Cedar Park' and will continue to do our best to earn that title."



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"We want to thank the readers of the Hill Country News for bestowing this honor to us," said Priscilla Mendoza. We are blessed to have amazing team members and leaders who are committed to exceptional guest service, quality food, and servant leadership. We are very honored for the continued relationships we've grown with our guests and the community of Cedar Park/Leander.

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-In Drive Thru: inform the order taker you placed your order on the APP and drive thru -At the Curbside Parking Spot: Park in the reserved parking spot and we'll deliver it to you -Inside the Restaurant: Skip the line & pick up your order in our "Pickup" area





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AUTOMOTIVE

BEST AUTO BODY SHOP

WINNER: Heritage Body and Frame

- Baldy's Jeep Shop
- H & R Auto Body

BEST AUTO MECHANIC / REPAIR

- WINNER: Sun Auto Service
- Baldy's Jeep Shop
- Christian Brothers Automotive

BEST AUTO PARTS & SUPPLIES

- WINNER: O'Reilly Auto Parts
- Auto Zone
- Advance Auto Parts

BEST PLACE TO SPEND AN AFTERNOON WITH YOUR CHILD

WINNER: Pinballz Lakeline

- Main Event
- Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum

BEST CAR WASH

WINNER: Wash N' Roll Express Car Wash

- Mister Car Wash & Express Lube
- Connie's Car Wash

BEST PLACE TO BUY A USED VEHICLE

WINNER: Apple Sport Imports

- CarMax
- Toyota of Cedar Park

BEST PLACE TO BUY NEW VEHICLE

WINNER: Toyota of Cedar Park

- Cedar Park Nissan
- Don Hewlett Chevrolet

BEST PRIVATE SCHOOL

WINNER: Hill Country Christian School of Austin

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- Summit Christian Academy
- The Goddard School



BEST PLACE TO BUY TIRES

WINNER: Discount Tire • Costco

- NTB National Tire & Battery
 - CHILDREN'S SERVICES

BEST PLACE FOR A CHILD'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

- WINNER: Kids Kitchen
- The Little Gym
- Urban Air Trampoline Park

BEST TOWING SERVICE

WINNER: Cedar Park Wrecker Service

- AAA
- Orr Wrecker & Towing Service

BEST CHILDCARE FACILITY

WINNER: The Goddard School

- High Hopes Sports and After School
- Primrose School

BEST DANCE STUDIO

- WINNER: Center Stage
- Müv Dance & Fitness
- Cedar Park Dance Company

BEST KARATE / MARTIAL ARTS STUDIO WINNER: GKX Martial Arts

- Leander TaeKwonDo Training Center
- Tiger-Rock Martial Arts

BEST MUSIC OR ART SCHOOL/PROGRAM

WINNER: Hitmaker Music School

- Orpheus Academy of Music
- The Studio Cedar Park

BEST PLACE FOR A CHILD'S HAIRCUT

WINNER: Pigtails & Crewcuts

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- Sharkey's Cuts For Kids
- Kaos Children's Salon



BEST PRESCHOOL

WINNER: Primrose School

- Hill Country Christian School of Austin
- The Goddard School

BEST SUMMER DAY CAMP

WINNER: YMCA Camp Twin Lakes

- Camp Doublecreek
- The Goddard School

BEST TUTORING SERVICES

WINNER: College Nannies + Tutors

- Learning Cycle Tutors
- Huntington Learning Center

DINING, DRINKS & NIGHTLIFE

BEST ALL AROUND FOOD

WINNER: Jack Allen's Kitchen

- Blue Corn Harvest
- Mouton's Southern Bistro

BEST ASIAN FOOD

WINNER: Takara Asian Bistro

- Kai Sushi
- Amy's China Cuisine

BEST BAKED GOODS

WINNER: Tiff's Treats

- Eileen's Colossal Cookies
- Casa Costa Bake Shop

BEST BARBEQUE

WINNER: Big Cat BBQ

- Smokey Mo's Bar-B-Q
- Rudy's Country Store and Bar-B-Q

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DINING, DRINKS & NIGHTLIFE (CONT.)

BEST PLACE FOR A ROMANTIC DINNER

WINNER: Truluck's Seafood,

- Steak and Crab House
- The Grove Wine Bar
- The Rotten Bunch

BEST CHEAP DATE

WINNER: Torchy's Tacos

- Brooklyn Heights Pizzeria
- Jardin Del Rey

BEST CHICKEN

WINNER: Bush's Chicken

Chick-fil-A

Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers

BEST CHICKEN FRIED STEAK

WINNER: Cherry Creek Catfish

- Dahlia Cafe
- Jack Allen's Kitchen

BEST CHIPS & DIP

WINNER: Los Reyes Mexican Restaurant

- Jardin Corona
- Flores Mexican Restaurant

BEST COOKIES

WINNER: Eileen's Colossal Cookies

- Tiff's Treats
- Casa Costa Bake Shop

BEST DESSERTS

WINNER: Froyoz

- Gigi's Cupcakes
- Scoop and Score

BEST FAST CASUAL RESTAURANT

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WINNER: PDQ

- Guaco Taco
- Chili's

BEST FAST FOOD

WINNER: Chick-fil-A

- Whataburger
- Bush's Chicken

BEST FINE DINING RESTAURANT

WINNER: Steiner Ranch Steakhouse

- Foxhole Culinary Tavern
- Eddie V's Prime Seafood

BEST FRIES

WINNER: McDonald's

- Moonie's Burger House
- Freddies

BEST FROZEN TREATS

WINNER: Andy's Frozen Custard

- Dairy Queen
- Froyoz

BEST HAMBURGER

- WINNER: Moonie's Burger House
- Mighty Fine Burgers Fries & Shakes
- Hopdoddy

BEST ITALIAN FOOD

WINNER: Gino's Italian Restaurant

- Bella Sera Italian Restaurant
- Maggiano's

BEST LOCAL BREWERY / BREW PUB WINNER: Whitestone Brewery

- Red Horn Coffee House and Brewing Co.
- Leander Beer Market

BEST MARGARITA

WINNER: Texican Cafe

Dos Salsas

Chuy's

BEST PLACE FOR APPETIZERS

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WINNER: Brooklyn Heights Pizzeria

- Chili's
- Santa Catarina

BEST PLACE FOR MEXICAN FOOD

- WINNER: Dos Salsas
- Chuy's
- Santa Catarina

BEST PLACE FOR PHO

WINNER: Pho Thanh Nhi

- Kim Phung
- Phonatic Vietnamese Restaurant

BEST PLACE FOR PIZZA

WINNER: Local Slice Pizza

- Brooklyn Heights Pizzeria
- Blaze Pizza

BEST PLACE FOR SALADS

WINNER: Salata

- MAD Greens
- PDQ

BEST PLACE FOR SANDWICHES

- WINNER: Planet Sub
- Thundercloud Subs
- Firehouse Subs

BEST PLACE FOR SEAFOOD

WINNER: Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen

- C.R. Surf & Turf Restaurant
- Freda's Seafood Grille

BEST PLACE FOR STEAK

BEST PLACE FOR WINGS

Brooklyn Heights Pizzeria

WINNER: Pluckers Wing Bar

• Buffalo Wild Wings Grill and Bar

BEST RESTAURANT WINE LIST

WINNER: The Grove Wine Bar

Blue Corn Harvest Bar and Grill

Texas Land & Cattle Steak House

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- Farm to Fork Texas
- Texas Land & Cattle Steak House

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BEST VEGETARIAN MENU

- WINNER: Kerbey Lane Cafe
- The Grove Wine Bar
- Zoë's Kitchen

BEST WAITSTAFF / BEST SERVICE

- WINNER: Serranos
- Dos Salsas
- Red Horn Coffee House and Brewing Co.
- The Grove Wine Bar

BEST WEDDING CAKE

- WINNER: Casa Costa Bake Shop
- H-E-B
- Michelle's Patisserie

ENTERTAINMENT & LEISURE

BEST COFFEE SHOP

WINNER: Red Horn Coffee House and Brewing Co.

- Black Sugar Caffé
- Summer Moon Coffee

BEST COMMUNITY EVENT

WINNER: CedarFest

- Taste of Cedar Park
- Follow the Star
- Cedar Park Fable Fest

BEST MUSEUM / GALLERY

WINNER: Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum

- Texas Museum of Science & Technology
- Blanton Museum of Art

BEST HOTEL

WINNER: SpringHill Suites by Marriott Austin Cedar Park

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Austin Cedar Park

- Aloft Austin Northwest
- Renaissance Austin

BEST GOLF COURSE

- WINNER: Twin Creeks Country Club
- Avery Ranch Golf Club
- Crystal Falls Golf Club

BEST HAPPY HOUR

WINNER: Blue Corn Harvest Bar & Grill

- Brooklyn Heights Pizzeria
- The Grove Wine Bar

BEST HIKING / BIKING TRAIL

WINNER: Brushy Creek Trail

- Williamson County Regional Park Trails
- YMCA Camp Twin Lakes

BEST DAY TRIP

WINNER: Fredericksburg

- Natural Bridge Caverns
- Flat Creek Estate Winery & Vineyard

BEST INN OR BED & BREAKFAST

- WINNER: Barons Creekside, Fredericksburg
- Cotton Gin Village, Fredericksburg
- Log Country Cove, Burnet

BEST LIVE / COMMUNITY THEATER

- WINNER: Georgetown Palace Theatre
 Way Off Broadway Community Players
- 7ACH Theatre

BEST LOCAL BAND

WINNER: The Tom Cottar Band

- Chris Smothers
- Suede

BEST MOVIE THEATER

WINNER: Alamo Drafthouse Cinema Lakeline

- Moviehouse & Eatery
- Cinemark Cedar Park

BEST PLACE TO SEE LIVE MUSIC

- WINNER: H-E-B Center at Cedar Park
- Shooters Billiards & Sports Bar

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BEST PUBLIC PARK

- WINNER: Veteran's Memorial Park
- Elizabeth Milburn Park
- Brushy Creek Sports Park

BEST SPORTS BAR WINNER: Cover 2

- Pluckers Wing Bar
- The League Kitchen & Tavern

HEALTHCARE

BEST ALLERGIST

WINNER: Texan Allergy & Sinus Center

- Allergy and Asthma Clinic of Central Texas
- Dr. Kelly H. Simpson,
- Austin Regional Clinic

BEST LARGE ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY

WINNER: The Pointe at Cedar Park

- New Hope Manor
- Silverado Cedar Park
- Memory Care Community

BEST SMALL ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY

- WINNER: Riva Ridge Assisted Living
- Sedro Trail Assisted Living
- Tiffin House Assisted Living

BEST CHIROPRACTOR

WINNER: Dr. Mo Jahadi,

Chirofit Wellness Center

- Dr. Jason Williams, Williams Wellness
- Chiropractic & Acupuncture
- Dr. Jeffrey Swanson, Cedar Park
- Chiropractic and Acupuncture

WINNER: Dr. Dan Boboia,

Dr. Alkesh Sura, Reveal Dental

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Cedar Park Dentistry

Austin Dentistry

BEST DENTIST



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HEALTHCARE (CONT.)

BEST DERMATOLOGIST

- WINNER: Lone Star Dermatology
- Dr. Christopher Collins,
- Collins Advanced Dermatology
- Dr. Tricia Winters, Vitalogy

BEST FAMILY DOCTOR

WINNER: Dr. Cameron King,

- Cedar Park Pediatric & Family Medicine
 Dr. Louis Egelsee, Family First Healthcare
- Dr. Ronald McGaugh, Cedar Park
- Physician Associates

BEST MASSAGE THERAPIST

WINNER: Ryan Perkins,

- **Chirofit Wellness Center**
- Brenda, Elements Therapeutic
- Massage Lakeline
- Mary McCoy, Oak Haven Massage

BEST PEDIATRIC DENTIST

WINNER: Dr. Bert Vasut,

Cedar Park Pediatric Dentistry

- Austin Children's Dentistry
- Dr. Pamela Singletary, Texas Tooth Fairies

BEST URGENT CARE CLINIC / ER

- WINNER: St. David's Urgent Care
- Cedar Park Regional Emergency Center
- Baylor Scott & White Emergency Medical Center - Cedar Park

BEST PHYSICAL THERAPIST

- WINNER: Tillman Physical Therapy
- Cedar Park Regional Physical Therapy
- Texas Physical Therapy

BEST ORTHODONTIST

WINNER: Dr. Jen Tomblyn,

Austin Family Orthodontics

- Dr. Steven W. Smith, Cedar Park Smiles
- Dr. Akash Pandya, SmileOn Orthodontics

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BEST HEARING CENTER

- WINNER: Cook Hearing & Balance
- Brown Hearing Centers
- Lakeway Hearing Center

BEST HOSPITAL

WINNER: Cedar Park Regional Medical Center

- St. Davids North Austin Medical Center
- Seton Medical Center Williamson

BEST SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY

- WINNER: Skye Living
- The Legacy at Crystal Falls
- Highland Estates

BEST NURSING HOME

WINNER: Cottonwood Creek

- Nursing and Rehabilitation
- The Pointe at Cedar Park
- New Hope Manor

BEST OPTOMETRIST

WINNER: Dr. Oliver Lou, Signature Eye Care

- Lakeline Vision Source
- Cedar Park Eye Care

BEST SURGEON

WINNER: Dr. Nicole Basa,

Cedar Park Surgeons

- Dr. Vincent Restivo, Hill Country Eye Center
- Dr. Alan Abando, Cedar Park Surgeons

BEST PEDIATRICIAN

WINNER: Dr. Arthur Cheng, Austin Regional Clinic

- Dr. Lindsey Moore,
- Cedar Park Pediatric & Family Medicine
- North Austin Pediatrics

BEST MEMORY CARE FACILITY

- WINNER: Harmony Point Memory Care
- Sundance Memory Care
- Silverado Cedar Park Memory Care Community

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BEST HOME HEALTH CARE

- WINNER: Visiting Angels
- Accolade Home Care
- Lovely Saints Health Care

BEST ORAL SURGEON

WINNER: Dr. Michael Pham Ding,

Austin Oral Maxillofacial Surgery

Dr. James J. Flaggert III
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Round Rock Oral Surgery

HOME SERVICES

BEST APARTMENT COMPLEX

WINNER: Buttercup Creek Apartments

- Tuckaway Apartment Homes
- Lakeline Crossing

BEST BUILDING CONTRACTOR

WINNER: CHASCO

- SAKS Remodeling
- GDB Construction

BEST ELECTRICAL SERVICE

WINNER: Thunderbolt Electric

- Cool Ray Electric
- Cedar Park Electric

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WINNER: Baker Flooring & Design

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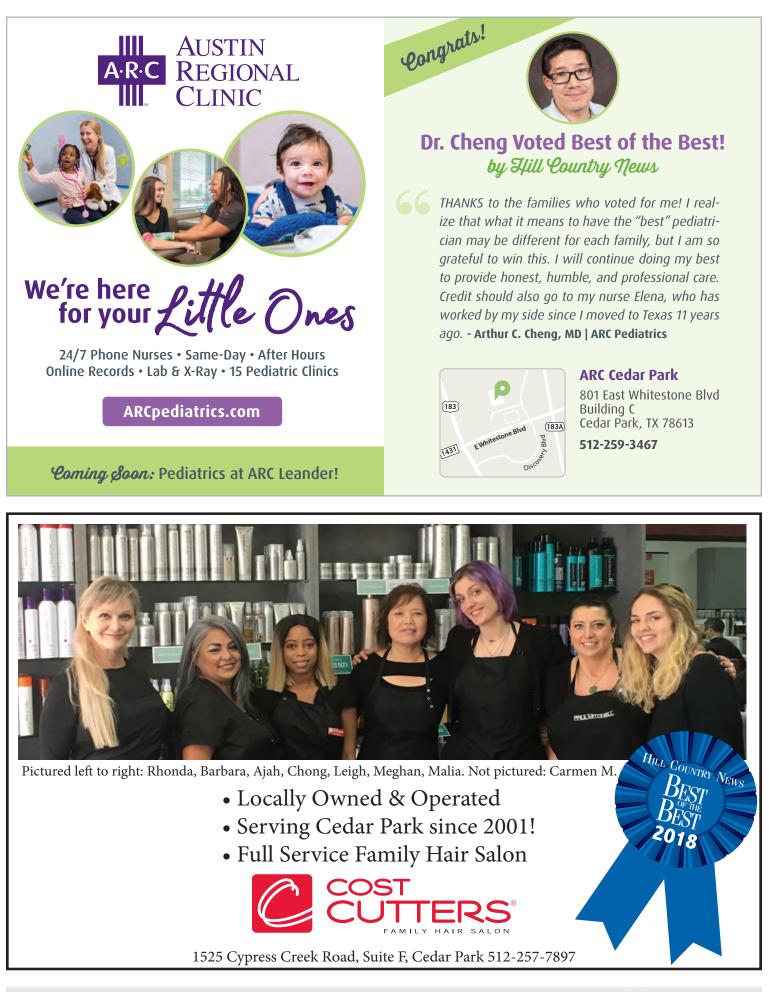
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BEST HOME REPAIR / HANDYMAN WINNER: Cedar Park Handyman

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HOME SERVICES (CONT.)

BEST LANDSCAPING / LAWN SERVICE

WINNER: Enchanted Rock & Landscaping

- Castlewood Lawn Care
- Pack Landscaping

BEST PEST CONTROL SERVICE

WINNER: Research Pest Control

- ABC Pest Control
- Osborne Pest Control

BEST PLUMBING SERVICE

WINNER: Squared Away Plumbing

- Cedar Park Plumbing Heating
- Excalibur Plumbing

BEST POOL SERVICE

- WINNER: Piranha Pools
- Agua Clear Pool Care
- Caribbean Blue Pool Supplies & Service

BEST RESIDENTIAL CLEANING SERVICE

- WINNER: Welcome Home Cleaning
- House Ninjas Home Services
- RoomByRoom Cleaning Services

BEST RESIDENTIAL REMODELER

WINNER: CL Howton Construction

- Hill Country Home Solutions
- Blind Faith

BEST ROOFING COMPANY

- WINNER: Hall's Roofing
- Longhorn Roofing
- Echelon Roofing & Construction

SECURITY & ALARM SERVICES

WINNER: Security Consultant Pros

- Mesa Home Systems
- Vivint



ORGANIZATIONS

BEST BUSINESS ORGANIZATION

- WINNER: Cedar Park Chamber of Commerce
- Leander Chamber of Commerce
- T-Werx Coworking

BEST CHURCH

WINNER: Hill Country Bible Church

- HighPoint Fellowship
- Rockpointe Church

BEST CIVIC ORGANIZATION

WINNER: The Dog Alliance

- Heroes Night Out
- Samaritan Health Ministries

PEOPLE

BEST BOSS

WINNER: Dr. Bert Vasut, **Cedar Park Pediatric Dentistry** • Tony Moline, Cedar Park Chamber of Commerce Malin Daniels, SpringHill Suites by Marriot Austin Cedar Park

BEST COACH

WINNER: Jacob Thompson, **Rouse HS Volleyball**

- Christina Wayson, Wiley MS Girls Basketball
- Carl Abseck, Cedar Park HS Football
- Drew Sanders, Vandegrift HS Football
- Rodney Vincent, Vista Ridge HS Football

BEST DRESSED (FEMALE) WINNER: Kathryn Pantalion Parker, **Fashion Consultant**

- Brenda Eivens, City of Cedar Park
- Bridget Brandt, Leander
- Chamber of Commerce



BEST DRESSED (MALE) WINNER: Tony Moline, **Cedar Park Chamber of Commerce**

- Aaron Cotton, TSIT
- Dr. Mo Jahadi, Chirofit Wellness Center

BEST ELECTED OFFICIAL

WINNER: Heather Jefts, Cedar Park City Council

- Anne Duffy, Cedar Park City Council
- Robert Chody, Williamson County Sheriff

BEST PRINCIPAL

WINNER: Mark Koller, Leander Middle School

Jessica Tracy,

- Hill Country Christian School of Austin
- Chris Simpson, Leander High School

BEST SCHOOL TEACHER

WINNER: Terry Rudd, Deer Creek Elementary Karen Jasek,

- Hill Country Christian School of Austin
- Michelle Lux, Leander High School

PETS

BEST DOG PARK / PLACE TO SPEND TIME OUTDOORS

WINNER: Cedar Bark Park

- Dog House Drinkery Dog Park
- Bark Park

BEST DOG TRAINER

- WINNER: Unleashed Unlimited
- The Dog Alliance
- DePaw Dog Sports and Training Academy

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- Happy Tails Pet Resort
- Buttercup Veterinary Hospital



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BEST PET FRIENDLY DINING

WINNER: Dog House Drinkery, Leander

- Blue Corn Harvest Bar and Grill
- Kerbey Lane Cafe

BEST PET GROOMING SERVICE

WINNER: Grooms by Leah

- Mud Puppies Self Services Dog Wash
- Premier Pet Spa

BEST PET SUPPLY STORE

WINNER: Tomlinson's Feed

- Healthy Pet Lakeline
- PetSmart

BEST VETERINARIAN

WINNER: 183 Vet Clinic

- Dr. Sam Morehead, Leander Vet Clinic
- Firehouse Animal Health Center

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

BEST MORTGAGE LENDER

WINNER: Dan McDorman, Premier Nationwide Lending

- Katie White, Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation
- Sheri McKim, Benchmark Mortgage

BEST CREDIT UNION

WINNER: Austin Telco Federal Credit Union

- Randoph Brooks Federal Credit Union
- University Federal Credit Union

BEST ACCOUNTANT / TAX SPECIALIST (FOR BUSINESSES)

WINNER: Venus Michael, Account-Ability

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- Larry J Phillips III, CPA
- Robin Parilo, CPA



(FOR PERSONAL) WINNER: Kathy J Haas, CPA PLLC

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BEST ATTORNEY

WINNER: Mary Dale, Mary Dale Law Firm

- The Valentine Law Firm
- Terry Davis & Associates

BEST BANK

WINNER: Wells Fargo Bank

- Frost Bank
- BBVA Compass

BEST CELL PHONE REPAIR

WINNER: Phone Doctor

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MOST RESPECTED FUNERAL / CREMATION SERVICE

WINNER: Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Homes

- Beck Funeral Home
- Cook-Walden Chapel of the Hills Funeral Home

BEST COMPUTER REPAIR

- WINNER: TSI Computer Repair
- Veratech Solutions
- Discount Electronics

BEST HOME BUILDER

WINNER: Drees Custom Homes

- David Weekley Homes
- Gidden Homes

BEST INSURANCE AGENT

WINNER: Allison Jacoby, Farmer's Insurance

- Catherine Murphy, Allstate Insurance
- Josh Waley, Waley Insurance Agency

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- Veratech Solutions
- Capstone Works, Inc.

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WINNER: Clean Smart Cleaners

- Jack Brown Cleaners
- Rick's Cleaners

BEST MOVING COMPANY

WINNER: Square Cow Moovers

- Apache Moving & Storage
- Belle Superior Movers

BEST PHOTOGRAPHER

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- Rachael Hall Photography
- Nickell Blair Photography

BEST PRINTING, GRAPHICS & SIGNS WINNER: Minuteman Press

- Effective Sign Solutions
- A-1 Signs

BEST REAL ESTATE AGENT

WINNER: Robert Fischer, RJF Team

- Paula Hufford, Keller Williams
- Travis Hurst, Team Hurst Realty Group

BEST STORAGE FACILITY

WINNER: N.E.W. Mini Storage

- Square Cow Moovers
- Extra Space Storage

BEST TITLE COMPANY

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- Villa Antonia
- Angel Springs Event Center

BEST WEDDING VENUE

WINNER: Villa Antonia

- Casablanca Brushy Creek
- Stonehouse Villa

SHOPPING

BEST BOOKSTORE

WINNER: Half-Price Books

- Barnes & Noble
- BookPeople

BEST SHOE STORE

WINNER: DSW Designer Shoe

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- Karavel Shoes
- Famous Footwear

BEST HARDWARE / HOME IMPROVEMENT STORE

WINNER: Ace Hardware/Cashway

- Lowe's Home Improvement
- The Home Depot

BEST CONVENIENCE STORE

WINNER: 7-Eleven

- Corner Store
- CamCo Mart

BEST DEPARTMENT STORE

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WINNER: Kohl's Leander

- Nordstrom Rack
- Macy's

BEST FLORIST

- WINNER: Cedar Park Florist
- H-E-B Plus!
- Heart and Home Flowers

BEST FURNITURE STORE

WINNER: IKEA

- Furniture Row
- Rooms to Go

BEST GIFT STORE

WINNER: Beau Kisses

- Grit & Grace Boutique
- Not Just Mail

BEST GROCERY STORE

WINNER: H-E-B Grocery

- Sprouts
- Whole Foods Market 365

BEST JEWELRY STORE

- WINNER: Whitestone Fine Jewelry
- Cedar Park Jewelry
- James Avery Jewelry

BEST CARPET / FLOORING STORE

- WINNER: M G Floors Inc
- Carpet Stop
- Fashion Floors

BEST MATTRESS STORE

WINNER: Denver Mattress

- Factory Mattress
- Sleep Number

BEST PLACE FOR KID'S CLOTHING WINNER: Old Navy

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BEST PLACE TO BUY BOOTS

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- Allens Boots
- DSW Designer Shoe Warehouse

BEST PLACE TO BUY LIQUOR / BEER WINNER: Twin Liquors

- Avery Ranch Wine & Spirits
- Leander Liquor

BEST PLACE TO BUY WINE

WINNER: Total Wine & More

- Twin Liquors
- H-E-B Grocery

BEST RETAIL SHOPPING CENTER / AREA

WINNER: The Parke

- 1890 Ranch
- Wolf Ranch

BEST SPECIALTY SHOP

WINNER: Hobby Lobby

- Smoker's Abbey
- Coover Caramels

BEST SPORTING GOODS STORE

WINNER: Academy Sports + Outdoors

- The Peddler Bicycle Shop
- Dick's Sporting Goods

BEST THRIFT SHOP

WINNER: Savers

- Goodwill
- Oddinary Objects

BEST BARBER

BEST WOMEN'S CLOTHING BOUTIQUE

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BEST DAY SPA

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- Hand & Stone Massage and Facial Spa
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BEST PERSONAL TRAINER

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- Jennifer Kaderli, Fit By Jenn
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BEST MANICURIST

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