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Creativity, variety spice up Bulletin's Best contest

More than 25,000 people participated in the first-ever Bulletin's Best community favorites contest.

Those people nominated 106,554 people, businesses and organizations for 379 categories in 12 different groups.

During the voting phase in October, 371,117 votes were cast.

This special section lists all the award-winners in each category, along with ads, thank-yous and articles from some of the winners.

"This was a fun, engaging competition," said Bulletin Publisher Richard Coltharp. "It was cool watching all the nominations and votes come in. And we also learned a lot about the community."

The 12 groups were Arts & Entertainment, Automotive & Transportation, Business, Community, Eating & Drinking, Education, Health & Wellbeing, Home, Life is Good in Las Cruces, Professionals, Shopping and Sports & Recreation.

As usual, Las Crucens demonstrated their creativity. Finishing second in the Best Tanning Salon category was "The sun, Nature's tan." The winner in the Best Place for a Kid's Birthday Party was "My backyard." That answer might be pandemic-influenced, but we all know, even in non-Covid times, people love to celebrate children's birthdays at home. And even though we've been without New Mexico State University Aggie activities for nine months now, the winner of the Best Personality category was Pistol Pete.

The Bulletin's Best "cover girls" (and boys) are the emergency and COVID-19 units from Memorial Medical Center, who won the category of Best Local Hero. In this stressful year of a pandemic, there could have been no more appropriate winner in this category.

The Las Cruces community has found many ways to express its thanks to all the local healthcare workers, including those at MountainView Regional Medical Center, the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico, Mesilla Valley Hospital and all of the people who have worked so tirelessly during the pandemic.

Thankfully, the Bulletin's Best votes were tabulated by an online computer program, so the Bulletin staff did not have to get involved with that portion of the contest.

The staff did add several categories to the initial stock list of categories, and created its own grouping: Life is Good in Las Cruces, with categories unique to our Mesilla Valley. There was a wide variety of nominees and vote-getters. Responses reflected the diversity and variety of Dona Ana County itself.

Also in the Life is Good in Las Cruces winners were two local legends who are no longer with us.

Winning the Best All Time NMSU Aggie Coach was – and it wasn't even close – longtime men's basketball coach Lou Henson, who passed away in July 2020.

The winner of the Best Local Historical Figure was Tony-Award-winning playwright Mark Medoff. Medoff could have gone anywhere in the world to practice his craft, but remained teaching at NMSU, spawning more generations of talented Aggies. Medoff passed away in April 2019.

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Austin's has largest jewelry inventory in Las Cruces

Austin's Fine Jewelry is owned by Keith and Kathy Austin. Keith manages the store of three salespeople and one goldsmith/jeweler. The store specializes in retail sales and repair of fine and estate jewelry. Austin's opened its doors in 1988 at 230 E. Idaho Avenue, where it remains today. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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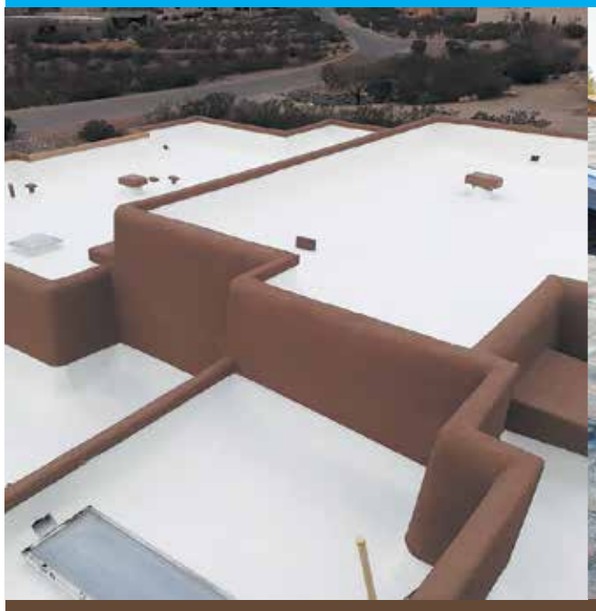

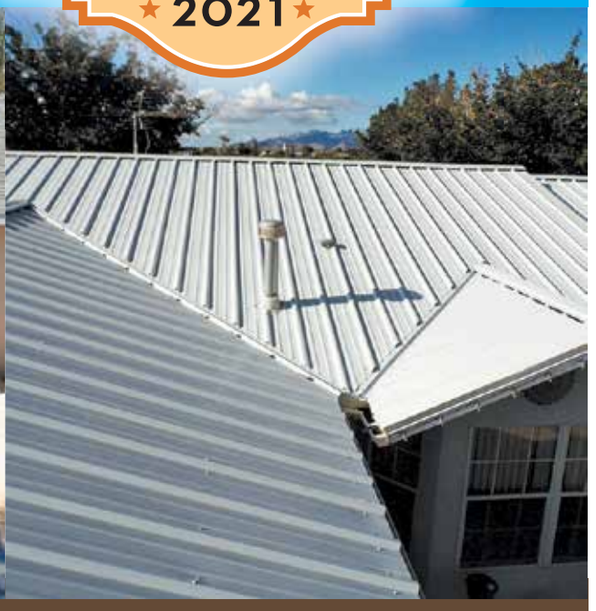

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"Covid-19 has affected us in the way we do things every day, of course," Sosa said. "But we have found ways to still do the things we have always done by socially distancing, wearing masks, and sanitizing frequently.

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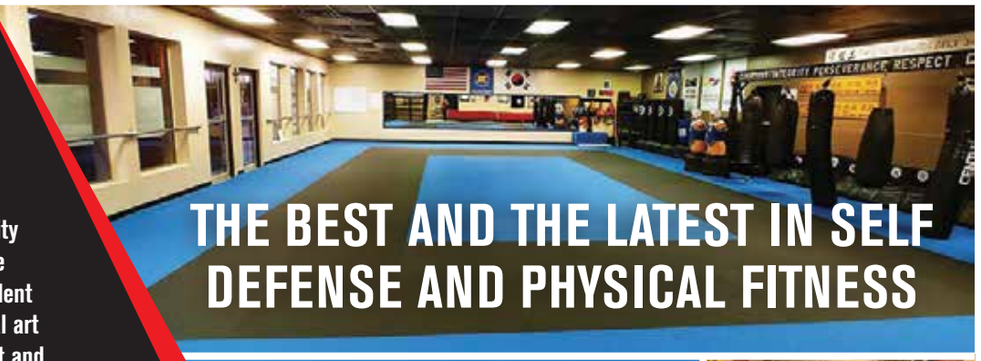

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Best Art Exhibit
Winner: Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces
Second Place: Art Obscura
Runner Up: Home on the Range at Farm & Ranch Museum

Best Art Gallery
Winner: Art Obscura
Second Place: New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum
Runner Up: Doña Ana Arts Council

Best Attraction
Winner: Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces
Second Place: Organ Mountains
Runner Up: Amador Live Jax

Blues Band/Act
Winner: SATISFIED
Second Place: CW Ayon
Runner Up: Derrick Harris

Best Club DJ
Winner: Tommy Black
Second Place: Dj Johnny Kage
Runner Up: DJ Neo Kid

Best Country Band/Act
Winner: SATISFIED with Johnny and Karlos Saucedo
Second Place: Chris Baker
Runner Up: Frank Ray

Best Cultural Event
Winner: Dia de Los Muertos in Mesilla
Second Place: Christmas Eve Mesilla Plaza
Runner Up: Zombie Walk

Best Dance Club
Winner: Palacio Bar Since 1936
Second Place: Jax at Amador Live
Runner Up: Whiskey Dick's

Best Entertainment Venue
Winner: Las Cruces Community Theatre
Second Place: Amador LIVE
Runner Up: Fountain Theatre

Best Family Entertainment
Winner: Mayfield vs Las Cruces Rivalry
Second Place: Las Cruces Community Theatre
Runner Up: Las Cruces Renaissance ArtsFaire

Best Female Vocalist
Winner: Bri Bagwell
Second Place: Zeta Sherill
Runner Up: Daisy Blue

Best Festival
Winner: Southern New Mexico State Fair
Second Place: Doña Ana Arts Council Renaissance ArtsFaire
Runner Up: Zombie Walk

Best Fine Artist
Winner: Bob Diven
Second Place: Virginia Maria Romero
Runner Up: Michael Ponce

Best Fundraising Event
Winner: Men Who Cook
Second Place: Cowboys for Cancer Research
Runner Up: March of Dimes

Best Gaming Venue
Winner: Rad Retrocade
Second Place: Lucky Dog Billiards
Runner Up: Galaxy Gaming Lounge

Best House/ Cover Band/Act
Winner: SATISFIED
Second Place: Caliente
Runner Up: Ghetto Blasters

Best Jazz Band/Act
Winner: Roman Chip
Second Place: Derrick Lee Trio
Runner Up: Lush Life Quintet

Best Live Music Venue (Large)
Winner: Amador LIVE
Second Place: Pan American Center
Runner Up: Picacho Peak Brewing Company

Best Live Music Venue (Medium)
Winner: Amador Patio Bar Grill
Second Place: The Game 1 & The Game 2
Runner Up: El Patio

Best Live Music Venue (Small)
Winner: High Desert Brewing Co.
Second Place: The Game Sports Bar and Grill
Runner Up: Vintage Wines

Best Live Theater Group
Winner: Las Cruces Community Theatre
Second Place: NMSU Theater
Runner Up: Toad Hall Productions

Best Live Theater Venue
Winner: Las Cruces Community Theatre
Second Place: Rio Grande Theatre
Runner Up: Black Box Theatre

Best Local Actor
Winner: Brandon Brown
Second Place: Mark Vasconcellos
Second Place: Nick Check

Best Local Actress
Winner: Nora Brown
Second Place: Erin Wendorf
Runner Up: Jessica Jimenez

Best Local Author
Winner: Rus Bradburd
Second Place: Denise Chavez
Runner Up: David Salcido

Best Local Band
Winner: SATISFIED
Second Place: Chris Baker Band
Runner Up: Los Chile Rellenos

Best Local Casino
Winner: Sunland Park Racetrack & Casino

Best Local Clothing Designer
Winner: Organ Mountain Outfitters
Second Place: Cassandra Galban
Runner Up: Robert Young (Bobcat)

Best Local Event
Winner: Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces
Second Place: Southern NM State Fair and Rodeo
Runner Up: Zombie Walk

Best Local Hip Hop Artist
Winner: DJ Sauna
Second Place: Naekwon
Runner Up: Jordano Baby

Best Male Vocalist
Winner: Karlos Saucedo
Second Place: Chris Baker
Runner Up: Joseph Acosta

Best Mariachi Band
Winner: Karlos Saucedo
Second Place: Mariachi Aguilas
Runner Up: Mariachi Jalisciense

Best Movie Theater
Winner: Telshor 12 - Allen Theatres
Second Place: Fountain Theatre
Runner Up: Cineport 10 - Allen Theatres

Best Museum
Winner: New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum
Second Place: Museum of Nature & Science
Runner Up: Las Cruces Museum of Art

Best Musician
Winner: Johnny Arce
Second Place: Chris Baker
Runner Up: CW Ayon

Best Nightclub
Winner: Palacio Bar Since 1936
Second Place: Little Toad Creek Brewery & Distillery Las Cruces
Runner Up: Rad Retrocade

Best Outdoor Event
Winner: Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces
Second Place: Las Cruces Renaissance Arts Faire
Runner Up: Las Cruces Music in the Park

Best Photographer (Fine Art)
Winner: Laura Viramontes
Second Place: Wayne Suggs
Runner: Up MJMFotos

Best Place for a Kid's Birthday Party
Winner: Backyard
Second Place: Peter Piper Pizza
Runner Up: Rockin Jump Indoor Trampoline Park- Las Cruces

Best Rock Band/Act
Winner: SATISFIED
Second Place: Triple Jack
Runner Up: Cordova

Best Spanish Band
Winner: SATISFIED
Second Place: Nosotros
Runner Up: Cruces Band

Best Tourist Spot
Winner: White Sands National Park
Second Place: Mesilla Plaza
Runner Up: Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces

AUTO & TRANSPORTATION

Best Auto Loan Provider
Winner: White Sands Federal Credit Union
Second Place: First Light Federal CU
Runner Up: Pioneer Bank

Best Auto Service & Repair
Winner: Gilbert's Automotive & Transmission
Second Place: Joe's Collision Center
Runner Up: B & G Automotive

Best Boat Sales / Service
Winner: Fun Country RV & Marine
Second Place: Caliber Collision

Best Cab Company
Winner: Las Cruces Shuttle & Taxi
Second Place: L & L Limousine Service
Runner Up: Checker Cab

Best Car Wash
Winner: Mister Car Wash
Second Place: Pic Quik
Runner Up: Neto Boys Full Service And Self Service Carwash

Best Mechanic
Winner: Jesus Avalos - AAMCO
Second Place: Tom Mascitelli's Auto Repair
Runner Up: B & G Automotive

Best Mobile Car Wash
Winner: Victory Lane Mobile Detailing & Ceramic Coating
Second Place: Squeaky Clean Mobile Detailing
Runner Up: Esparza Auto Detailing
Runner Up: Neto Boys Full Service And Self Service Carwash

Best New Car Dealership
Winner: Vescovo Toyota of Las Cruces
Second Place: Borman Honda
Runner Up: Sisbarro Volkswagen

Best Off-Road Vehicle Dealer
Winner: Las Cruces Motorsports
Second Place: The Power Center, Inc.

Best Oil Change
Winner: Big O Tires
Second Place: Jiffy Lube Oil Change & Multicare
Runner Up: Roper's Kar Wash & Lubricator

Best Place to Buy A Used Car
Winner: Vescovo Toyota of Las Cruces
Second Place: Sisbarro Volkswagen
Runner Up: L & L Auto Sales

Best Tire Shop
Winner: Discount Tire
Second Place: Big O Tires
Runner Up: Firestone Complete Auto Care

Best RV Sales and Service
Winner: Affordable RV & Marine Service
Second Place: Holiday World of Las Cruces
Runner Up: Fun Country RV & Marine

Best Used Car Dealership
Winner: Vescovo Toyota of Las Cruces
Second Place: Sisbarro Volkswagen
Runner Up: Borman Used Select

Best Motorcycle Shop
Winner: Barnett's Las Cruces Harley-Davidson
Second Place: Las Cruces Motorsports
Runner Up: Lanesplitterz

Still only one Toucan Market

Toucan Market owners Rob, Joan and Bob Baur COURTESY PHOTO

Toucan Market, which celebrated its 15th anniversary in June 2020, is owned by Bob and Joan Baur, and their son, Rob, who manages the store.

The specialty grocer has a full-service meat department, a fresh produce department featuring local produce whenever possible.

The grocery features hard to find items for you "foodies" as well as a wide selection of local merchandise. The store has a bakery with breads, cakes pastries and so much more.

Also, Toucan has a great liquor department with hundreds of wines from around the world, microbrews and spirits.

"We're locally owned and operated so there is still only one Toucan Market," Bob Baur said. "Thank you for all your support through the years, I certainly appreciate the votes that gave us the opportunity to win these awards. God Bless you and your family, see you soon."

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Best Accounting Firm
Winner: Beasley, Mitchell, & Co.
Second Place: Bagwell James CPA
Runner Up: Kelly Accounting

Best Administrative Assistant
Winner: Elisabeth Ondelacy HTM Security Services Inc.
Second Place: Monica Bustamante (White Sands School)
Runner Up: Devany Whipple (Law Office of Jill V. Johnson)

Best Bank
Winner: Citizens Bank
Second Place: FirstLight Federal Credit Union
Runner Up: Pioneer Bank

Best Bookkeeping/ Tax Service
Winner: Beasley, Mitchell,& Co.
Second Place: Kelly Accounting
Runner Up: Ebbs, Roberts, Daw & Head Inc.

Best Boss
Winner: Marci Dickerson
Second Place: Genno Tafoya, HTM Security Services
Runner Up: Kiel Hoffman, Pioneer Bank

Best Financial Institution
Winner: Citizens Bank of Las Cruces
Second Place: Edward Jones - Financial Advisor: Christopher L Dulany, CFP
Runner Up: Pioneer Bank

Best Financial Planner
Winner: Brandan J. Bagwell
Second Place: Christopher Dulany
Runner Up: Lori Allen

Best Local Credit Union
Winner: White Sands Federal Credit Union
Second Place: FirstLight Federal Credit Union
Runner Up: FirstLight Federal Credit Union - East Lohman Ave.

Best Locally Owned Business
Winner: Citizens Bank
Second Place: HTM, Inc, Security Specialty Training
Runner Up: Sinuate Media

Best Mortgage / Home Loan Provider
Winner: Citizens Bank of Las Cruces
Second Place: Mann Mortgage
Runner Up: Pioneer Bank

Best new business (opened 2019-20)
Winner: Nothing Bundt Cakes
Second Place: Co-Lab Artisans Loft
Runner Up: AIM FitMeals, LLC.

Best Place to Work
Winner: Memorial Medical Center
Second Place: HTM, Inc, Security Specialty Training
Runner Up: Mesilla Valley Hospice

Best Print Shop
Winner: Insta-Copy
Second Place: ABC Printing
Runner Up: Del Valle Printing

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COMMUNITY

Best Apartment Community
Winner: Copperstone Apartments
Second Place: Casas De Soledad Apartment Homes
Runner Up: High Range Village Apartments

Best Church
Winner: St. Albert the Great Newman Center
Second Place: Landmark Church
Runner Up: Power Of Praise Fellowship

Best City Councilor
Winner: Tessa Stuve
Second Place: Gabe Vasquez
Runner Up: Kasandra Gandara

Best Community Activist
Winner: Marci Dickerson
Second Place: Carrie Hamblen
Runner Up: Austin Trout

Best County Commissioner
Winner: Isabella Solis
Second Place: Lynn Ellins
Runner Up: Shannon Reynolds

Best Hotel
Winner: Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces
Second Place: Hacienda de Mesilla
Runner Up: Hilton Garden Inn Las Cruces

Best Local Athlete
Winner: Austin Trout
Second Place: Bryce Rewalt
Runner Up: Jewel Johnson

Best Local Cause
Winner: Action Programs for Animals
Second Place: Mesilla Valley Hospice
Runner Up: La Casa, Inc.

Best Local Hero
Winner: MMC Emergency & COVID-19 Units staff (Lifesavers!)
Second Place: Barbara Hubbard
Runner Up: Marci Dickerson

Best Local Website
Winner: www.lascrucesbulletin.com
Second Place: Las Cruces Community
Runner Up: Las Cruces Memory Lane

Best Local Newspaper Columnist
Winner: Algernon D'Ammasa
Second Place: Richard Coltharp
Runner Up: Damien Willis

Best Local Newspaper Reporter
Winner: Mike Cook
Second Place: Algernon D'Ammasa
Runner Up: Damien Willis

Best Local Personality
Winner: Pistol Pete
Second Place: Robert Palacios
Runner Up: Salina Madrid

Best Local Radio Personality
Winner: Vanessa Dabovich
Second Place: Jackie Marquez Wilkinson
Runner Up: Patricia Valencia

Best Local Radio Station
Winner: 101 Gold
Second Place: Hot 103.1
Runner Up: Zia Country 99.5

Best Local Sports Team
Winner: NMSU Aggies Men's Basketball
Second Place: Crossroads City Derby
Runner Up: Steele Athletes

Best Local Twitter Feed
Winner: Algernon D'Ammassa
Second Place: Zia Comics
Runner Up: Damien Willis

Best Local Legislator
Winner: Jeff Steinborn
Second Place: Isabella Solis
Runner Up: Micaela Lara Cadena

Best Neighborhood
Winner: Sonoma Ranch Boulevard
Second Place: Mesilla
Runner Up: Country Club Estates

Best Nonprofit Organization
Winner: Jardin de los Niños
Second Place: La Casa Inc.
Runner Up: Casa de Peregrinos

Best Philanthropist
Winner: Paul Taylor
Second Place: Marci Dickerson
Runner Up: Ammu Devasthali

Best Talk / News Radio Station
Winner: 101 Gold
Second Place: KRWG
Runner Up: Mesilla Valley News Adams Radio Group

EATING & DRINKING

Best 24-Hour Restaurant
Winner: Village Inn
Second Place: Whataburger
Runner Up: Restaurant IHOP

Best Bagels
Winner: Milagro Coffee y Espresso
Second Place: Einstein Bros. Bagels
Runner Up: Kind Bread Company

Best Bakery
Winner: Indulgence Bakery & Cafe
Second Place: Le Rendez-vous Cafe
Runner Up: Lujan Bakery

Best Barbecue Restaurant
Winner: Ranchway BBQ & Mexican Food
Second Place: Sparky's
Runner Up: Jim Bobs BBQ

Best Bartender (Name & Workplace)
Winner: Skye Rivera - Applebee's
Second Place: Audrey - Double Eagle
Runner Up: Nick - Ice Box Brewing Company

Best Bed & Breakfast
Winner: Hacienda de Mesilla
Second Place: Josefina's
Runner: Lundeen Inn Of The Arts

Best Beer Selection (bar, brewery or restaurant)
Winner: Broken Spoke Taphouse
Second Place: High Desert Brewing Co.
Runner Up: Spotted Dog Brewery

Best Beer Selection (retail store)
Winner: Kelly Liquors
Second Place: Toucan Market
Runner Up: Spotted Dog

Best Breakfast
Winner: The Shed
Second Place: Indulgence Bakery & Cafe
Runner Up: Bite of Belgium

Best Brew Pub
Winner: High Desert Brewing Co.
Second Place: Little Toad Creek Brewery & Distillery
Runner Up: Spotted Dog Brewery

Best Buffet
Winner: Cattle Baron
Second Place: Double Eagle
Runner Up: Golden Corral Buffet & Grill

Best Business Lunch
Winner: Andele Restaurant
Second Place: Salud de Mesilla
Runner Up: La Posta de Mesilla

Best Catering
Winner: Andele Restaurant
Second Place: Pastaggio's Italian Restaurant
Runner Up: Matteo's Mexican Food

Best Cheap Meal
Winner: Day's Hamburgers
Second Place: Andele's Dog House
Runner Up: Matteo's Mexican Food

Best Chef (Name & Workplace)
Winner: Chef Chris - Aim fitmeals LLC
Second Place: Chef Frankie Torres - Chalas
Runner Up: Chef Milo - Spotted Dog Brewery

Best Chicken Nuggets
Winner: Chick-fil-A
Second Place: Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers
Runner Up: McDonald's

Best Chicken Sandwich
Winner: Chick-fil-A
Second Place: Indulgence Bakery & Cafe
Runner Up: High Desert Brewing Co.

Best Chicken Strips or Tenders
Winner: Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers
Second Place: Dairy Queen
Runner Up: Whataburger

Best Chicken Wings
Winner: Wingstop
Second Place: The Game Bar & Grill
Runner Up: Icebox Brewery

Best Chinese Restaurant
Winner: Thai Delight
Second Place: Wok N World
Runner Up: China Express

Best Cocktails
Winner: Dry Point Distillery
Second Place: Double Eagle Mesilla
Runner Up: La Posta De Mesilla

Best Coffeehouse
Winner: Beck's Roasting House & Creamery
Second Place: The Bean Cafe
Runner Up: Milagro Coffee y Espresso

Best Deli
Winner: Corner Deli
Second Place: McAlister's Deli
Runner Up: Jason's Deli

Best Desserts
Winner: Caliche's Frozen Custard
Second Place: Indulgence Bakery & Cafe
Runner Up: Le Rendez-vous Cafe

Best Distillery
Winner: Dry Point Distillers
Second Place: Little Toad Creek Brewery & Distillery Las Cruces

Best Dive Bar
Winner: El Patio Bar Since 1935
Second Place: Chope's Bar & Cafe
Runner Up: Palacio Bar Since 1936

Best Donuts
Winner: Bosa Donuts & Burritos
Second Place: Leo's Bakery
Runner Up: La Fiesta Bakery

Best fajitas
Winner: El Sombrero Patio Cafe
Second Place: La Posta De Mesilla
Runner Up: Cha Chi's Doña Ana NM

Best Family Restaurant
Winner: Andele Restaurant
Second Place: El Sombrero
Runner Up: La Posta De Mesilla

Best Food Truck
Winner: Green Chile Paddy Wagon
Second Place: Matteo's Mexican Food
Runner Up: Luchador Food Truck

Best French Fries
Winner: Green Chile Paddy Wagon
Second Place: Five Guys
Runner Up: Chick-fil-A

Best French Restaurant
Winner: Le Rendez-vous Cafe
Second Place: Double Eagle
Runner Up: IHOP

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A top attraction in southern New Mexico, the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum draws visitors from all over the world. A recent year-long survey showed visitors from 11 foreign countries and 48 states. We have animals, demonstrations, educational programs, outstanding exhibits, and now many programs online.

The Museum, which opened in 1998, connects the present generation to the history of farming and ranching in New Mexico, inspiring a deeper appreciation and understanding of the state's rich and diverse heritage. This is done through exhibitions educational programs, and special events.

"We are extremely grateful to everyone who voted for us and we are proud of our connection with the many supporters who share our enthusiasm and passion for preserving and sharing this amazing history," said Heather A. Reed, the Museum's executive director.

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As a state facility, the Museum has been mostly closed since March 15, but its online presence has increased dramatically through a new website and social media, offering many programs.

Livestock and maintenance staff continue to work on site to care for the animals and provide security.

When open, visitors can go to the Museum at 4100 Dripping Springs Road in Las Cruces. In the meantime, those interested can go to www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org, or email. frhm@state.nm.us.

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- Best Museum, **1st place**
- Best Place to Get Married, **1st place**
- Best Art Gallery, **2nd place**

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EATING & DRINKING

Best Fried Chicken
Winner: Indulgence Bakery & Cafe
Second Place: Cracker Barrel Old Country Store
Runner Up: KFC

Best Greek Restaurant
Winner: Tiffany's
Second Place: Santorini Restaurant

Best Hamburger
Winner: Sparky's
Second Place: Day's Hamburgers
Runner Up: Burger Nook

Best Happy Hour
Winner: Sonic
Second Place: Si Señor Restaurant
Runner Up: The Game II - Sports Grill

Best Hot Dog
Winner: Caliche's
Second Place: Lalo's Sonora Style Dogs
Runner Up: Andele's Dog House

Best Italian Restaurant
Winner: Pastaggio's Italian Restaurant
Second Place: Lorenzo's Italian Restaurant
Runner Up: Luna Rossa Winery & Pizzeria

Best Japanese Restaurant
Winner: Aqua Reef
Second Place: Sakura Japanese House
Runner Up: Mix Sushi Bar & Grill

Best Kid-Friendly Restaurant
Winner: Peter Piper Pizza
Second Place: Cracker Barrel Old Country Store
Runner Up: Salud! de Mesilla

Best Late Night Bar
Winner: Broken Spoke Taphouse
Second Place: El Patio Bar
Runner Up: Little Toad Creek Brewery & Distillery Las Cruces

Best Liquor Store
Winner: Kelly Liquors
Second Place: Toucan Market
Runner Up: Elephant Ranch

Best Local Winery
Winner: D.H. Lescombes Winery
Second Place: Luna Rossa Winery and Pizzeria
Runner Up: Vintage Wines

Best Locally Owned Restaurant
Winner: Andele Restaurant
Second Place: La Posta de Mesilla
Runner Up: Chala's Wood Fire Grill

Best Margarita
Winner: La Posta de Mesilla
Second Place: Double Eagle
Runner Up: Chachi's Restaurant

Best Martini
Winner: Dry Point Distillers
Second Place: Double Eagle
Runner Up: Hacienda de Mesilla

Best Mexican Restaurant
Winner: El Sombrero Patio Cafe
Second Place: Andele Restaurant
Runner Up: La Posta de Mesilla

Best Nachos
Winner: High Desert Brewing Co.
Second Place: The Game Sports Bar and Grill
Runner Up: El Patron Cafe And Catering

Best New Bar (opened 2019-20)
Winner: Amador LIVE
Second Place: Dry Point Distillers
Runner Up: Icebox Brewing - N. Main Taproom

Best New Restaurant (opened 2019-20)
Winner: Matteo's Mexican Food
Second Place: Amador Patio Bar Grill
Runner Up: AIM FitMeals, LLC.

Best Outdoor Patio
Winner: Andele's Dog House
Second Place: The Game Sports Bar and Grill
Runner Up: Broken Spoke Taphouse

Best Pizza
Winner: NYP Slice House Pizza
Second Place: Luna Rossa
Runner Up: Dion's

Best Pub Food
Winner: High Desert Brewing Co.
Second Place: Spotted Dog
Runner Up: The Game Sports Bar and Grill

Best Restaurant Server (Name & Workplace)
Winner: Mikey - Little Toad Creek
Second Place: Isaiah Gutierrez - D.H. Lescombes Winery & Bristro
Runner Up: Corey - Icebox/Boneyard

Best Romantic Restaurant
Winner: Hacienda de Mesilla
Second Place: Salud! de Mesilla
Runner Up: Double Eagle

Best Salad
Winner: Cattle Baron
Second Place: Dion's
Runner Up: Boba Cafe

Best Seafood Restaurant
Winner: Hacienda de Mesilla
Second Place: Delicias del Mar
Runner Up: Red Lobster

Best Smoothies
Winner: Keva Juice
Second Place: Boba Cafe
Runner Up: Mountain View Market Co+op

Best Soup
Winner: Indulgence Bakery & Cafe
Second Place: Boba Cafe
Runner Up: McAlister's Deli

Best Sports Bar
Winner: The Game II - Sports Bar and Grill
Second Place: Icebox Brewing Company
Runner Up: The Game Sports Bar and Grill

Best Steakhouse
Winner: Texas Roadhouse
Second Place: Cattle Baron
Runner Up: Double Eagle

Best Sub/Sandwich
Winner: Corner Deli
Second Place: Boba Cafe
Second Place: Dion's

Best Sunday Brunch
Winner: The Shed
Second Place: Salud! de Mesilla
Runner Up: A Bite Of Belgium

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The Doctors, Nurses, Staff and Administration of the **Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico** are incredibly grateful to have received so many nominations and votes for the Bulletin's Best Awards for 2021.

Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico was awarded First Place for the Best Rehab Center, Second Place for Best Physical Therapy Facility and Runner Up for Best Hospital!

And our 15 year veteran Physical Therapist, Brian Rewalt, was awarded First Place for Best Physical Therapist!

Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico is the only Inpatient Rehab Facility in Las Cruces and we serve patients from all over the southern New Mexico and West Texas region. We specialize and are certified by The Joint Commission in Stroke, Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Rehabilitation. We also serve the Las Cruces communities Outpatient Rehabilitation needs, as well as hosting several support groups, like the Stroke, Spinal Cord and our virtual COPD and Respiratory Failure Support Groups.

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EATING & DRINKING

Best Sushi
Winner: Aqua Reef
Second Place: Mix Pacific Rim
Runner Up: Sakura Japanese House

Best Take Out
Winner: Andele Restaurant
Second Place: Si Señor Express
Runner Up: Chachis

Best Tapas
Winner: Salud de Mesilla
Second Place: Hacienda de Mesilla
Runner Up: Spotted Dog Brewery

Best Tequila Selection (Bar or Restaurant)
Winner: La Posta De Mesilla
Second Place: Double Eagle
Runner Up: Si Señor Restaurant

Best Thai / Vietnamese
Winner: Thai Delight
Second Place: Renoo's Thai Time
Runner Up: Pho a dong

Best Upscale Bar
Winner: Double Eagle
Second Place: Hacienda de Mesilla
Runner Up: 575 Cruces Crafted Cocktails
Runner Up: Salud! de Mesilla

Best Vegetarian Selection
Winner: Indulgence Bakery & Cafe
Second Place: Habanero's Fresh Mex
Runner Up: Salud! de Mesilla

Best Wine Bar
Winner: D.H. Lescombes Winery & Bistro
Second Place: Salud! de Mesilla
Runner Up: Vintage Wines

Best Wine Selection (bar, winery or restaurant)
Winner: Salud! de Mesilla
Second Place: D.H. Lescombes
Runner Up: Vintage Wines

Best Wine Selection (retail store)
Winner: Toucan Market
Second Place: Kelly Liquors
D.H. Lescombes Winery & Bistro Runner Up

Best Wine Shop
Winner: Toucan Market
Second Place: D.H. Lescombes Winery & Bistro
Runner Up: Vintage Wines

Ice Cream or Frozen Desserts
Winner: Caliche's Frozen Custard
Second Place: The Paleta Bar Las Cruces
Runner Up: Dairy Queen

EDUCATION

Best DACC Instructor
Winner: Monica Mojica
Second Place: Olivia Seppi
Runner Up: Rachel Gentry

Best Elementary School Principal
Winner: Lou Ellen Kay (Las Cruces Academy)
Second Place: Melissa Galaz (Sonoma)
Runner Up: Adrian Galaz (Holy Cross)

Best Elementary School Teacher
Winner: Celeste Swapp (Sonoma)
Second Place: Arielle Lane (Las Cruces Academy)
Runner Up: Meredith Monroe (Sonoma)

Best High School Boys Team Coach
Winner: Aaron Ocampo
Second Place: Greg Mallory
Runner Up: Daniel Loya, Centennial Soccer

Best High School Girls Team Coach
Winner: George Maya
Second Place: Louie Laborin - Centennial
Runner Up: Keith Leupold

Best High School Principal
Winner: Susie Hendee (Centennial)
Second Place: James Schapekahm (Oñate)
Runner Up: Adrian Galaz (Holy Cross)

Best High School Teacher
Winner: Beth Rewalt
Second Place: Rachel Gentry
Runner Up: Marissa Prentice

Best Middle School Boys Team Coach
Winner: Art Narvaez
Second Place: William Benjamin
Runner Up: Tim Hall

Best Middle School Girls Team Coach
Winner: Benjamin Serrano
Second Place: Michael Parker
Runner Up: Secret Roybal

Best Middle School Principal
Winner: Ralph Ramos (Camino)
Second Place: Lou Ellen Kay (Las Cruces Academy)
Runner Up: James Dickerson (White Sands)

Best Middle School Teacher
Winner: Vanessa Dabovich
Second Place: Elizabeth Brasher (Las Cruces Academy)
Runner Up: Art Narvaez (Mesa MS)

Best NMSU Instructor
Winner: Dr. Tom Dormody
Second Place: Amy Lanasa
Runner Up: Olivia Seppi

Best Preschool
Winner: Alpha Schools
Second Place: Doña Ana County Head Start
Runner Up: St. Paul's Child Development Center

Best Private School
Winner: Las Cruces Academy
Second Place: Mesilla Valley Christian School
Runner Up: Las Cruces Catholic School

Best Public Elementary School
Winner: Monte Vista Elementary School
Second Place: Sonoma Elementary School
Runner Up: Tombaugh Elementary School

Best Public High School
Winner: Centennial High School
Second Place: Oñate High School
Runner Up: Mayfield High School

Best Public Middle School
Winner: Camino Real Middle School
Second Place: Sierra Middle School
Runner Up: Vista Middle School

Best School Board Member
Winner: Ray Jaramillo
Second Place: Teresa Tenorio
Runner Up: Maria Flores

MMC Excels In 2020

Having served the community for more than 70 years, Memorial Medical Center has experienced a year unlike any other in 2020.

Always ready for a crisis, MMC's employees, who number around 1,450, have risen to the challenge more than ever during this time of pandemic.

That over-and-above ethic was recognized in the Bulletin's Best of the Mesilla, as MMC won 27 awards across 18 categories.

COURTESY PHOTO

Memorial Cancer Center: Winner of Best Medical Group

"I want to thank the community for showing their appreciation for the difference our staff, providers and volunteers continue to make here," said MMC CEO John Harris. "It is our pleasure to have earned your trust to treat you like family for your healthcare needs. That trust will always drive our commitment to excel."

Exemplifying this caring spirit is MMC's award in the category Best Local Hero, which went to the hospital's emergency and COVID-19 units staffs for their extraordinary efforts in these difficult times.

"I am extremely proud of the outstanding team at Memorial Medical Center, winning 27 awards across 18 categories," Harris said. "It is a direct reflection of the extremely dedicated people at MMC. Our staff is committed to providing high quality, safe care for the people of this region that we have the privilege of serving."

MMC is owned by LifePoint Health, headquartered in Brentwood, Tenn. Joining Harris on the hospital's management team are Caryn Iverson, Chief Nursing Officer; Dr. Dolores Gomez, Chief Medical Officer; Steve Winegeart, Chief Financial Officer; and Mary Armijo, Associate Administrator.

"While unprecedented, the year 2020 has once again shown why Memorial Medical Center is the destination for high quality healthcare in Southern New Mexico," Harris concluded.

"Thank you to our partners and providers for joining us in our mission."

MMC Emergency & COVID-19 Units Staff: Winners of Best Local Hero

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Thank you to everyone who voted us the *BEST*!

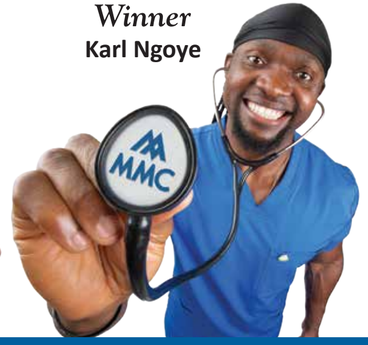
BEST Local Hero

MMC Emergency & COVID-19 Units Staff *(Lifesavers!)*

BEST Nurse

Second Place
Lynn Van Pelt Fletcher

Winner
Karl Ngoye



Runner Up
Chris Munoz

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BEST Cardiologist

Second Place
Shariq Shamim, MD

Runner Up
Udit Bhatnagar, MD

BEST Best Weight Loss Clinic/ Counseling
Winner
Memorial Weight Loss Center of New Mexico

BEST Cancer Center
Winner
Memorial Cancer Center

BEST Medical Clinic
Winner
Family HealthCare North Main
Runner Up
Urgent Care Sonoma

BEST Physical Therapy Facility
Winner
Memorial Medical Center

BEST Mental Health Facility
Winner
Memorial Medical Center

BEST Oncologist

Winner
Jason Call, MD

Second Place
Parikshit Padhi, MD

Runner Up
Bruce Greenfield, MD

BEST Physician

Winner
Mai Oushy, MD

Second Place
Parikshit Padhi, MD

BEST Medical Group
Winner
Memorial Cancer Center
Second Place
Memorial Physician Practices

BEST Hearing Care Providers

Second Place
Jonathan Owens, MD

BEST Podiatrist

Winner
Raha Mobarak, DPM

BEST Orthopedist

Winner
George Harrington, MD

Second Place
Robert Schwartz, MD

BEST Surgeon

Runner Up
Carrie Dieker, MD

BEST Cosmetic Surgeon

Winner
Jaime Aburto, MD

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Grandfather-granddaughter duo runs Acti-Kare

Acti-Kare Responsive In-Home Care of Las Cruces is a local, family-operated business owned by a granddaughter and grandfather duo, Ashley Berlint and Robert Mowry, who are dedicated with providing Doña Ana County with quality care for all ages.

"When you can't be with your loved one, we can!" Berlint says.

Acti-Kare opened in March 2018 and currently has 18 caregivers on staff.

Recently, Acti-Kare won a Bulletin's Best first-place award in the category Best In-Home Elder Care.

"We would like to thank everyone who took the time out of their day to vote ActiKare "Best In-Home Elder Care Company," Berlint said. "Our hearts are filled with joy. Each one of you is greatly appreciated! We couldn't have done it without all of the support from our family, friends and wonderful Las Cruces community."

As it has for every business, COVID-19 has affected the way Acti-Kare operates.

Berlint said her staff has exercised extra care and caution with clients.

COURTESY PHOTOS

Ashley Berlint **Robert Mowry**

"Luckily, Acti-Kare is a healthcare provider, so we have not been hit as hard as other small businesses," Berlint said. "We are adapting by staying up to date and following all of the CDC guidelines to ensure the safety of our clients and caregivers."

Potential clients can contact Berlint directly at 575-640.3682 or aberlint@actikare.com to get any information or to set up a free in-home care consultation. Clients may contact the office at 575-297-4455, or visit the website, www.actikare.com/las-cruces.

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Sacred Garden emphasizes quality, service, education

Manager Carla Padilla, and the 14 employees at Sacred Garden Premium Cannabis in Las Cruces express their appreciation for everyone who voted for them in the recent Bulletin's Best of the Mesilla Valley contest.

Sacred Garden was founded in 2010 by Zeke Shortes, and opened its Las Cruces store at 642 S. Alameda in January 2018.

The store provides high-quality cannabis and cannabis-derived medicine, as well as exceptional customer service and patient education to those in need of natural pain relief and healing in New Mexico.

Vertically integrated from seed to sale, Sacred Garden produces and offers more than 140 medicated items for qualifying patients. During Covid protocols, Sacred Garden offers online and phone ordering for curbside pickup.

Store hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Contact Sacred Garden at 575-300-0154, or order online at www.iheartjane.com.

Reach them on Facebook at Sacred Garden, Las Cruces, on Instagram @ the_sacredgarden, or at their website, sacred.garden.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Best Acupuncturist
Winner: Crossroads Acupuncture
Second Place: Dr. Jonathan Smith
Runner Up: Amy O'Neill

Best Assisted Living Facility
Winner: La Posada Assisted Living
Second Place: Blue Horizon Boutique Assisted Living and Memory Care
Runner Up: The Village at Northrise - The Hallmark

Best Audiologist
Winner: Expert Hearing Care
Second Place: Kelly Churchill
Runner Up: Eileen Ocampo

Best Cancer Center
Winner: Memorial Medical Center Cancer Center
Second Place: MountainView Medical Group Cancer CareCenter
Runner Up: Rio Grande Oncology

Best Cardiologist
Winner: Dr. Luis Ramon Colato
Second Place: Shariq Shamim, MD - MMC
Runner Up: Udit Bhatnagar, MD - MMC

Best Chiropractor
Winner: Ryan Gutierrez, DC - Family First Chiropractic
Second Place: Dr. Jonathan Smith
Runner Up: Lane S. Bauer, DC

Best Cosmetic Dermatologist
Winner: Andrew Ondo, MD
Second Place: James Kerner
Runner Up: Rayven Baca at Rustic Glamour

Best Cosmetic Surgeon
Winner: Jaime Aburto, MD - Memorial Plastics & Reconstructive Surgery
Second Place: Dr. Scott Martin - Martin Plastic Surgery
Runner Up: Daniel Allan, MD MountainView

Best Day Spa
Winner: The Spa Downtown
Second Place: Las Cruces Lashes Skin Wax Massage
Runner Up: Rustic Glamour Luxury Nails

Best Dental Hygienist
Winner: Marissa Marketto - Dr. Marketto's office
Second Place: Sara Grooms - Warren Dental
Runner Up: Rosie Jimenez - Tru Dental

Best Dentist
Winner: Dental Office of Dr. Warren & Dr. Law
Second Place: Dr. Gene Gabaldon
Runner Up: Dr. John Conniff

Best Dermatologist
Winner: Dr. Andrew Ondo
Second Place: Dr. James Kerner
Runner Up: Ann Woodling - Epiphany

Thank you, Las Cruces!

1 Contest
12 Groupings
379 Categories
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25,028 Participants
106,554 Nominees
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THE LAS CRUCES Bulletin's Best OF THE Mesilla Valley 2021

Those are the numbers from the inaugural Bulletin's Best program. We thank everyone who participated and look forward to doing it again next year!

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Andele: serving the region for 25 years

Andele Restaurant, which opened in January 1996, turns 25 in 2021.

"We are family-owned with modest roots," said owner Andrea Schneider. "We opened in 1996 in the building that currently houses Thai Delight. After 14 years in that location, we moved operations to the Oñate Plaza, where we eventually opened our tortilleria in 2008, two banquet facilities and a retail store. We opened Andele's Dog House in 2011."

The full-service restaurant features authentic Mexican dishes, steaks and more, and is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The restaurant employs 45 people and is managed by Manny Perez, General Manager.

"We value the support we have received from our loyal customers, both near and far," Schneider said. "We are celebrating 25 years of service to the community in January 2021. While 2020 has been our most challenging year on the books, our loyal staff and customers have kept us motivated. We look forward to serving Mesilla and Las Cruces

for many more years to come."

The restaurant, at 1950 Calle del Norte in Mesilla, is open 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday; 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Friday through Sunday, and 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Monday (subject to change per public health orders).

You can contact the restaurant at 575-526-9631, catering@andelerestaurant.com,

www.andelerestaurante.com or on Facebook.

Dog House missing its furry friends

"We've always focused on patio dining and take-out, so adapting to COVID restrictions was easier for us at the Dog House than it was for our main restaurant," said Andrea Schneider, owner of Andele's Dog House, who added, for those who voted for the Dog House in Bulletin's Best: "Woof! Thank you for your continued support! In the most challenging times, we have seen the best in our staff and customers."

Andele's Dog House opened in November 2011, so will turn 10 years old in 2021. The full-service restaurant features authentic Mexican dishes, steaks, specialty hot dogs and burgers, and more, with an impressive selection of craft beers.

The Dog House, 1983 Calle del Norte, just across the street from Andele, is open for lunch and dinner 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Sunday, as health orders permit. Co-managers are Marina Montano, Matt Lowther and Samantha Martin, who oversee the Dog House's 40 employees. Contact the

restaurant at 575-526-1271, marina@andelerestaurante.com, www.andelerestaurante.com or on Facebook.

"We miss our fur-friends!" Schneider said. "Current health orders do not allow us to host dogs, but as soon as the restrictions are lifted, we intend to throw a HOWLING good party!"

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Best Eye Clinic
Winner: Eyes of the Southwest
Second Place: Looks Eyewear Studio
Runner Up: Seacat Optometry

Best Fitness Center/Gym
Winner: Resilient Fitness
Second Place: Fitness One
Runner Up: Crunch Fitness - Las Cruces

Best Gastroenterologist
Winner: Jean-Pierre Reinhold
Second Place: Prasad Podila
Runner Up: Lohman Endoscopy Center

Best Health Food Store
Winner: Sprouts Farmers Market
Second Place: Mountain View Market Co+op
Runner Up: Natural Grocers

Best Hearing Aid Practice
Winner: Expert Hearing Care
Second Place: Hear on Earth
Runner Up: Las Cruces Hearing Center

Best Hearing Care Providers
Winner: Expert Hearing Care
Second Place: Dr. Johnathon Owens -MMC
Runner Up: Dr. Robert Ivey - Rio Grande Hearing

Best Hospital
Winner: Memorial Medical Center
Second Place: MountainView Regional Medical Center
Runner Up: Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico

Best In-Home Elder Care Services
Winner: ActiKare Responsive In Home Care of Las Cruces
Second Place: Mesilla Valley Hospice
Runner Up: Crossroads In-Home Care

Best Laser Eye Center
Winner: Eyes of the Southwest
Second Place: Southwest Eye Institute - LASIK, Cataract, Comprehensive Eye Center
Runner Up: Dr. Coleman, Coleman Vision

Best Massage Shop
Winner: The Spa Downtown
Second Place: The Fifth Element Arts & Healing Center, LLC
Runner Up: Las Cruces Lashes Skin Wax Massage Rustic Glamour

Best Massage Therapist
Winner: Cristina Lugo
Second Place: Rose Leduc
Runner Up: Angie Klima

Best Medical Clinic
Winner: Memorial Family HealthCare North Main
Second Place: Southwest Center On Aging
Runner Up: Memorial Urgent Care - Sonoma

Best Medical Group
Winner: Memorial Cancer Center
Second Place: Memorial Physician Practices
Runner Up: MountainView Medical Group

Best Medical Spa
Winner: Aria Wellness
Second Place: True Med Spa
Runner Up: Paragon Medi Spa

Best Mental Health Facility
Winner: Behavioral Health Services of Memorial Medical Center
Second Place: A New Hope Therapy Center
Runner Up: Mesilla Valley Hospital

Best Nurse
Winner: Karl Ngoye - MMC
Second Place: Lynn Van Pelt Fletcher - MMC
Runner Up: Chris Munoz - MMC

Best Oncologist
Winner: Jason Call, MD, Memorial Cancer Center
Second Place: Dr. Parikshit Padhi - MMC
Runner Up: Dr. Bruce Greenfield - MMC

Best Orthodontist
Winner: Dr. Jensen
Second Place: Dr. Aday
Runner Up: Dr. Coombs

Best Orthopedist
Winner: George Harrington, MD - Memorial Bone+Joint Center
Second Place: Robert Schwartz, MD - Memorial Bone+Joint Center
Runner Up: Michael McGuire - MVRMC

Best Pediatrician
Winner: Heather Owens - Full Bloom
Second Place: Maria Crawley, MD
Runner Up: Jana Williams, Full Bloom

Best Personal Trainer
Winner: Drew Lopez, Crosstown Boxing
Second Place: Laura Brownfield-Nieto - Stay Fit
Runner Up: Oscar Carranza - Anytime Fitness

Best Pharmacy
Winner: Walgreens
Second Place: CVS
Runner Up: Albertsons (Sav-on)

Best Physical Therapist
Winner: Brian Rewalt - Del Valle
Second Place: Mark Figueroa - Del Valle
Runner Up: Marisa Carrillo - Atrium

Best Physical Therapy Facility
Winner: Memorial Medical Center
Second Place: Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico
Runner Up: FYZICAL Therapy (Southwest Sport & Spine)

Best Physician
Winner: Dr. Mai Oushy - MMC
Second Place: Parikshit Padhi - MMC
Runner Up: Umberto Garcia, MD

1st

Best Business Lunch
Best Catering
Best Family Restaurant
Best Locally-Owned Restaurant
Best Green Chile Enchiladas
Best Take Out
Best Beef Tacos
Best Carne Asada

2nd

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Best Chips
Best Salsa
Best Carne Adovada
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Best Chicken Tacos
Best Chips

2nd

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Runner Up

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HEALTH & WELLBEING

Best Pilates Studio
Winner: Life In Balance Pilates Studio
Second Place: Pi Pilates Studio
Runner Up: Natural Movement Pilates, LLC

Best Place for Medical Marijuana
Winner: Sacred Garden
Second Place: Purlife
Runner Up: Pecos Valley Production

Best Podiatrist
Winner: Raha Mobarak, DPM - Memorial Bone+ Joint Center
Second Place: Dr. Carlos Cadena
Runner Up: Dr. Robert Mullan

Best Retirement Facility / Independent Living
Winner: Good Samaritan
Second Place: Casa Bella
Runner Up: The Village At Northrise - Hallmark

Best Surgeon
Winner: Kamran Kamali, MD FACS
Second Place: Stephen Stampp - MVRMC
Runner Up: Carrie Dieker, MD - MMC

Best Veterinarian
Winner: Arroyo Veterinary Clinic
Second Place: Carol Calista
Runner Up: Schumacher Vet Clinic

Best Yoga Studio
Winner: Dwell Yoga
Second Place: Indigo Yoga
Runner Up: Downtown Desert Yoga

Best Rehab Center
Winner: Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico
Second Place: FYZICAL (Southwest Sport & Spine)
Runner Up: Del Valle Physical Therapy & Hand Therapy

Best Weight Loss Clinic / Counseling
Winner: Memorial Weight Loss Center of New Mexico
Second Place: MountainView Medical Group Wellness and Weight Loss Center
Runner Up: Sangeeth Shanbhag Pai

HOME

Best Appliance Store
Winner: Lowe's Home Improvement
Second Place: Builders Source Appliance Gallery
Runner Up: Best Buy

Best Cabinet Company
Winner: Sher-Wood Fine Wood Designs
Second Place: Kitchen Kraft Home
Runner Up: Ambriz Cabinets on Brown St., Las Cruces

Best Carpet Cleaning Company
Winner: Absolute Solutions Carpet and Tile Cleaning
Second Place: A Striking Image Carpet, Upholstery, Tile & Grout Cleaning
Runner Up: Allstar Carpet Cleaning

Best Flooring / Carpet Store
Winner: Hacienda Carpet & Tile
Second Place: Casa Mexicana Tile
Runner Up: Maloolys Flooring Co.

Best Garden Store / Nursery
Winner: Color Your World Garden Center
Second Place: Guzman's Greenhouse
Runner Up: Sierra Vista Growers

Best Heating & Air Conditioning Company
Winner: Sun City Plumbing & Heating
Second Place: Aire Serv of Southern New Mexico
Runner Up: Stadjuhar's Heating & Cooling Inc.

Best Home Appliance Store
Winner: Lowe's Home Improvement
Second Place: Builders Source Appliance Gallery
Runner Up: The Home Depot

Best Home Electronics Store
Winner: Best Buy
Second Place: Edgar Digital Computers & Electronics

Best Home Exterior Company
Winner: B&S Costales Plastering
Second Place: Jones Construction Co.
Runner Up: All Seasons Windows & Glass

Best Home Furnishing Store
Winner: Ashley Furniture Home Store
Second Place: Ikards Furniture
Runner Up: Furniture Row

Best Home Improvement Store
Winner: Lowe's Home Improvement
Second Place: Johnston's Ace Hardware
Runner Up: Home Depot

Best Home Lighting Company
Winner: Kitchen Kraft Home
Second Place: Beehive Electric LLC
Runner Up: Designer's Mart Lighting Showroom

Best Home Security
Winner: Eagle Security, LLC
Second Place: ADT
Runner Up: Telstar Networks

Best Kitchen & Bath Remodeler
Winner: Jones Construction Co.
Second Place: McGinley Construction
Runner Up: Dominguez Services

Best Landscaper
Winner: Unique Landscaping
Second Place: Wasser & Wasser
Runner Up: Extreme Landscaping

Best Mattress Store
Winner: Ashley HomeStore
Second Place: Denver Mattress
Runner Up: Mattress Firm

Best Mobile Home Retailer
Winner: Valley Homes
Second Place: Oakwood Homes
Runner Up: Solitaire Manufactured Homes

Best New Home Builder
Winner: Jones Construction Co.
Second Place: Arista Development at Metro Verde
Runner Up: Veloz Homes at Sonoma Ranch

Best Picture Framing
Winner: Frame & Art Center
Second Place: Picture Frame Factory Outlet
Runner Up: Hobby Lobby

Best Plumber
Winner: Sun City Plumbing & Heating
Second Place: Roto-Rooter
Runner Up: Maddox Plumbing & Heating

Best Property Management Company
Winner: Steinborn Inc., REALTORS Property Management
Second Place: Las Cruces Homes and Land
Runner Up: Coyle Realty, LLC
Runner Up: Trust-Properties/Frilc LLC

Best Real Estate Company
Winner: Exit Realty Horizons
Second Place: Enchanted Sun Realty - Las Cruces Real Estate
Runner Up: Select Realty Group

Best Realtor
Winner: Jorge Vazquez -EXIT
Second Place: Irma Chavez-May - EXIT
Runner Up: Christi Getz - Steinborn Real Estate

Best Roofing Company
Winner: Anthony Sosa Roofing
Second Place: Gilbert and Sons
Runner Up: Rubicon Roofing

Best Solar Installation Team
Winner: Organ Mountain Solar and Electric
Second Place: NM Solar Group - Las Cruces
Runner Up: Yellow Bird Services

Best Swimming Pool & Spa Company
Winner: Pool Tech Plus
Second Place: Discount Pool and Spa
Runner Up: Pools by Design

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Best All Time NMSU Aggie Coach
Winner: Lou Henson
Second Place: Reggie Theus
Runner Up: Mike Jordan - New Mexico State Volleyball

Best beef tacos
Winner: Andele Restaurant
Second Place: Chachi's
Runner Up: Matteo's Mexican

Best burritos
Winner: Santa Fe Grill
Second Place: Bosa Donuts & Burritos
Runner Up: Matteo's Mexican Food

Best carne adovada
Winner: El Sombrero Patio Cafe
Second Place: Chachi's Restaurant
Runner Up: Andele Restaurant

Best carne asada
Winner: Andele Restaurant
Second Place: On The Road LLC
Runner Up: Matteo's

Best chicken tacos
Winner: Andele's Dog House
Second Place: El Sombrero Patio Cafe
Runner Up: Chachi's

Best chile relleno
Winner: Los Compas
Second Place: Chope's
Runner Up: Nellie's

Best chips
Winner: Andele's Dog House
Second Place: Andele Restaurant
Second Place: Roberto's

Best current NMSU Aggie Coach
Winner: Chris Jans, Aggie men's basketball
Second Place: Mike Jordan, Aggie Volleyball
Runner Up: Mike Kirby, NMSU Baseball

Sparky's: more than just green chile

In July 2008, in the center of Hatch, the green chile capital of the world, Sparky's Burgers, BBQ & Espresso first opened its doors.

Since then, Sparky's green chile cheeseburgers have won numerous accolades including, most recently, the top spot in the category for Bulletin's Best.

"Thank you, exclamation, exclamation, exclamation," said owners Josie, Teako and Michelle Nunn, adding, "Come to Hatch to enjoy our fine restaurants, New Mexico style gift shops and hospitality."

The Nunns say their mission has always been to serve great tasting comfort food at a reasonable price in an interesting and fun environment.

As with all restaurants, the pandemic has brought its challenges. Sparky's has responded with a new patio, misters, heaters and music, as well as Americana signs and antiques to bring the inside feel of Sparky's outside. There are 15 new wooden picnic tables to accommodate outside dining.

"While being COVID-aware, we are keeping our high standards of food quality and service," the Nunns say. "We've even added some new menu items."

The restaurant is at 115 Franklin St. in Hatch, and is open 10:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Check them out on Facebook, Instagram, and www.sparkysburgers.com.

Expert Hearing Care, a locally owned hearing care and hearing aid practice, won all three hearing health care categories of Las Cruces Bulletin's Best of 2021. Owner and audiologist Dr. Kelly Churchill, and audiologists Dr. Allie Lambert and Dr. Jeff Wise, were voted "Best Hearing Care Providers" and "Best Audiologists," and Expert Hearing Care was awarded "Best Hearing Aid Practice."

Expert Hearing Care is the only all-doctor hearing care professional team in Las Cruces. An audiologist holds a doctorate (Au.D.) from a four-year graduate program, including a doctor-directed and supervised clinical internship, all built on a four-year science-based bachelor's degree.

Expert Hearing Care has been serving southern New Mexico for nearly 30 years. With the addition of Dr. Robert Ivey, Ph.D., in January 2021, Expert Hearing Care's doctors can boast more than 80 years collective experience conducting hearing testing for all ages, treating tinnitus (ringing in the ears), and fitting and programming the highest technology devices and hearing aids. They are experts of all manufacturers, styles, and varieties of hearing devices and in treating all types and degrees of hearing loss.

Expert Hearing Care's doctors spend extended time getting to know and listen to their patients. They thoroughly educate their patients and develop lifelong relationships. Their primary goal is to improve patients' physical and mental health, emotional happiness, and overall wellbeing through better hearing. The doctors at Expert Hearing Care passionately and skillfully apply their extensive knowledge to enrich the lives of every patient they serve.

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Winner: El Sombrero Patio Cafe
Second Place: Matteo's Mexican Food
Runner Up: Si Señor Restaurant

Best Green Chile Cheeseburger
Winner: Sparky's
Second Place: MAMA B'S
Runner Up: Blake's Lotaburger

Best green chile enchiladas
Winner: Andele's
Second Place: El Sombrero Patio Cafe
Runner Up: Si Señor Restaurant & Express

Best huevos rancheros
Winner: Los Compas Mexican Restaurant
Second Place: Nellie's Cafe
Runner Up: Chala's Wood Fire Grill

Best Local Agriculture product
Winner: Green Chile
Second Place: Joe Lujan Farms
Second Place: Young Guns Produce, Inc.

Best local hiking trail
Winner: Dripping Springs Natural Area
Second Place: Slot Canyon
Runner Up: Aguirre Spring Road

Best local historical figure
Winner: Mark Medoff- Tony Award Winning Playwright
Second Place: Billy the Kid
Runner Up: J. Paul Taylor

Best local mountain biking trail
Winner: Doña Ana
Second Place: A Mountain, NMSU
Runner Up: Sierra Vista Trail

Best menudo
Winner: Bravo's Cafe
Second Place: Si Señor Express
Runner Up: Las Trancas

Best Mole
Winner: Paisano Cafe
Second Place: Habanero's Fresh Mex
Runner Up: Burritos Victoria

Best NMSU Sports Team
Winner: Aggie Men's Basketball
Second Place: Aggie Women's Volleyball
Runner Up: Aggie Baseball
Runner Up: NMSU Dancesport

Best Place to Get Married
Winner: New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum
Second Place: Rio Grande Vineyard & Winery
Runner Up: The Blue Door Venue

Best Place to Take Out of Town Guests
Winner: Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces
Second Place: White Sands National Park
Second Place: Mesilla

Best place to watch the moonrise
Winner: White Sands
Second Place: My North Valley Backyard
Runner Up: Doña Ana Mountains

Best place to watch the Organ Mountains
Winner: Reststop on I-10
Second Place: The Game II - Sports Grill
Runner Up: Hacienda de Mesilla

Best place to watch the sunrise
Winner: White Sands National Park
Second Place: A Mountain, NMSU
Runner Up: San Augustin Pass

Best place to watch the sunset
Winner: White Sands National Park
Second Place: Sunset Grill
Runner Up: Flood Control Dam

Best posole
Winner: Bosa Donuts & Burritos
Second Place: Roberto's Mexican Food
Runner Up: Si Señor Restaurant

Best quesadillas
Winner: The Green Chile Paddy Wagon Food Truck
Second Place: The Game Sports Bar and Grill
Runner Up: Matteo's Mexican Food

Best red chile enchiladas
Winner: El Sombrero Patio Cafe
Second Place: La Posta de Mesilla
Runner Up: Si Señor Restaurant

Best salsa
Winner: El Sombrero Patio Cafe
Second Place: Andele Restaurant
Runner Up: Si Señor Restaurant

Best Scenic Spot
Winner: Dripping Springs Natural Area
Second Place: Aguirre Spring Campground
Runner Up: Baylor Pass West Trailhead

Best seafood tacos
Winner: Taqueria Chavez
Second Place: Hacienda de Mesilla
Runner Up: Mariscos El Guero

Best Staycation Location
Winner: Hacienda de Mesilla
Second Place: Josefina's Inn Mesilla
Runner Up: Lundeen Inn of The Arts

Best tamales
Winner: Roberto's Mexican Food
Second Place: Bosa Donuts & Burritos
Runner Up: Matteo's Mexican Food

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PROFESSIONALS

Best Bankruptcy Lawyer
Winner: Sherry Booth
Second Place: Trey Arvizu
Runner Up: Ken Egan

Best Barber
Winner: Sergio Lozoya - Pistoleros
Second Place: Bennett Jimenez - Studio 1 Barbers
Runner Up: Obed Romero - Milos Barbershop

Best Barber Shop
Winner: Pistoleros Barber Shop
Second Place: Milo's Barber Shop
Runner Up: Studio 1 Barbers

Best Cable or Satellite Provider
Winner: Xfinity Store by Comcast
Second Place: DirecTV
Runner Up: Dish

Best Cell Phone Provider
Winner: Verizon
Second Place: T-Mobile
Runner Up: AT&T Store

Best Child Care Provider
Winner: The Toy Box Early Learning and Childcare Center
Second Place: Little Tumbleweed Daycare New Beginnings Inc.
Runner Up: Alpha School For Young Children - Home

Best Commercial Real Estate Company
Winner: Exit Realty Horizons
Second Place: Steinborn Inc., REALTORS Property Management
Runner Up: Enchanted Sun Realty - Las Cruces Real Estate

Best Commercial Realtor
Winner: Amanda Dominguez - Keller Williams
Second Place: NAI 1st Valley Realty
Runner Up: Tom Whatley - Steinborn

Best Computer & IT Services
Winner: MDC Computers
Second Place: Martin IT
Runner Up: Document Solutions Inc.
Runner Up: Geek Squad Best Buy

Best Contractor (commercial)
Winner: Optimal Roofing & Construction Inc.
Second Place: RT Electric, Inc.
Runner Up: A New Beginning Custom Homes

Best Contractor (residential)
Winner: Optimal Roofing & Construction Inc.
Second Place: B&S Costales Plastering
Runner Up: A New Beginning Custom Homes

Best Design / Media / Marketing Company
Winner: Lemon Light Productions
Second Place: SpyderWeb Designs
Runner Up: Sinuate Media

Best EMT
Winner: Kelly Acosta
Second Place: Travis Simpson
Runner Up: Alex Saenz

Best Estate Planning Attorney
Winner: Jill V. Johnson Vigil
Second Place: Kyle Moberly
Runner Up: Dana Kyle

Best Firefighter
Winner: Ariel Caro
Second Place: Eric Palma
Runner Up: Celeste Davenport

Best Funeral Home
Winner: Getz Funeral Home
Second Place: Baca's Funeral Chapels
Runner Up: La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home

Best Hair Salon
Winner: 360 Hair Studio Las Cruces
Second Place: SmartStyle Hair Salon (inside Walmart)
Runner Up: AWL Studio

Best Hair Stylist
Winner: Priscilla Cisneros
Second Place: Yvette Torres
Runner Up: Francine Barreras

Best Insurance Agency
Winner: Ben Trujillo - State Farm Insurance Agent
Second Place: Farmers Insurance-Rick McKelvey Agency
Runner Up: Tourtillott Insurance Agency

Best Insurance Provider
Winner: USAA
Second Place: Farmers Insurance - Rick McKelvey
Runner Up: Farmers Insurance - Jeremiah Archuleta

Best Internet Provider
Winner: Xfinity Store by Comcast
Second Place: Century Link
Runner Up: La Tierra Communications

Best Law Enforcement Officer
Winner: Adrian DeLaGarza
Second Place: Austin Arnold
Second Place: Jamar Cotton

Best Law Firm / Lawyer
Winner: Karen E. Wootton Legal Services, P.C.
Second Place: The Law Office of Jill V. Johnson Vigil
Runner Up: Shaharazad Mcdowell Booth

Best Local Construction Company
Winner: Denney Construction Inc.
Second Place: Orrantia's Remodeling LLC
Runner Up: A New Beginning Custom Homes

Best Military Member
Winner: FCC Matthew Chandler
Second Place: TSgt Sylvia Flores
Runner Up: Lawrene Garcia

Best Pest Control
Winner: Desert Oasis Pest Control & Prevention
Second Place: Bug Guy Pest Control
Runner Up: At Your Service, Inc. Pest Solutions

Best Pet Boarding / Daycare
Winner: Calista Animal Hospital
Second Place: Karen's Animal House
Runner Up: Animal Haven Lodge & Salon

Best Pet Groomer
Winner: Peachy Clean Pets
Second Place: Mutt Hut
Runner Up: Better Life Pet Foods

Best Pet Store
Winner: Better Life Pet Foods
Second Place: Cross City Exotics
Runner Up: PetSmart

Best Photographer (Business)
Winner: Adriana Eloisa
Second Place: Brittany Miller Photography
Runner Up: Kassi Simpson Photography

Best Piercing Studio
Winner: DNA Ink Tattoo and Piercing
Second Place: Irish Ink Tattoo
Runner Up: Peg Leg Sam's Tattooing and Piercing

Best Property Management Company
Winner: Steinborn
Second Place: NAI First Valley Management
Runner Up: Trust Properties

Best Real Estate Lawyer
Winner: Karen Wootton Law Office
Second Place: Joshua Smith
Runner Up: Kyle Moberly

Best Shoe Repair Store
Winner: Landis Saddles & Tack

Best Tattoo Studio
Winner: Syncere Tattoo
Second Place: Porter House Ink
Runner Up: Black Rat

Best Tax Lawyer
Winner: Kyle Moberly
Second Place: Scott Hulse

Best Travel Agency
Winner: Adventure Travel Inc
Second Place: AAA New Mexico
Runner Up: Uniglobe Above & Beyond Travel

Best Travel Agent
Winner: Wanda Mattiace
Second Place: Tina Bradshaw - Uniglobe

SHOPPING

Best Accessories Store
Winner: Co-Lab Artisans Loft
Second Place: Triple C Creations
Runner Up: Drunken Cactus Co

Best Antique Store
Winner: The Emporium
Second Place: Art Obscura
Runner Up: Peddlers Pavillion

Best Art Supply Store
Winner: Frame & Art Center
Second Place: Hobby Lobby
Runner Up: MAS ART LLC. Frame and Art Supplies

Best Bookstore
Winner: Coas Books
Second Place: Barnes & Noble
Runner Up: Zia Comics

Best Boutique Store
Winner: Co-Lab Artisans Loft
Second Place: Turquoise TeePee
Runner Up: The Wild One Boutique

Best Bridal/Formal Wear
Winner: Livingston Bridal and Events
Second Place: Friendly Flowers
Runner Up: So..Glam Ladies Boutique

Best CBD Store
Winner: Sacred Garden Dispensary
Second Place: Natural Releaf
Runner Up: Continual Growth LLC

Best Children's Clothing Store
Winner: DotDotSmile Las Cruces - Megan & Adelyn
Second Place: Tutti Bambini
Runner Up: The Children's Place

Best Computer Store
Winner: Best Buy
Second Place: MDC Computers
Runner Up: Edgar Digital Computers & Electronics

Best Consignment Store
Winner: Safe Haven Thrift Store
Second Place: La Tienda De Jardin
Runner Up: My Rich Sister's Closet

Best Convenience Store
Winner: Pic Quik
Second Place: Circle K
Runner Up: Chavira's

Best Entertainment/ Physical Media Store
Winner: Eyeconik Records
Second Place: Target
Runner Up: Art Obscura

Best Department Store
Winner: Dillard's
Second Place: Target
Runner Up: Kohl's

Best Eyeglass Store
Winner: Looks Eyewear Studio
Second Place: Avalos Vision
Runner Up: Eyes of the Southwest

Best Flea Market/ Pavilion Sale Space
Winner: Big Daddy's Flea Market
Second Place: Peddlers Pavillion

SHOPPING

Best Florist
Winner: Flowerama
Second Place: Flowerland
Runner Up: Albertsons

Best Gift Store
Winner: Co-Lab Artisans Loft
Second Place: Cracker Barrel Old Country Store
Runner Up: Spirit Winds Coffee Bar & Gift

Best Grocery Store
Winner: Sprouts Farmers Market
Second Place: Albertsons
Runner Up: Toucan Market

Best Jeweler
Winner: Austin's Fine Jewelry
Second Place: Boudreau Jewelers & Gallery
Runner Up: Baquera Jewelers

Best Mall/ Shopping Center
Winner: Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces
Second Place: Mesilla Valley Mall
Runner Up: Dollar General

Best Men's Clothing Store
Winner: Dillard's
Second Place: A Real Man
Runner Up: Cowtown Boots

Best Musical Instrument Store
Winner: Hubbard's Music-N-More
Second Place: White's Music Box
Runner Up: Mesilla Valley Pro Music

Best Nail Salon
Winner: Trine's Nail Creations & More
Second Place: Luxury Nails
Runner Up: POSH Skin Care & Nail Bar

Best Pawn / Resale Shop
Winner: Savers
Second Place: Play it Again Sports
Runner Up: MMJ's Pawn LLC

Best Place for Baby Accessories
Winner: Tutti Bambini
Second Place: Rhea Lanas of Las Cruces
Runner Up: Peddlers Pavillion
Runner Up: So..Glam Ladies Boutique

Best Place to Buy Toys
Winner: Target
Second Place: Walmart Supercenter
Runner Up: Zia Comics

Best Place to Buy video games
Winner: GameStop
Second Place: Super Gamers
Runner Up: Target

Best Retail Customer Service
Winner: Chick-fil-A
Second Place: Hoop-T-Dudes
Runner Up: Eyeconik Records

Best Shoe Store
Winner: Dillard's
Second Place: Rack Room Shoes
Runner Up: Cowtown Boots
Runner Up: Shoe Dept. Encore

Best Tanning Salon
Winner: Gecko Tans
Second Place: The Sun- Nature's Tan

Best Thrift Store
Winner: Second Chance Thrift Store
Second Place: Savers
Runner Up: Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary

Customer loyalty drives Better Life Pet Foods

"We really appreciate all the votes we got for the Bulletin's Best of the Mesilla Valley," said Kat Lacy, owner of Better Life Pet Foods in Las Cruces. "Our local customers are the lifeblood of our business and our customers really understand the importance of shopping local. Lots of our customers have been with us for many years and their support over the years has been invaluable. We cannot say THANK YOU enough! So many local businesses are suffering during these shut-down times. I implore everyone to shop local so our entire community can benefit."

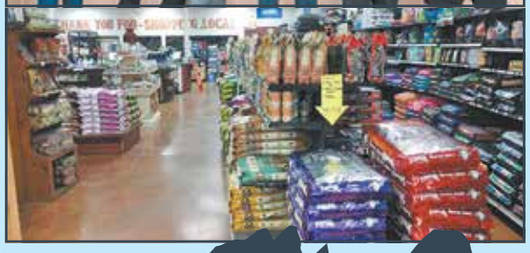
Lacy started her business in Las Cruces selling one or two quality natural pet foods she had to travel to Houston and back to pick up. That grew into a full-fledged delivery-only business by 1996, and Better Life opened its brick-and-mortar store in 1999.

James Naylor and Amy Gonzales manage Better Life, at 315 Telshor Blvd., behind Whataburger and in front of Home Depot. The store has a wide variety of healthy pet products, and also offers professional pet grooming.

"We specialize in the healthiest pet products available and our staff goes through continuing education on almost all of them to better serve our customers," Lacy said. "We are very competitive in pricing even compared to big box and on-line retailers since we have a really awesome loyalty program. Customers earn free bags and coupons by shopping local with us. They can earn double when they send a friend or family member to shop with us. We also offer special ordering for products we cannot carry in store."

Store hours are 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Free delivery is offered Wednesday and Sunday with a $47 minimum. You can contact Better Life at 575-522-0115 or at the website, www.betterlifenaturalpetfoods.com and go to the SHOP button at the top right corner.

WE CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH!!



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We'd also like to thank you for your votes for the Bulletin!

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Best Local Newspaper Reporter – Mike Cook

Best Local Website
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SECOND PLACE
Best Local Newspaper Columnist – Richard Coltharp

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SHOPPING

Best Vintage Clothing Store
Winner: Savers
Second Place: La Tienda De Jardin
Runner Up: New Digs Clothing Exchange

Best Women's Clothing Store
Winner: Dillard's
Second Place: Marshalls
Runner Up: The Emerald Isle

Best Bicycle Shop
Winner: Outdoor Adventures
Second Place: Ride On Sports
Runner Up: Play It Again Sports

Best Concealed Carry Instructor
Winner: Joshua Bryant
Second Place: Strykers Shooting World
Runner Up: Jaime Chavez Innovative Defense Strategies

Best Driving Range
Winner: Red Hawk Golf Club
Second Place: NMSU Golf Course
Runner Up: Sonoma Ranch Golf Course

Best Golf Course
Winner: Red Hawk Golf Club
Second Place: New Mexico State University
Runner Up: Picacho Hills Country Club

Best Golf Shop
Winner: NMSU Golf Course
Second Place: Red Hawk Golf Club
Runner Up: Sonoma Ranch Golf Course

Best Local Park
Winner: Young Park
Second Place: Veterans Park
Runner Up: La Llorona Park

Best Motorcycle Shop
Winner: Barnett's Las Cruces Harley-Davidson
Second Place: Las Cruces Motorsports
Runner Up: Lanesplitterz

Best Outdoor Outfitters
Winner: Organ Mountain Outfitters
Second Place: High Desert Outfitters Las Cruces
Runner Up: Sportsman's Warehouse

Best Place to Swim
Winner: Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center
Second Place: NMSU Aquatic Center
Runner Up: Rio Grande

Best Pool Hall
Winner: Lucky Dog Billiards
Second Place: Jerry O's Rack Room
Runner Up: Meerscheidt Center

Best Shooting Range
Winner: Butterfield Shooting Range
Second Place: Strykers Shooting World
Runner Up: The D.A.M. Ammo Co.

Best Sporting Goods Store
Winner: Sportsman's Warehouse
Second Place: DICK'S Sporting Goods
Runner Up: Play It Again Sports

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