



Congratulations

to all the 2026 winners!

Whether you're new to Statesboro or have called it home for years, knowing the best places to eat, shop, relax or spend a Saturday afternoon usually starts with asking the locals. Fortunately, our readers are more than happy to help.

We're proud to present our annual Readers' Choice issue, highlighting the people, places, businesses and events voted the best in Bulloch County. This year, 2,154 voters cast a total of 35,937 votes across 189 categories during the voting period, held March 16 through April 3.

Categories were divided into four sections: People, Food,

Places and City, with nominations submitted for restaurants and retail shops to family fun and local services. Every year, we receive requests to add even more categories, so be sure to keep an eye out for next year's contest and nominate your favorites.

In the following pages, you can view the entire list of winners, and read more about our 2026 featured winners throughout the magazine.

Thanks, as always, for taking the time to vote and celebrate the businesses and people who help make this community special. We hope you enjoy this issue as much as we enjoyed putting it together.



Best Eyelash Studio
11:11 Luxury Beauty Studio

Best Wing Sauce
A Town Wings

Best Newspaper Columnist
Al Hackle

Best Health & Fitness Club
Best Yoga Studio
American Killer Bees Fitness

Best Dentist
Anjali Patel, DMD -
Statesboro Pediatric Dentistry

**Best Place To Get
Your Nails Done**
**Best Place To Get
A Pedicure**
Annie's Nails

Best Esthetician
Ashley Kennedy Purnell, LE -
Healthy Touch Day Spa

Best Bar
Aura Cocktails & Tapas

**Best Place To See A
Performing Arts Show**
Averitt Center for the Arts

Best Outdoor Dining
Azul Tex-Mex Express

Best Men's Clothing Store
Belk

Best Veterinarian
Best Friends Animal Hospital

Biggest Pothole
Between Planet Fitness
and Statesboro High

Best Hamburger
Bites in the Boro

Best Piercing Studio
Best Tattoo Studio
Blue Phoenix Tattoos & Piercings

Best Bagels
Boro Bagel Company

**Best Hidden Gem
of Bulloch County
Best Place To Go For
A First Date**

**Best Place To Have
A Private Party**
Boro The Hatchet Axe Throwing

Best Dermatologist
Brandon Rowland, PA-C – Georgia
Dermatology & Skin Cancer Center

Best Family Medicine Doctor
Brian DeLoach, MD – Statesboro
Family Practice

Best Accountant
Brian Kennedy – J.B. Kennedy &
Associates, LLC, CPAs

**Best Tattoo Artist
Best Piercer**
Brianna Marable – Empire Tattoo

Best Law Firm
Bruce, Mathews & Lavoie

**Best Chicken Wings
Best Place To Go
For Trivia Night**
Buffalo Wild Wings

Best Brunch
Bull and Barrel Steakhouse

Best Private School
Bulloch Academy

**Best Child Care Center
Best Preschool**
Bumblebees Learning Center
Statesboro

Best Massage Therapist
Carl Duggan – Healthy Touch
Day Spa

Best Car Salesperson
Case Burke – Franklin Toyota

**Best Hidden Tourist Spot
Best Place To Take Your Kids
For Spring Break**
Center for Wildlife Education

**Best Chicken Salad
Sandwich**
Chicken Salad Chick

**Drive Thru Least Likely To
Screw Up Your Order
Best Fast Food
Best Lunch**
Chick-fil-A

**Best Place To Shop For
Consignment Furniture
Best Thrift Store**
Christian Social Ministry Thrift Store
& Food Pantry

**Best Place To Buy
A Used Car**
Classic Car Care & Auto Sales

Worst Dirt Road
Cliponreka Road

Best Roofing Specialist
Coastal Elite Roofing

Best Fire Fighter
Cody Cowart

Best Barbershop
Cones Barber Shop

**Best Bank
Best Bank For Students
Best Credit Union
Best Place To Get
An Auto Loan
Best Teller Line Staff**
CORE Credit Union

Best Popcorn
Corks Popcorn

**Best Marketing/
Design Company**
Created with Grit

Best Milkshake
Dairy Queen

Best Bartender
Dale – Bull and Barrel Steakhouse

Best Donuts
Daylight Donuts

**Best BBQ
Best Mac n' Cheese**
Dolan's Bar B Que

**Best Place To Go For
People Watching**
Downtown Statesboro

Best Oral Surgery Practice
East Georgia Center for Oral
and Facial Surgery

Best OBGYN Office
East Georgia Women's Center

**Best Margaritas
Best Nachos
Best Queso
Best Salsa**
El Sombrero Restaurant

Best Cup of Coffee
Ellianos Coffee

Best Place to Buy Meat
Ellis Meat Market

Best Chiropractor
FlorAnne Cruz, DC – Southern
Chiropractic & Wellness Center

**Best Radio Station/
Broadcasters**
Foundry Broadcasting

Best Florist
Frazier's Flowers and Gifts

**Best Place To Take Your
Pet To Be Groomed**
Furry Friends Pet Spa

Best Golf Course
Georgia Southern Golf Course

**First Place You Go When
Students Are Out of Town**
Gnats Landing

Best Athletic Team
GSU Eagles

Best Hardware Store
Harbor Freight

**Best Eyelash Extension
Specialist**
Harley DeLoach – Lashes By
Harley Dee

**Best Smelling Business
Best Place To Get A Facial
Best Place To Get A Massage**
Healthy Touch Day Spa

**Best Place To Get Your Cell
Phone Repaired**
Hello Cellular

**Best Property Management
Company**
High Point Property Management

Best Antique Store
Hodges Antiques

Best New Business
Home Goods

Best Cookies
Insomnia Cookies

Best Women's Clothing Store
Ivy Rose Boutique

**Best Place To Buy A
New Vehicle**
J.C. Lewis Ford

**Best Place To Buy A
Wedding Dress**
J'Adore Bridal

Best Uber/Lyft Driver
James Hall

Best Boutique Staff
Jaxe + Grace Boutique

**Best Heating & Air
Conditioning Company**
JD Heating & Air

**Best Hero
Best Influencer**
Jessica Smith, NP EGWC

Best Law Enforcement Officer
Jimmy Billings

Best Personal Trainer
Joel Toledo –
American Killer Bees Fitness

Best Hair Stylist
Jordan Rahn – Salon 609

Best Event
Kiwanis Ogeechee Fair

Best Interior Design

KSM Designs

Best Place To Buy FurnitureL.A. Waters Furniture and
Mattress Center**Friendliest Pharmacist**

Len McCook – McCook's Pharmacy

Friendliest Government WorkerLeslie Deal Akins – Tax
Commissioner**Real Estate Agent Most Likely to Get Your Home Sold**Lina Berrios – Coldwell Banker
Conner Realty**Best Microblading Specialist**

Lindsey Pennington – Bella Aesthetic

Best Place To Listen To Live Music

Locos Grill & Pub

Best Adult Novelty Store

Lovestruck Lingerie & Novelties

Best Paint Store

Lowe's

Best Photographer

Madison Leigh Photography

Best Pediatrician

Mama Doc Pediatrics

Best Pharmacy**Best Pharmacy Staff**
McCook's Pharmacy**Best French Fries**

McDonald's

Best Neighborhood

Meadow Lakes

Best Office Equipment Technician

Melissa Tolbert – Office Depot

**Best Place To Go For A Run
Best Spot For An Afternoon Picnic**

Mill Creek Regional Park

Best Pizza

Nonna Picci Wood Fired Pizza

Best Seafood

Ocean Galley Seafood

Best Place To Buy Office Equipment

Office Depot

Best Hospice Care

Ogeechee Area Hospice

Best Soul Food

Ole Times Country Buffet

Best Italian Food

Olive Garden

Best Imaging CenterOPI – Outpatient Imaging
Statesboro**Best Internal Medicine Doctor**Patricia Morissette, MD – East
Georgia Regional Medical Center**Best Place To Go To Buy Pet Products**

Petco

Best Fried Chicken

Popeyes

**Best Beer On Tap
Best Place To Meet New Friends**

Pour House Pub

Best Place To Buy Prom Attire

Prom Bae

**Cleanest Bathrooms
Best Food/Grocery Delivery****Least Awful Parking Lot****Best Place To Do Your Grocery Shopping**

Publix

Best Sub Sandwiches

Publix Deli

Best Moving & Packing Company

R & S Packing & Moving LLC HG8766

Best Cosmetic Dentist

Ricky Lane, DDS – Lane Dentistry

Best Catering Company**Best Ice Cream****Best Kid Friendly Restaurant****Best Place To Work****Best Store That Ever****Graced Statesboro****Best Waitstaff**

Rolling Monkey

**Best Dental Assistant/
Dental Hygienist**

Rubi – Premier Dental Wellness

Freshest Salads

Ruby Tuesday

Best Salon

Salon 3:23

Least High Pressure Car SalespersonShayne Harkins – Franklin Chevrolet
GMC**Best Place To Buy A Recreational Vehicle**Shea Tractor and Equipment
Company**Best Asian Noodles****Best Japanese Food****Best Sushi**

Shogun Hibachi Grill & Sushi Bar

**The Forgotten Legacy Award -
Business Statesboro Should Bring Back**

Shoney's

Best Shooting RangeShooting Sports Education Center
(SSEC)**Best Receptionist**Sierra Napier – Healthy Touch
Day Spa**Best Happy Hour**

Sonic Drive-In

Best Gyro

Son's Döner Kebab

Best Assisted Living Facility

Southern Manor Senior Living

Best Place To Buy Plants & Flowers

Southern Scapes Nursery, Inc.

Best Place To Take Your Kids During The Summer**Best Swimming Pool or Waterpark**

Splash in the Boro Waterpark

Best Pediatric Dentist

Statesboro Pediatric Dentistry

Best Urgent Care

Statesboro Urgent Care

Best Teacher

Stephanie Costley – SEBMS

Best Oral SurgeonSuketu J Patel, DMD, MD – East
Georgia Center for Oral &
Facial Surgery**Best Tanning Salon**

Taylor's Tanning

Best Steak

Texas Roadhouse

Best Children's Clothing Store

The Children's Place

Swankiest Apartment Pool

The Connection at Statesboro

Best Musician

The Ripleys

Best Wedding VenueThe Venues at Ogeechee Technical
College**Best Place To Get Your Eyebrows Waxed**

The Wax Strip

Best Swimming Pool Contractor

Thompson Pools & Supplies

Best Weight Loss Center

Thrive Family Practice & Med Spa

Best Car Wash

Tidal Wave Auto Spa

Best Food Truck

Tierra Caliente

Best Farm Supply Store

Tillman Brannen & Minick
Farm Supply, Inc.

Best Mechanic

Best Place To Get Your

Oil Changed

Best Place To Go For

Auto Repairs

Best Tire Store

Total Tire and Auto Care of
Statesboro

Best Smoothies

Tropical Smoothie Café

Best Beer Retail Selection

Two Guys Beverage and Tobacco

**Best Place To Buy Fitness
& Running Apparel**

Uptown Cheapskate Statesboro

**Best Vision Center
& Eyeglass Store**

Vision Source – Professional
Eye Care

Best Waffles

Waffle House

**Best Residential
Home Designer**

Watersedge Design Company

Best Real Estate Office

Weichert Realtors – Webb &
Associates

Best Liquor Store

Best Wine Retail Selection

Whiskey Business

Thank you

for participating in this year's
Readers' Choice Awards voting!

