

The People's Choice



The Wakulla
Sun
Readers' Choice
Winners 2026

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Time for Readers' Choice

Here's a Top 10 list of the top vote-getters in our survey



By **WILLIAM SNOWDEN**
Editor

It's time again for The Wakulla Sun's annual Readers Choice awards.

We started this about 15 years ago when we were the staff of the other paper, this is our sedition of The Wakulla Sun Readers' Choice Awards.

It was fun looking through readers' favorites in the various categories and looking at the thousands of votes cast by people.

With a lot of categories

under restaurants, there's a lot to chose from – and this year's biggest winner was Trident, which won seven categories: atmosphere, dinner, service, entertainment, seafood, steak and romantic dinner, plus runner up in shrimp and portions.

BW's Grill won in the categories of Sandwich, Burger and Portions plus a runner up in lunch.

The most votes cast in a single category was, as usual, Individual Realtor – which has the most voting choices as well. Congratulations to Susan Jones for winning Realtor, and Bluewater for Real Estate Company.

The most votes in any single category were scored by Mike's Paint and Body.

Wakulla Title was the second in number of votes earned.

And Mack's Meats was third in the butcher category.

Publix was No. 4 vote-getter under the grocery store category.

Coming in fifth was TC

Bakery.

McIver's Flooring was No. 6 on the list of most votes.

No. 7 was T-n-T Hide-away, which prompted my recollection of a story we ran last year on the canoe rental's founder, Gretchen Evans, naming the place that for all the Turkeys and Trout she saw. (Turns out it was vultures and mullet.)

No. 8 was for Myra Jean's for ice cream, a perrenial winner in that category, though Dairy Queen is closing in.

Nine was Capital City Home Loans - Mary Wallace, and closing out the Top 10 was Lube-Xpert.

Congratulations to all the winners and runners-up.

And thank you to all the readers who shared with us their votes on who are their favorite businesses.

William Snowden is the editor and publisher of The Wakulla Sun.

And the winners are...

- ANIMAL CARE**

Pet Care / Sitting
Winner – Forgotten Coast Animal Hospital
Runner Up - Crawfordville Animal Hospital

Pet Grooming
Winner – Ms. Maria's Grooming
Runner Up – Kaylee's Lavish Grooming

Pet Supplies
Winner – Tractor Supply
Runner Up – Mike's Feed Store

Veterinarian
Winner – Crawfordville Animal Hospital - Kyle Marsh, DVM
- Runner Up -* Forgotten Coast Animal Hospital
- Dr. Julia Whited Gerrell, DMV

AUTOMOTIVE

Auto Engine Repair
Winner – Crawfordville Auto & Tire
Runner Up – Faircloth Automotive & A/C Specilaist

Auto Body Shop
Winner – Mike's Paint & Body
Runner Up – Classic Customs

Oil Change
Winner – Lube Xpert
Runner Up – Take 5

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Runner Up – Centennial Bank

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Runner Up – Champions First Credit Union (Formerly FSU Credit Union)

Mortgage Company

Winner – Capital City Home Loans – Mary Wallace
Runner Up AnnieMac Home Mortgage - Ralph & Cynthia Thomas

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Grocery Store

Winner – Publix
Runner Up – Mack’s Country Meats

Liquor

Winner – Publix Liquor
Runner Up – Dux Liquor

Ice Cream & Yogurt

Winner – Myra Jeans
Runner Up - Dairy Queen

Bakery

Winner – TC Bakery
Runner Up – publix

Butcher

Winner – Mack’s County Meats
Runner Up – Publix

FITNESS & HEALTH Gym

Winner – Body Tek Fitness Center
Runner Up - Anytime Fitness

Massage

Winner – Brykers body care
Runner Up – Root 319 Salon & Spa



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Chiropractor

*Winner – Dr. Anna
Batten-Lange
Runner Up -Adriene
Hill, DC*

**Fitness Instructor/
Trainer**

*Winner – Dana Pitman
Runner Up – Gena
Davis*

**HOME
Builder**

*Winner – Golden
Construction
Runner Up – Gene
Cutchin Construction*

Real Estate Company

*Winner – Bluewater
Runner Up – Waypoint
properties*

Individual Realtor

*Winner – Susan Jones
Runner Up - Era
Caldwell*

Title Company

*Winner – Wakulla Title
Company
Runner Up – Hayward
Title Group*

Rental Company

*Winner – Bluewater
Realty
TIE
Runner Up - Waypoint
Properties
Runner Up – Wakulla
Realty*

Surveyor

*Winner - Thurman
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Runner Up – Edwin G.
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ACCOUNTANT
CATEGORY**

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Winner – Derek Allen
Lawn Service
Runner Up – Bryan’s
Lawn Care

Tree Service

Winner – KC Trees
Runner Up – Home
Town Tree Service

SERVICES/REPAIR

Flooring

Winner – McIver
Flooring
Runner Up – Labig’s
Hardwood Flooring

Electrician

Winner – Anytime
Electric
Runner Up – Joseph
E. Morgan Electrical
Contractors

HOME/OUTDOORS

**Nursery/Garden
Center**

Winner – Just Fruits &
Exotics
Runner Up –
Ace Hardware -
Crawfordville

Pools

Winner - Wakulla Pool
& Spa - Mark Gerrell
Runner Up – Winton
Pools

Plumbing

Winner – M&L
Plumbing
Runner Up – Jones
Plumbing

A/C Heating

Winner – Keith Key
Heating & Air
Runner Up – Air-Con of
Wakulla

Home Improvement

Winner – Gulf Coast
Lumber
Runner Up – Ace
Hardware -
Crawfordville

Painter

Winner – Porter Painting
Runner Up – Forgotten
Coast Painting



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Runner Up – Dirty
Beach Laundry

Gutters

Winner – Red Line
Gutters
Tie
Runner up - New Vision
Gutters
Runner up – Bradley
Custom Gutters

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES

Accountant
Winner – Shepard
Accounting & Tax
Services
Runner Up– Cheryll
Olah

Attorney

Winner – Frances Casey
Lowe, P.A.
Runner Up - David A.
Kemp Law Office

Roofer

Winner – Logan Roofing
Runner Up – Blackfoot
Roofing Logan Roofing

Septic Service

Winner – Blackwater
Septic
Winner - Junior Sanders
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Fencing

Winner – Olah Fencing
Runner up - Good
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Runner Up - Whitney
Lockwood, APRN

Dentist

Winner – Dentistry by
the Sea

Runner Up – Songbird
Dental Studio

Insurance Agent

Winner – Kiersten Smith

Runner Up – Gene
Lambert

**PERSONAL
SERVICES****Barber Shop**

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Runner Up – Flossy's
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Nail Care <i>Winner</i> – Gem Nail Bar <i>Runner Up</i> – Songbird Nails	Gifts <i>Winner</i> - Bealls Outlet <i>Runner Up</i> – Crum’s Mini Mall	Oyster Company <i>Winner</i> – Oyster Boss, LLC <i>Runner Up</i> – Outlaw Oysters	Storage Centers <i>Winner</i> – Crawfordville Self Storage <i>Runner Up</i> – Golden Self Storage
Women’s Boutique <i>Winner</i> – Maurices <i>Runner Up</i> – Crum’s Mini Mall	Hardware <i>Winner</i> – Ace Hardware - Crawfordville <i>Runner Up</i> – Gulf Coast Lumber	MISCELLANEOUS Kids Activities <i>Winner</i> - Joyous Jungle Indoor Play & Cafe <i>Runner Up</i> – Gulf Specimen Marine Lab	Dance Studio <i>Winner</i> – Wakulla Dance Academy <i>Runner Up</i> – Studio 88
Clothing <i>Winner</i> – Maurices <i>Runner Up</i> - Bealls Outlet	Seafood Market <i>Winner</i> - Mineral Springs Seafood <i>Runner Up</i> – My Way Seafood	Childcare <i>Winner</i> – Happy Time Child Care <i>Runner Up</i> – Wakulla Christian School	Photographer <i>Winner</i> - Briana Sealey Photography <i>Runner Up</i> – Christie Ann Photography



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Hotel/Lodging

Winner – The Lodge at
Wakulla Springs
Runner Up – Best
Western Wakulla Inn &
Suites

Non Profit Group -

Winner – Wakulla
Giving Hands
Runner Up – Big Bend
Hospice

RECREATION**Local Band Musician**

Winner – DJ Butch
Runner Up - Tobacco Rd

Marina

Winner – Shields Marina
Runner Up - Trident
Marina

Local Artist

Winner – Gypsy Girl
Woodwork
Runner Up - Sue Taft
Runner Up - Priscilla
LeeAnn

Bait & Tackle

Winner – Crum's Mini Mall
Runner Up – Rocky's -
Wakulla

Fishing Charter

Winner – Angry Fish
Inshore Charters Capt.
Asa Martin
Runner Up – Viking
Coastal Charters - Capt.
Leif Lundquist

Boat & Motor Repair

Winner – Mike's Marine
Supply
Runner Up – Shields
Marina
Canoe/Kayak Rental
Winner – T-n-T Hide-A-
Way
Runner Up – St. Marks
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RESTAURANTS Atmosphere <i>Winner</i> – Trident <i>Runner Up</i> – Angelo’s Seafood Restaurant	Lunch <i>Winner</i> Paul & Asha’s Kitchen <i>Runner Up</i> – BW’s Grill	Entertainment <i>Winner</i> – Trident <i>Runner Up</i> – Salty Donkey	Shrimp <i>Winner</i> – Posey’s Steam Room <i>Runner Up</i> - Trident
Coffee <i>Winner</i> – Wild Ox Coffee <i>Runner Up</i> – Atlas Coffee	Dinner <i>Winner</i> – Trident <i>Runner Up</i> – IndeBlue <i>Runner Up</i> – El Jalisco	Seafood <i>Winner</i> – Trident <i>Runner Up</i> – Posey’s Steam Room	Steak <i>Winner</i> –Trident <i>Runner Up</i> – The Lodge at Wakulla Springs



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Sandwich

Winner – BW’s Grill
Runner Up – Cooter
Stew Café’

Pizza

Winner – Pizza 98
Runner Up - Little
Napoli Café

Barbecue

Winner – Hamaknockers
BBQ
Runner Up - - Donkeys
Bar & Grill

Soup

Winner – Myra Jeans
Runner Up – indeBlue

Wings

Winner - Donkeys Bar &
Grill
Runner Up –
Hamaknockers BBQ

Buffet

Winner – Savannah’s
Country Buffet
Runner Up – IndeBlue

Romantic Dinner

Winner – Trident
Runner Up – Angelos’s
Restaurant

Burger

Winner – BW’s Grill
Runner Up – Cooter
Stew Café

Fried Chicken

Winner – Paul & Asha’s
Kitchen
Runner Up – Food n Fill
Krispy Crunchy Chicken

Portions

Winner – BW’s Grill
Runner Up – Trident



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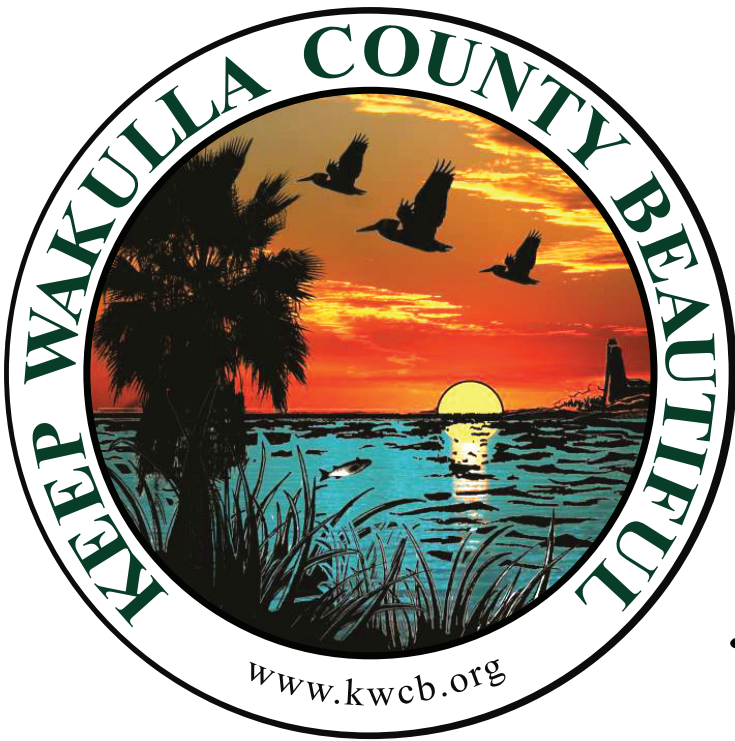
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RUNNER-UP

We are incredibly honored to be named **Runner-Up** in **The Wakulla Sun's Readers' Choice Awards** once again!

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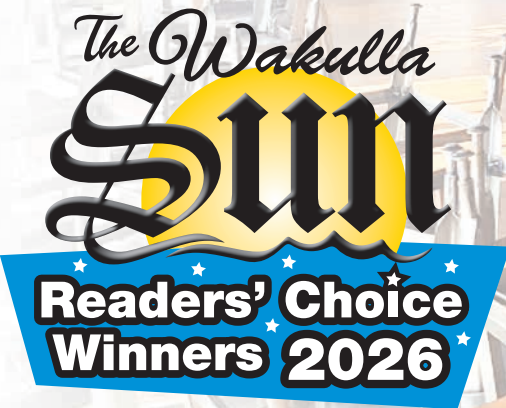
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