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READER'S CHOICE WINN







MLIVE'S MICHIGAN'S BEST READER'S CHOICE

early a decade ago when we started our Michigan's Best contests, we took the lead from our readers. We asked them to nominate their favorite places to dig into a pizza, grab a hand-pattied burger with a side of hot and salty fries, or sample the best craft beer and boutique-style wines. Now we're happy to say we've put our readers front and center, letting them be the guides as we expanded our readers front and center, letting our search not just for the best places to eat and drink, but favorite retail businesses, contractors and even the best campgrounds and music venues.

Our first-ever Reader's Choice contest, run by our sales and marketing team at MLive Media Group, brought in nearly 10,000 nominations when it launched earlier this year. Those top nominations were then placed into polls, and our readers were asked to vote for their favorites across a broad range of categories.

We're happy to say more than 29,600 votes were cast for winners and finalists across three regions in our state: West Michigan, as well as Northeast and Southeast Michigan.

Anne Drummond, director of Creative Advertising Sales for MLive Media Group, said it was easy to see how excited readers were about the self-directed contest, as underscored by the final vote tally.

"Michigan's Best has performed searches for a long time, always concentrating on a type of food, destination, or kind of restaurant. But we didn't have something that cast off the constraints of these narrow categories, allowing for more industries and businesses to participate. Reader's Choice emerged as the answer," she said.

"It was clear early on that our readers were excited about the project. We had just shy of 10,000 nominations across the three regional ballots."

"The amount of excitement from area businesses was impressive! Our team fielded questions, requests, and communications every day of the program."

In each region, every Reader's Choice category had a winner, as well as some top finalists which were all determined by readers' votes.

Some of the winners will be familiar to a lot of our readers. For example, here are the Best Romantic Restaurant Spot winners across each region: West Michigan: Amore Trattoria

Northeast Michigan: The Laundry Southeast Michigan: The Earle Restaurant

Similarly, readers will recognize some of the Best Bar winners as a place they also like to grab a beer or cocktail in their area, as selected by their friends and neighbors who cast their Reader's Choice votes:

West Michigan: New Holland Brewing

Company Northeast Michigan: Soggy Bottom

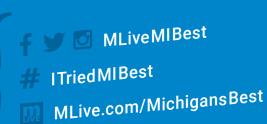
Bar

Southeast Michigan: Erratic Ale Company

The breadth of the contest categories as well as the readerdriven polling features made it fun for people to vote for their favorite places and even their favorite people. For example, the Fitness & Sports category not only invited readers to vote their picks for the best golf course, bike shop and gym, but also the best personal trainer and even outdoor outfitter shop.

The nature of the ballots - being fully crowd sourced - has generated palpable excitement from our MLive Team. Not only did this give us a chance to hear from our most engaged readers but also to get their real opinions about noteworthy businesses around the state. Particularly now, after a year and a half of feeling confined, the idea of lifting up strong, lasting businesses in Michigan is really rewarding.'

















FITNESS & SPORTS **BEST ATHLETIC GEAR PROVIDER**

★ WINNER

GAZELLE SPORTS Multiple locations gazellesports.com

FINALIST

Play It Again Sports, www.playitagainsports.com/

BEST BIKE SHOP

★ WINNER

A VILLAGE BIKE SHOP Multiple locations

www.villagebikeshop.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order) · FreeWheeler Bike Shop,

www.freewheelerbikeshop.com • Breakaway Bicycles & Fitness,

breakawaybicycles.com · West Michigan Bike,

www.westmichiganbike.com

BEST GOLF COURSE

***** WINNER

MAPLE HILLS 5555 Ivanrest Ave SW, Grandville,

MI 49418 maplehillgolf.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order)

· Thousand Oaks,

www.thousandoaksgolf.com Saskatoon Golf Club, saskatoongolf.com

• Pilgrim's Run Golf Club, www.pilgrimsrun.com

***** WINNER **NEW HOLLAND BREWING -**THE KNICKERBOCKER www.newhollandbrew.com/home

FOOD / DRINK

BEST BAR

FINALISTS (in no particular order) • The Vestal Inn,

www.facebook.com/The-Vestal-Inn-145444490550

 TwoGuys Brewing, twoguys-brewing.com · Pigeon Hill Brewing Company,

BEST DIVE

***** WINNER TIP-A-FEW

pigeonhillbrew.com

10 Franklin Ave, Grand Haven, MI 49417 www.tip-a-few.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order) · Louie's Trophy House,

louieskzoo.com · Skeetown Tavern,

skeetowntavern.com • Logan's Alley, logansalley.com

BEST ROMANTIC SPOT

***** WINNER AMORE TRATTORIA ITALIANA

5080 Alpine Ave NW Comstock Park, MI 49321 amoretrattoriaitaliana.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order)

BEST DERMATOLOGIST

OF WEST MICHIGAN

Rapids, MI 49546

myskindoctors.com

Southwest Michigan

Dermatology Laser &

Skin Care Center, www.

Medical Spa, Isderm.com

derminstituteofwmi.com

BEST FAMILY DOCTOR

★ WINNER

49441

watkins-do

★ WINNER

Michigan.

• The Derm Institute of West

DR. THOMAS L. WATKINS, DO

855 Oakridge Rd, Muskegon, MI

www.doximity.com/pub/thomas-

655 Kenmoor Ave SE, Suite 200, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

• Gerard Rudy, MD, Mercy Health,

www.mercyhealth.com/provider/

gerard-rudy-md-family-medicine

www.mercyhealth.com/provider/

MICHAEL APP, MD MPH

www.michaelappmd.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order)

• Dr. Katherine Burton MD,

katherine-burton-md-family-

www.bronsonhealth.com/

MCDONALD AUDIOLOGY &

www.mcdonaldhearingservices.

• Hear Michigan, hearmichigan.

HEARING HEALTH CARE

FINALISTS (in no particular order)

· Beltone Hearing Center,

www.beltone.com/en-us

alpacaaudiology.com

www.hearinglife.com

BEST ORTHODONTIST

CHRISTOPHERSON

3875 Burton St. S.E., Grand

ORTHODONTICS

Rapids, MI 49546

HUNT ORTHODONTICS

Muskegon, MI 49441

www.drtoddhunt.com

3579 Henry St., Suite 160

orthogr.com

★ WINNER

· Hearing Life,

🖈 WINNER

• Bart Lewis, DO,

doctors/bart-lewis

★ WINNER

BEST HEARING CENTER

DERMATOLOGY ASSOCIATES

1740 East Paris Ave SE, Grand

FINALISTS (in no particular order)

southwestmichiganderm.com

• Lakeshore Dermatology Laser &

★ WINNER

· Four Roses Café, www.fourrosescafe.com

· Hearthstone Bistro, www hearthstonerestaurant.com

· Rose's, www.thegilmore

collection.com/roses



BEST GYM

★ WINNER

ORANGETHEORY FITNESS Multiple locations

www.orangetheory.com/en-us

FINALISTS (in no particular order)

• Coachman Training Systems, www.coachmantrainingsystems.

 YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids, www.grymca.org

· Quest Fitness,

questfitnessgym.com **BEST OUTDOOR OUTFITTER**

★ WINNER

BILL & PAULS SPORTHAUS 1200 E Paris Ave SE, Grand

Rapids, MI 49546 www.billandpauls.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order)

· Dunham's Sporting Goods, www.dunhamssports.com

• D&R Sports Center,

dandrsports.com · Al & Pete's Sport Shop,

alandpetes.weebly.com

BEST PERSONAL TRAINER

★ WINNER **ALYSSA VOLKERS AT COACHMAN TRAINING** SYSTEMS

Center MI, 49315 www.coachmantrainingsystems.

7780 Clyde Park Ave SW, Byron

FINALISTS (in no particular order) • Jill Lousignau, Independent contractor out of CityGym GR,

grandrapidscitygym.com · Ray Shonk at Quest Fitness,

rayshonkfitness.wordpress.com • Amanda Kurtz, Ascension

Borgess Health & Fitness Gull Rd Kalamazoo, fitness.borgess.com

BEST TAKE-OUT

★ WINNER PASTRAMI JOE'S DELI

105 N. Jefferson St., Marshall, MI 49068 pastramijoes.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order)

• Fricano's Pizza Tavern,

fricanospizza.com

• Lindo Mexico Restaurante

Mexicano, lindomexicogr.com • The Station Grill,

www.stationgrill.com

• Two Scotts Barbecue,

twoscottsbbq.com

• The Grilling Company, www.thegrillingco.com

HEALTH & WELLNESS

BEST ASSISTED LIVING

★ WINNER

PILGRIM MANOR ASSISTED LIVING & MEMORY CARE

2000 Leonard Street NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505 www.unitedchurchhomes.org/ pilgrim-manor

FINALISTS (in no particular order) · Sunset Senior Communities,

www.sunsetcommunities.org

• Friendship Village Kalamazoo, friendshipvillagemi.com

· Grand Pines Assisted Living Center,

www.heritageseniorcommunities. com/communities/grand-pinesassisted-living-center-grandhaven-michigan

BEST CHIROPRACTOR

***** WINNER SHEERAN CHIROPRACTIC PLLC

36 44th Street SW, Grandville, MI 49418, sheeranchiro.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order) Kooistra Chiropractic Clinic – Wyoming,

kooistrachiropractic.com Total Health Chiropractic,

www.thchiro.com · Chiropractic Unlimited, www.chirounlimited.com



(in no particular order)

· Sage Orthodontics of Portage, sageorthodontics.com

· O'Grady Orthodontics, ogradysmiles.com

· Williams Orthodontics, www.williamsortho.net

BEST PEDIATRICIAN

★ WINNER **ALGER PEDIATRICS**

733 Alger St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507 algerpediatrics.com FINALISTS (in no particular order)

· Forest Hills Pediatrics. foresthillspediatrics.com • Bronson Rambling Road

Pediatrics Oshtemo, www.bronsonhealth.com/ locations/bronson-rambling-roadpediatrics-oshtemo

BEST PLASTIC SURGEON

· Port City Pediatrics PLC,

www.portcitypediatrics.com

***** WINNER **PLASTIC SURGERY AT MUSKEGON SURGICAL ASSOCIATES**

1675 Patriot Drive, Muskegon, MI 49444 msapc.com/plastic-surgery

FINALISTS (in no particular order) • Dr. Matthew Daniel Martin, www.eliteplasticsurgerygr.com

· Plastic Surgery Associates, www.psa-gr.com

· Southwest Michigan Plastic and Hand Surgery, swmphs.com/about

• Centre for Plastic Surgery, gr-cps.com

BEST RETIREMENT COMMUNITY ★ WINNER **BEACON HILLS AT EASTGATE**

1919 Boston St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506 beaconhillgr.org

FINALISTS (in no particular order)

• Porter Hills, umrcph.com

• Sunset Manor & Villages, www.sunsetcommunities.org/ communities/manor-villages Heather Hills, heatherhills.com

• Friendship Village Kalamazoo,

friendshipvillagemi.com

SPA & BEAUTY

BEST DAY SPA

* WINNER **PURE MEDICAL SPA**

1675 Patriot Dr, Muskegon, MI 49444, United States www.msapc.compure-medicalFINALISTS (in no particular order) • The Woodhouse Day Spa

- Grand Rapids, locations. woodhousespas.comthewoodhouse-day-spa-grand-rapids-69cbd4093ec9

• Design 1 Salon Spa Grandville, www.design1.com

· Centre Spa and Wellness, www.centrespa.com

BEST EYELASH BAR

★ WINNER PURE MEDICAL SPA 1675 Patriot Dr, Muskegon, MI

49444, United States www.msapc.compure-medical-spa FINALISTS (in no particular order)

• GR Lash Lounge & Boutique, grlash.com Siren & Proper,

www.sirenandproper.com

★ WINNER PURE MEDICAL SPA 1675 Patriot Dr, Muskegon, MI

BEST FACIAL

49444, United States www.msapc.compure-medical-**FINALISTS** (in no particular order)

• The Woodhouse Day Spa Grand Rapids, locations. woodhousespas.comthewoodhouse-day-spa-grand-rapids-69cbd4093ec9

· Renewal Skin Spa, www.renewalskinspa.com • Design 1 Salon Spa Grandville, www.design1.com

BEST HAIR SALON

***** WINNER **HEIDI CHRISTINES** Multiple locations

heidichristines.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order) · Dockside Salon & Day Spa,

docksidesalon.com

· Design 1 Salon Spa, www.design1.com

• Douglas J Aveda Institute, Grand Rapids, douglasj.edu

BEST MAKEUP PROVIDER

***** WINNER **PURE MEDICAL SPA**

1675 Patriot Dr, Muskegon, MI 49444, United States www.msapc.compure-medical-spa

· Design 1 Salon Spa Grandville, www.design1.com Fox Naturals.

www.fox-naturals.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order)

BEST MASSAGE ★ WINNER

SYNERGY MASSAGE AND WELLNESS

950 28th St SE Bld. E, Suite 201, Grand Rapids, MI 49508 www.synergygr.com **FINALISTS** (in no particular order)

• Pure Medical Spa, Nikki Moberly, msapc.compure-

• Under The Woods, Shannon Underwood. www.underthewoodsgr.com Design 1 Salon Spa, design1.com

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PURE MEDICAL SPA 1675 Patriot Dr, Muskegon, MI

***** WINNER

49444, United States www.msapc.compure-medical-**FINALISTS** (in no particular order) • The Woodhouse Day Spa

- Grand Rapids, locations. woodhousespas.comthewoodhouse-day-spa-grandrapids-69cbd4093ec9

• Design 1 Salon Spa Grandville, www.design1.com · Renewal Skin Spa,

www.renewalskinspa.com **BEST NAIL SALON**

★ WINNER **SARA'S NAILS**

★ WINNER

Multiple locations www.sarasnailsgr.com

THAI COTTAGE SPA 5829 Harvey St, Norton Shores, MI 49444 www.

facebook.comThaicottagespa **FINALISTS** (in no particular order) • POSH Nails & Spa,

www.poshnails.net • Design 1 Salon Spa Gaines,

www.design1.com Ada Nails, adanails.com

BEST TANNING / SUNLESS TANNING SALON

WINNER **BODY & SOL TANNING STUDIOS**

1633 28th St SW C, Wyoming, MI 49519, www. bodysoltan.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order) • Grand City Tanning, grandcitytanning.com • South Beach Sun,

• Hot Tropics Tanning Salon, www.facebook. comHotTropicsTanning

www.southbeachsuntan.com



HOME & GARDEN BEST CLEANING COMPANY ★ WINNER **JEANNIE CLEANING** 640 Romence Road, Suite 115, Portage, MI 49024 jeanniecleaning.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order) Crystal Clean Professional Cleaners, LLC - Crystal Rodriguez, cleaningservicegrandrapidsmi.

- · Stanley Steemer, www.stanleysteemer.com
- · Corporate Cleaning, corpcleaninginc.com
- Heidi Shine Time Cleaning, www.facebook.com/ Heidis-Shine-Time-Cleaning-100483975552282/

BEST CONTRACTOR

★ WINNER SCHAAFSMA HEATING AND COOLING

25 North Park St. Northwest, Grand Rapids, MI 49544 www.schaafsma.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order)

- · Montell Construction,
- montellconstruction.com
- Daeco Builders,
- daecobuilders.com · David C. Bos Homes, boshomes.com

BEST ELECTRICIAN

🖈 WINNER

FLAT RIVER ELECTRIC LLC 218 S. Washington St Lowell, MI

49331 flatriverelectricllc.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order)

- Carlson Electrical Systems,
- carlsonelectrical.com
- Weber Electric.
- weberelectricinc.com
- Rycenga Electric Inc,
- rycengaelectric.com

BEST GARDEN CENTER BEST HOME BUILDER

***** WINNER **COUNTRYSIDE GREENHOUSE**

9050 Lake Michigan Dr, Allendale, MI 49401 www.countrysidegreenhouse.

FINALISTS (in no particular order)

- · Romence Gardens,
- romencegardens.com · Horrocks Market,
- horrocksmarket.com
- Flowerland, myflowerland.com

BEST HARDWARE / DIY STORE

★ WINNER **GREAT LAKES ACE HARDWARE**

(formerly Rylee's Ace Hardware) 1234 Michigan St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 www.acehardware.com/storedetails/18427

FINALISTS (in no particular order)

- Modern Hardware, www.doitbest.com
- Gales True Value, stores.
- truevalue.com/mi/ kalamazoo/22382
- Menards, www.menards.com/ main/home.html

★ WINNER **EASTBROOK HOMES**

1188 East Paris Ave SE Ste 100, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 eastbrookhomes.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order) · Daeco Builders,

- daecobuilders.com
- · David C. Bos Homes, eastbrookhomes.com/contact-us
- Avalon Building Concepts,
- www.avalonbuildingconcepts.

BEST HVAC

***** WINNER **PRO-TECH HEATING AND COOLING**

4065 Remembrance Rd NW Ste 1, Walker, MI 49534 protechgr.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order)

- Schaafsma Heating and Cooling, www.schaafsma.com
- Vredevoogd Heating & Cooling,
- www.vredevoogd.com Jacobson Heating and Cooling,
- jacobsonheating.com

BEST LANDSCAPING COMPANY

★ WINNER **HARDER & WARNER**

6464 Broadmoor Ave SE, Caledonia, MI 49316 harderandwarner.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order) Mulder's Landscape Supplies, mulderslandscape.com

- · Everett's,
- everettslandscape.com
- Kregel's Landscape & Garden Center, kregels.com

BEST PAINTER

★ WINNER FIVE STAR PAINTING OF MUSKEGON

1774 Madison St, Muskegon, MI www.fivestarpainting.com/ muskegon

***** WINNER THE ENGLISH PAINTERS

3970 Dursum Ave NE, Ada, MI www.theenglishpainters.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order)

- · Randy DeBoer/Premier Painters LLC, www.linkedin.com/in/randydeboer-8a475b66
- Speese Painting,
- www.speesepainting.com · Ever & Branch LLC,
- www.ever-branch.com

BEST PLUMBER

***** WINNER **GODWIN PLUMBING**

3703 Division Ave S, Grand Rapids, MI 49548 godwinplumbing.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order) • Vredevoogd Heating & Cooling,

- www.vredevoogd.com
- Lascko Services.
- www.lasckoservices.com
- McDonald Plumbing, www.mcdonaldplumbing.com

BEST ROOFER

***** WINNER **SUMMIT POINT ROOFING**

6360 Fulton St E, Ada, MI 49301 www.summitpointroofing.

FINALISTS (in no particular order) · Irish Roofing and Exteriors, www.irishroofs.com

· Montell Construction,

company.com/contact

PETS

★ WINNER

MI 49445

hudsonville

chfa.net

BEST GROOMER

***** WINNER

Multiple locations

DOG STAR RANCH

www.dogstarranch.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order)

· Whiskers Resort & Pet Spa,

www.whiskerspetresort.com

• Dogtopia of Grand Rapids,

SITTING PRETTY PET SPA

www.sittingprettypetspa.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order)

• Cascade Hospital for Animals/

Breton Village Animal Clinic, chfa.

• Doggie Doo's Pet Grooming,

· Wash & Wags, washandwags

doggiedoosgrooming.com

Pawz N Clawz Pet Salon.

pawznclawzpetsalon.com

www.dogtopia.com/grand-rapids

Cascade Hospital for Animals,

www.campbowwow.com/

· Camp Bow Wow Hudsonville,

montellconstruction.com

• Allied Roofing, allied-roofing-

BEST DAYCARE / BOARDING FACILITY

4200 Whitehall Rd, Muskegon,

- **CHOW HOUND PET SUPPLIES**

BEST PET STORE

★ WINNER

Multiple locations

- chowhoundpet.com FINALISTS (in no particular order)
- - · Pet Supplies Plus, www.petsuppliesplus.com
 - PetSmart, www.petsmart.com Must Love Dogs Boutique. www.mustlovedogsonline.com

BEST TRAINER

***** WINNER

A PLEASANT DOG

1430 Knapp St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505 apleasantdog.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order) • Happy Tails Dog Training LLC, htdogtraining.com

- Karissa Shermeta -Geronimo Golden Retrievers,
- www.facebook.com/ GeronimoGoldenRetrievers
- Briar Wood Dog Training, www.facebook.com/ briarwooddogtraining

BEST VET

***** WINNER CASCADE HOSPITAL FOR ANIMALS/BRETON VILLAGE ANIMAL CLINIC

Multiple locations chfa.net/contact

FINALISTS (in no particular order) Animal Clinic, Inc. Grand Rapids, animalclinicgrandrapids.

· Bridges Animal Hospital at Ada Village,











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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

BEST ACCOUNTANT / CPA FIRM

* WINNER

H&S COMPANIES Multiple locations

www.hscompanies.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order)

www.ehtc.com

- Monroe Sweeris & Tromp CPA, www.mstpc.com
- Timothy D Powers PLC.
- powersaccounting.com
- 626 Financial,
- www.626financial.com

BEST BANK

WINNER UNITED BANK

Multiple locations www.unitedbank4u.com

- FINALISTS (in no particular order)
- Huntington Bank,
- www.huntington.com · Fifth Third Bank,
- www.53.com/content/fifth-third/ en.html · Macatawa Bank,
- www.macatawabank.com

BEST CATERER

* WINNER MARTHA'S VINEYARD FINE WINE & GOURMET GROCERY

200 Union Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 mvwines.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order)

- The Ample Pantry, theamplepantry.com
- · Kangaroo Kitchen and Catering, www.kangarookitchengr.com
- **BEST CREDIT UNION**

***** WINNER

LAKE MICHIGAN CREDIT UNION

Multiple locations, www.lmcu.org

FINALISTS (in no particular order) Consumers Credit Union,

- www.consumerscu.org · Arbor Credit Union,
- www.arborfcu.org · Adventure Credit Union,
- www.adventurecu.org · Members First Credit Union,
- www.mfcu.net

BEST FINANCIAL ADVISOR

***** WINNER **UNITED WEALTH MANAGEMENT**

(United Bank) Multiple locations www.unitedbank4u.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order) • Jake Willis - Ameriprise Financial

- Services, LLC, www.ameripriseadvisors.com/ Jake.Willis
- · Raymond James, www.raymondjames.com
- · Peter Chadwick, www.massmutual.com
- · Zhang Financial, www.zhangfinancial.com

BEST INSURANCE AGENCY

***** WINNER **UNITED INSURANCE**

Multiple locations www.unitedbank4u.com

- **FINALISTS** (in no particular order) • Gobles Insurance Center, 203 M-40, Gobles, MI 49055
- BHS Insurance, bhsins.com
- Farm Bureau Insurance, farmbureauinsurance-mi.com
- · Northwestern Mutual, www.northwesternmutual.com

BEST LAWYER

★ WINNER **ALLES LAW**

5360 Cascade Rd SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546, alleslaw.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order)

- Warner Norcross + Judd LLP,
- www.wnj.com
- Willis Law, www.willis.law · Willey & Chamberlain, willeychamberlain.com

★ WINNER UNITED BANK OF MICHIGAN Multiple locations

www.unitedbank4u.com

BEST MORTGAGE COMPANY

FINALISTS (in no particular order) · Lake Michigan Credit Union,

www.lmcu.org · Consumers Credit Union, www.consumerscu.org

 Northern Mortgage - Joshua Nawrot, northernmtg.com/Josh

BEST PHOTOGRAPHER

***** WINNER **BRIAN KELLY PHOTOGRAPHY**

3150 Broadmoor Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512 briankellyproductions.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order) K. Suzanne Photography -

- Kellie Suzanne Britton, www.ksuzannephotography.com Danielle Lea Photography,
- www.danielleleaphotography.com Andi B Photography,
- www.andibphoto.com
- Hite Design & Photography, www.facebook.com/hitedesign

BEST REALTOR

★ WINNER CITY2SHORE PRESTIGE GROUP/AMANDA VOLKERS

2034 84th St SW, Byron Center, MI 49315 www.facebook.com/ amandavolkersrealtor

FINALISTS (in no particular order) Mark Brace,

- www.bracehomes.com/about/ Mark-Brace • Five Star Real Estate -
- Muskegon Office, www.fivestarmichigan.com
- Thomas Serio Real Estate West, sellingwestmi.com/about

BEST SPECIAL EVENT VENUE

WINNER FREDERICK MEIJER GARDENS & SCULPTURE PARK

1000 E Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525 www.meijergardens.org

FINALISTS (in no particular order)

- · Bay Pointe Inn, www.baypointeinn.com
- The Pyramid Scheme, pyramidschemebar.com
- Bella Maria's Event Center, www.bellamariasristorante.com



RETAIL

BEST APPLIANCE STORE

★ WINNER **GERRIT'S APPLIANCE**

Multiple locations www.gerritsappliances.com

- FINALISTS (in no particular order) · Decker and Sons,
- www.deckersons.com
- · Bekins Appliances, www.bekins.us
- Laninga Appliance Inc,
- www.laningas.com

BEST BEAUTY / MAKEUP STORE

***** WINNER **ULTA BEAUTY**

Multiple locations www.ulta.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order)

- SEPHORA, www.sephora.com
- Fox Naturals,
- www.fox-naturals.com · LORDE Beauty and Cosmetics,
- lordebeauty.com

BEST BOUTIQUE

★ WINNER PAPERDOLL BOUTIQUE

10 E Bridge St NE, Rockford, MI 49341 paperdollboutique.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order)

- · Naughty Bettie, naughtybettie.com
- · Dear Prudence,
- www.dearprudence.com · GINA'S boutique,
- www.ginasgr.com

BEST FARMERS MARKET

★ WINNER FULTON STREET FARMERS MARKET

1145 Fulton St E, Grand Rapids, www.fultonstreetmarket.org

- **FINALISTS** (in no particular order) • Muskegon Farmers Market, www.muskegonfarmersmarket.
- Kalamazoo Farmers Market, pfcmarkets.com Holland Farmers Market, www.hollandfarmersmarket.com
- **BEST GROCERY STORE**

★ WINNER

HORROCKS MARKET 4455 Breton Rd SE, Kentwood,

www.horrocksmarket.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order) • Forest Hills Foods, www.

- shopforesthillsfoods.com · D&W Fresh Market,
- www.shopdwfreshmarket.con · Ken's Fruit Market,
- kensfruitmarket.com • Fresh Thyme Market.

www.freshthyme.com **BEST HEALTH FOOD STORE**

***** WINNER HARVEST HEALTH FOODS

Multiple locations harvesthealthfoods.com

- FINALISTS (in no particular order) Sawall's, sawallhf.com
- · Health Hutt, thehealthhutt.c · Apple Valley Natural Foods, www.avnf.com



BEST HOME FURNISHINGS

★ WINNER TALSMA FURNITURE

Multiple locations www.talsmafurniture.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order)

- Broene's Furniture, broenesfurniture.com
- · Langlois, www.langloisstore.com • Northwestern Home
- Furnishings, www.nwhomefurnishings.com
- · Bell Home Furnishings, www.bellshomefurnishings.com

BEST KID'S FASHION

WINNER LITTLE CHICK SHOE SHOP

1924 Whites Rd, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

www.facebook.com/ LittleChickShoeShopInc

- **FINALISTS** (in no particular order) · Pink Lemonade,
- pinklemonademi.com
- Once Upon A Child Walker, www.onceuponachild.com/
- locations/walker-mi • Tip Toes, www.shoptiptoes.com

BEST MEN'S FASHION

★ WINNER **LIBINS**

1028 East Cork Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49001 www.libins.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order)

- Fitzgerald's Men's Store,
- fitzs.com • Jurgens & Holtvluwer,
- www.jurgensgrandville.com AK Rikks, akrikks.com

BEST WOMEN'S FASHION

★ WINNER **LEIGH'S**

1942 Breton Rd SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506 leighsfashions.com

naughtybettie.com

BEST JEWELRY STORE

DEVRIES JEWELERS

FINALISTS (in no particular order) Naughty Bettie,

· Lea and Birch, leeandbirch.com · Libins, www.libins.com

***** WINNER

411 Leonard St NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

www.devriesjewelers.com **FINALISTS** (in no particular order)

- Sanborn's Jewelers, www.sanbornsjewelers.com
- Siegel Jewelers.
- www.siegeljewelers.com Almassian Jewelers,
- www.almassianjewelers.com · Hoffman Jewelers, www.hoffman-jewelers.com

BEST SHOPPING CENTER /

DISTRICT **WINNER**

TANGER OUTLETS Grand Rapids 350 84th St SW, Byron Center, MI 49315 www.tangeroutlet.com/

grandrapids

- **FINALISTS** (in no particular order) • Breton Village, Grand Rapids Downtown Market Grand
- Rapids, downtownmarketgr. • RiverTown Crossings Mall,

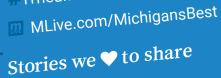
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- FINALISTS (in no particular order) • Binder Park Zoo,
- www.binderparkzoo.org
- Boulder Ridge Wild Animal Park, www.boulderridgewap.com
- Lewis Adventure Farm & Zoo, www.visitlewisfarms.com

BEST ART GALLERY

★ WINNER

101 Monroe Center St NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 www.artmuseumgr.org



FINALISTS

- (in no particular order) • Kalamazoo Institute of Arts.
- www.kiarts.org · Muskegon Art Museum,
- www.muskegon artmuseum.org · LaFontsee Galleries,
- www.lafontsee.us

BEST CAMPGROUND

***** WINNER **LUDINGTON STATE PARK CAMPGROUND**

www2.dnr.state.mi.us/ parksandtrails

- **FINALISTS** (in no particular order) • Hoffmaster, www2.dnr.state.
- mi.us/parksandtrails • Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park,
- www.campjellystone.com · Grand Haven State Park, www.michigan.govgrandhaven

BEST CASINO / GAMING

★ WINNER GUN LAKE CASINO

1123 129th Ave. Wayland, MI 49348, gunlakecasino.com

- **FINALISTS** (in no particular order) • Soaring Eagle Casino.
- www.soaringeaglecasino.com · Little River Casino,
- www.lrcr.com
- · Firekeepers Casino Hotel, www.firekeeperscasino.com

ENTERTAINMENT VENUE

★ WINNER

WEST MICHIGAN WHITECAPS 4500 W River Dr NE, Comstock Park, MI 49321 www.milb.comwest-michigan

• John Ball Zoo, www.jbzoo.org

BEST MUSIC VENUE ★ WINNER FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS & **SCULPTURE PARK**

FINALISTS (in no particular order) • Air Zoo Aerospace & Science Museum, www.airzoo.org

www.boulderridgewap.com

• Boulder Creek Wild Animal Park,

1000 E Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525 meijergardens.org

- FINALISTS (in no particular order)
- Van Andel Arena, www.vanandelarena.com
- Listening Room, listeningroomgr.com
- Kalamazoo State Theatre, www.kazoostate.com

★ WINNER SAUGATUCK YACHT CLUB

15 Park St, Saugatuck, MI www.saugatuckyachtclub.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order)

- · Gull Lake Marine, www.gulllakemarine.com
- · Balcom's Cove Condominium & Marina, www.facebook.comBalcoms-Cove-180405878676316
- · Pentwater Yacht Club, www.pentwateryachtclub.com
- · Murray Lake Marina, www.murraylakemarina.com

BEST NATURE PARK / HIKING SITE

★ WINNER FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS & SCULPTURE PARK

1000 E Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525 meijergardens.org



FINALISTS (in no particular order)

• P. J. Hoffmaster State Park,

www2.dnr.state.mi.us/

Ludington State Park,

Blandford Nature Center,

blandfordnaturecenter.org

BEST OUTDOOR CONCERT VENUE

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HONORABLE MENTIONS

BEST WINERY

Our readers nominated many amazing Michigan wineries in the Best Winery category, including those outside the ballot's given geographic coverage area. We wanted to honor those nominations too:

- · CHATEAU FONTAINE. www.chateaufontaine.com
- 2 LADS WINERY,

www.2lwinery.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order) · Amway Hotel Corporation,

- www.hilton.comenhotelsgrrqqqq amway-grand-plaza
- · Henderson Castle, www.hendersoncastle.com
- Radisson Plaza Hotel, radissonkzoo.com

BEST WINERY

★ WINNER FENN VALLEY VINEYARDS

6130 122nd Ave, Fennville, MI www.fennvalley.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order)

· St. Julian Winery, www.stiulian.com · Lemon Creek Winery,

www.lemoncreekwinery.com

BEST OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

WINNER

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★ WINNER **WOODWARD'S GARAGE**

201 E Alcott St, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

www.woodwardsgarage.net

- FINALISTS (in no particular order) · Veenstra's Garage,
- veenstrasgarage.com
- · N. L. Automotive, www.nlautomotive.net
- Tony Betten & Sons Ford, Inc., www.bettenford.com
- · Community Automotive Repair, communityautomotive.com David's Garage, LLC,
- www.davids-garage.net
- Driven Automotive Services, drivenautoservices.com
- · Jordan's Auto Clinic, jordansauto.net
- Maksim's Safety Service, Inc., **Grand Rapids**

BEST MOTORCYCLE DEALER

★ WINNER – HOT ROD HARLEY-DAVIDSON

149 Shoreline Dr, Muskegon, MI 49440 www.hotrodhd.com

- **FINALISTS** (in no particular order) Zeigler Motorsports,
- www.zeiglermotorsports.com
- Battle Creek Harley-Davidson, www.battlecreekharley.com
- · Village MotorSports, www.vmsgrandrapids.com

BEST NEW CAR DEALER

★ WINNER **MAPLE HILL AUTO GROUP**

5622 W Main St, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

www.maplehillauto.com



FINALISTS (in no particular order) • Todd Wenzel Buick GMC of

- Grand Rapids, www.toddwenzelbuickgmc.com
- Berger Chevrolet,
- www.bergerchevy.com
- Courtesy Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, www.courtesy.com
- · Pfeiffer Lincoln Inc.
- of Grand Rapids, www. pfeifferlincolnofgrandrapids.com
- Zeigler Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Grandville, www grandville chryslerjeepdodge.com

BEST RV DEALER

★ WINNER **GENERAL RV**

Multiple locations www.generalrv.com

FINALISTS

- (in no particular order)
- · Midway RV Center, www.midwayrv.com
- · Veurink's RV Center. www.veurinksrv.com

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* WINNER

NELSON'S SPEED SHOP

4566 S Greenville Rd, Greenville, MI 48838

www.nelsonsspeedshop.com

- FINALISTS (in no particular order) · Village Motorsports,
- www.villagemotorsports.net · Zeigler Motorsports,
- www.zeiglermotorsports.com

BEST USED CAR DEALER

★ WINNER **COURTESY CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP RAM, CHRIS SCHUTZ**

440 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49548 www.courtesy.com



FINALISTS (in no particular order)

- · DeNooyer Chevrolet, www.denooyer.com
- · Berger Chevrolet, www.bergerchevy.com
- Todd Wenzel Buick GMC of Grand Rapids.
- www.toddwenzelbuickgmc.com

BEST VEHICLE DETAILER

★ WINNER **FOX MOTOR GROUP**

Multiple locations www.foxmotors.com

FINALISTS (in no particular order) · Great Lakes Chemical,

www.glchemical.com · Tony's Unlimited Detailing, www.facebook. compagescategory

Automotive-ServiceTonys-Unlimited-Detailing -639871863 118322

• Zeigler Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Grandville, www. grandvillechrysler jeepdodge.com



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