

And the All Star Awards go to

Earlier this year, our readers went to the polls at arlingtontoday.com to cast votes for their favorites in more than 160 categories. Here are the selections, your 2020 Arlington Area All Stars (key: W-winner; HM-honorable mention)

EATS/DRINKS/MERRIMENT

ASIAN CUISINE W: Jade Cafe HM: BFF Asian Grill and Sports Bar

BAKERY

W: Sugar Bee Sweets Bakery HM: Buttermilk Sky Pie Shop

W: David's Barbecue HM: Hurtado Barbecue Co.

BREWERY

W: Legal Draft Beer Co. **HM:** Division Brewing

BURGER

W: The Grease Monkey HM: Twisted Root Burger Co.

CRAFT BEER

W: Legal Draft Beer Co. **HM:** Division Brewing

DELI/SANDWICH SHOP

W: Dino's Subs

HM: MaryLou's Coffee and Sandwich Shoppe

HAPPY HOUR

W: The Tipsy Oak HM: Mac's Bar & Grill

INTERNATIONAL CUISINE

W: Prince Lebanese Grill HM: Fattoush Mediterranean Kitchen **HM:** Istanbul Grill

ITALIAN CUISINE

W: Piccolo Mondo HM: Café Sicilia

NIGHTTIME ENTERTAINMENT W: Texas Live!

HM: Arlington Music Hall

W: Moni's Pasta and Pizza HM: Gino's East

PLACE FOR LUNCH

W: restaurant506 at The Sanford House HM: The Rose Garden Tea Room at Gracie Lane

RESTAURANT PATIO

W: El Arroyo **HM:** The Tipsy Oak

SEAFOOD

W: Mac's Bar & Grill HM: The Catch

SPORTS BAR

W: J. Gilligan's Bar & Grill **HM:** No Frills Grill & Sports Bar

STEAKHOUSE

W: Mercury Chop House HM: Candlelight Inn

W: Piranha Killer Sushi HM: Sushi Cafe

TACOS

W: Fuzzy's Taco Shop **HM:** Torchy's Tacos

W: El Gabacho Tex-Mex Grill HM: El Arrovo

HM: Lupe's Tex Mex Grill

WINE BAR

W: Urban Alchemy Coffee + Wine Bar **HM:** Mercury Chophouse

HOME LIFE

ASSISTED LIVING

W: Cedar Bluff **HM:** Legend of Mansfield

ATTORNEY

W: Harris Cook, LLP **HM:** Jim Ross Law Group

ATTORNEY -

CRIMINAL DEFENSE W: Jim Ross Law Group

ATTORNEY - DIVORCE W: Stephanie A. Foster

HM: Harris Cook, LLP

ATTORNEY - ELDER LAW W: Karen Schroeder

HM: Carolyn Dove

ATTORNEY - FAMILY LAW

W: Donna J. Smiedt HM: Curnutt & Hafer

ATTORNEY -

LITIGATION/BUSINESS W (tie): Jim Ross Law Group W (tie): Curnutt & Hafer

ATTORNEY -

PERSONAL INJURY W: Roger "Rocky" Walton HM: Harris Cook, LLP

ATTORNEY - REAL ESTATE W: Jim Ross Law Group

AUTO DEALER W: Don Davis Auto Group **HM:** Classic Arlington

HM: Harris Cook, LLP

AUTO DEALER -

LUXURY CARS W: BMW of Arlington **HM: Park Place**

AUTO REPAIR

W: T&T Brake Service **HM:** Chambers Automotive

BACKYARD REMODELER

W: Baldi Gardens **HM:** David Durham Contractors

W: Frost Bank **HM:** Affiliated Bank

BANK - CUSTOMER SERVICE

W: Worthington National Bank **HM: Frost Bank**

BANK - LOCAL BANK W: Worthington National Bank **HM: Pinnacle Bank**

CREDIT UNION

W: Texas Trust Credit Union HM: EECU

COMPUTER SERVICES

W: Harden Computer HM: Bit by Bit

CPA/TAX PREP

W (tie): PSK

W (tie): Parker & Richardson **HM:** Robert Brackeen

CUSTOMER SERVICE

W: Wade Funeral Home & Crematory W: Maggie & Me Boutique

W: Primrose Schools **HM:** Bowen Road Day School

DRY CLEANER

W (tie): Comet Cleaners W (tie): Oak Cleaners **HM:** Bond Cleaners

ELECTRICIAN

W: Milestone Electric **HM:** Enoch Electric

FINANCIAL SERVICES

W: Derrick Kinney & Associates **HM:** Schulz Wealth

FOUNDATION REPAIR

W: Atlas Restoration **HM:** Integrity Foundation Repair

GARDEN CENTER

W: Green's Produce & Plants **HM:** Hare's Nursery

HEATING/AC COMPANY

W: Tom's Mechanical W: Climate Experts HM: Hightower Service, Inc.

HOME BUILDER

W: Mansfield Custom Homes HM: D.R. Horton

INSURANCE AGENT W: Shane Ferrell **HM:** Becky McKnight HM: Jerry Albano



INSURANCE - HOME/AUTO W: Al Clark State Farm HM: Texas Insurance Agency

INTERIOR DESIGNER
W: Designs by Lisa
HM: Molly Davis Design

LANDSCAPER
W: Baldi Gardens
HM: Price Right Tree &
Landscaping

MAID/HOME ORGANIZATION W: The Organized Frog HM: Merry Maid

MORTGAGE COMPANY W: SWBC Mortgage Corp. HM: Wallick & Volk

NEW HOME DEVELOPMENT W: Viridian HM: South Pointe

PEST CONTROL
W: Massey Services
HM: Finley Termite & Pest Control

PATIO FURNITURE
W: Chair King Backyard Store
HM: The Backyard Store

PET BOARDING
W: Pet Resort in the Gardens
HM: Pixie's Paws Pet Palace

PET CARE/GROOMING
W: Pet Resort in the Gardens
HM: Gully Animal Hospital

PET TRAINING W: Lisa's K-9 Kids HM: Country Acres Kennels

PHOTOGRAPHER
W: Major Images
HM: Southern Flair Photography

PLUMBING COMPANY W: Tom's Plumbing, Inc. HM: Jim Williams Plumbing

POOL BUILDER/RENOVATION
W: Kelly's Pool Care & Renovation
HM: D&L Pools

POOL SERVICE
W: Kelly's Pool Care & Renovation
HM: D&L Pools

PRESCHOOL/PRE-K W: Pantego Christian Academy HM: Primrose Schools

PRIVATE SCHOOL
W: Pantego Christian Academy
HM: The Oakridge School

PROPERTY MANAGER
W: 72sold/Brawn Sterling Real
Estate
HM: Doskocil Properties

REAL ESTATE COMPANY
W: Ebby Halliday REALTORS®
HM: FRONT Real Estate Co.
HM: Keller Williams

REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONAL
W: Linda Magazzine/Michael
Cunnigham Group
HM: Amy Cearnal
HM: Brandee Kelley

REMODELER
W: RJ Construction
HM: David Durham Contractors

RETIREMENT COMMUNITY W: The Orchards HM: Overture Highlands HM: Fox Run Estates

ROOFING W (tie): Frazier Roofs & Gutters W (tie): RJ Construction HM: Joe Hall Roofing

TITLE COMPANY
W: Alamo Title Co. - Chris
Harris & Associates
HM: Old Republic National
Title Insurance Co.
HM: Stewart Title Company

TRAVEL AGENCY
W: Primo Travel Services
HM: DFW Cruises and Travel

TUTORING COMPANY W: Porter Tutoring HM: Kumon Arlington SE

VETERINARIAN
W: Richter Animal Hospital & Pet
Resort
HM: Sanford Oaks Animal Clinic

STORE FRONT

ANTIQUES
W: C&W Antiques
HM: Cooper Street Antique
Mall

APPLIANCE STORE W: Texas Appliance

BABY/CHILDREN'S BOUTIQUE W: Maggie & Me Boutique

BOUTIQUE W: Gracie Lane HM: Jazzy Jems FLORIST
W: Urban Country Flower Co.
HM: H.E. Cannon Floral
& Greenhouses

FLOORING STORE
W: Hiltons Flooring
HM: GED's Floor Store

FURNITURE STORE
W (tie): Canales Furniture Store
W (tie): Ivan Smith Furniture
HM: Haverty's

GIFT SHOP W: Anything Goes HM: Gracie Lane

JEWELER W: Dixie's Charms & More HM: Diamonds & Designs

PLACE TO BUY "SPIRITS" W: Total Wine & More HM: SPEC'S

RESALE SHOP W: Nu2u Resale HM: ReRun Consignment Boutique

SPORTING GOODS W: The Runner Shop HM: Trek Bicycle Shop

WELLNESS

AUDIOLOGIST
W: Kos/Danchak Audiology
& Hearing Aids
HM: North Hills ENT

BARIATRIC SURGEON
W: Dr. Clayton Frenzel with
BodEvolve
HM: Dr. Richard Carter

BIO-IDENTICAL HORMONE
W: Dr. Mark Bishara
HM: Institute of Hormonal
Balance

CARDIO SURGEON
W: Dr. Stephen Lenhoff
HM: Cardiology Partners

CHIROPRACTOR
W: Dr. Kenyon Godwin
HM: Tricare Chiropractic

COLORECTAL SURGEON W: Dr. Winston Chan HM: Dr. Anna Toker

COSMETIC DENTIST
W: Dr. Ravi Doctor
HM: Dr. Heather Martinson

COSMETIC SURGERY
W: Paragon Plastic Surgery
& Med Spa
HM: Accent on You

COUNSELING CENTER
W: Impact Counseling &
Guidance Center
HM: Dr. Troy Callaway

DERMATOLOGIST W: Dr. Mary Adams HM: Dr. Angela Moore

DIALYSIS CENTER
W: Green Oaks Dialysis Center
HM: U.S. Renal Care - Mansfield

EAR/NOSE/THROAT W: Central Park ENT HM: North Hills ENT

EMERGENCY ROOM
W: Mansfield Methodist
Medical Center
HM: Texas Health Arlington
Memorial Hospital

ENDODONTIST
W: Pecan Park Dental
HM: Arlington Family Dental
Care

EXERCISE/FITNESS STUDIO
W: The Pilates Effect

FAMILY DENTIST
W (tie): Dr. Amy Schoening
W (tie): Dr. Nathan Flesher
HM: Dr. Mark Marchbanks

FAMILY PHYSICIAN W: Dr. An Wong HM: Dr. David Lee

FAMILY PHYSICIAN PRACTICE
W: Family HealthCare
Associates
HM: Arlington Family Practice

FERTILITY SPECIALIST W: IVFMD HM: Omega OB/GYN Associates

GASTROENTEROLOGIST W: Dr. Kim Gentry HM: Dr. Winston Chan

HEALTH FOOD STORE
W: Eterna Health Food Store
HM: Pantego Health & Vitamins

HOLISTIC MEDICINE
W: Active Family Wellness
Center
HM: Arlington Holistic Health

HOME HEALTH CARE W: My Nurse Family **HM: Visiting Angels**

HORMONAL SPECIALIST W: Dr. Gary Donovitz (Institute for Hormonal Balance) HM: Dr. Carol Wood

HOSPITAL W: Medical City Arlington **HM:** Mansfield Methodist Medical Center

HOSPITAL - PATIENT CARE W: Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital HM: Baylor Scott & White Rehabilitation

INTERNAL MEDICINE W: Dr. Theresa Stretch **HM:** Dr. Craig Henry

LASIK W: Key-Whitman Eye Center HM: Kleiman Evangelista Eve Centers of Texas

MEDICAL BILLING COMPANY W: Precise Medical Billing Service **HM: TPMC Billing Services**

MEMORY CARE W: Cedar Bluff Assisted Living & Memory Care HM: Meadowbrook

NEUROLOGIST W: Dr. Robert E. McMichael HM: Dr. Huy Nguyen

NEUROSURGEON W: Dr. Sabatino Bianco HM: Dr. Richard Meyrat

OB/GYN W: Dr. Joan Bergstrom HM: Omega OB/GYN

ONCOLOGIST W: Dr. Alfred DiStefano, Texas Oncology HM: Dr. Alex Liao

OPHTHALMOLOGIST W: Dr. D. Todd Ford (Paragon Eye Associates) HM: Dr. Huy Tran

ORAL SURGEON W: Dr. John Shroyer **HM:** Arlington Texas Oral Surgery

ORTHODONTIST W: Dr. Moody Alexander **HM**: Hildebrand Orthodontics **ORTHOPEDIC CARE** W: Baylor, Scott & White Orthopedic & Spine Hospital

HM: Dr. Jason Lowry PAIN MANAGEMENT W: Dr. Jason Butler (Regency Pain & Therapy Institute) **HM:** Active Family Wellness

ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON

W: Dr. Jay Pond

Center

PEDIATRIC DENTIST W: FunDentist-Pediatric Dentistry-Drs. Hyde, Miller & Associates HM: Dr. Jennifer Ketchel, DDS, MS. PA

PERSONAL TRAINER W: Caine Cambron

PHARMACY W: Randol Mill Pharmacy **HM:** Matlock Pharmacy

PLASTIC SURGEON W: Accent on You

PODIATRIST W: Arlington/Mansfield Foot & Ankle Centers **HM:** Accent Podiatry **Associates**

PSYCHIATRIST W: MHMR Tarrant County HM: Dallas Behavioral Healthcare

PSYCHOLOGIST W: Mansfield Counseling HM: Cuppett Psychology PLLC

PULMONOLOGIST W: Dr. Tony Su HM: Dr. John Liu

REHABILITATON HOSPITAL W: Texas Rehabilitation Hospital HM: Baylor Scott & White Rehab

REJUVENATOR W: Resurgence Wellness

RHEUMATOLOGIST W: Dr. James Durand HM: Dr. Joanna Geslani

SLEEP STUDY/DOCTOR W: The Arlington Sleep Disorder **HM**: Crosspointe Sleep Solutions

URGENT CARE W: MedExpress **HM:** CareNow

UROLOGIST W: Dr. James Vestal HM: Dr. Steven Hudak

VEIN DOCTOR W: Dr. Jon Senkowsky (Arlington Vein Spa) HM: Dr. Thomas Eidson (Atlas Vein Care)

WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAM W: Diet Solution Weight Loss Centers **HM:** Resurgence Wellness

WELLNESS CENTER W: Active Family Wellness Center **HM:** Mansfield Wellness Center

YOGA/BARRE STUDIO W: The Pilates Effect **HM:** Yoga Project

PERSONAL SERVICES/ LEISURE

BED & BREAKFAST W: The Sanford House **HM**: The Thornton Inn

вотох W: The Paragon Plastic Surgery & Med Spa **HM:** Bex Laser Aesthetics

DANCE STUDIO W: Miss Persis Studio of Dance **HM:** Art Ballet Academy

EVENT VENUE W: The Sanford House

FITNESS CENTER W: Arlington-Mansfield Area YMCA **HM: TexasFITT**

GOLF COURSE W: Tierra Verde **HM**: Texas Rangers Golf Course

GYMNASTICS W: ASI **HM:** Aerials School of Gymnastics

HAIR SALON W: Shelton's Salon & Spa HM: Daired's Salon & Spa Pangéa

HOTEL W: Live! by Loew's **HM: Sheraton Arlington** LASER HAIR REMOVAL W: Bex Laser Aesthetics HM: Accent on You

LOCAL PARK W: River Legacy HM: Stovall

MASSAGE W: The Sanford Spa & Salon **HM:** Massage Envy

MED SPA W: The Paragon Plastic Surgery & Med Spa **HM:** Bex Laser Aesthetics

NAIL SALON W: Queen's Nails **HM: Star Nails**

OUTDOOR FESTIVAL W: Art on the Greene **HM:** River Legacy Fall Festival

PLACE FOR A KID'S PARTY W: River Legacy Living Science Center HM: Chelsea's Tea Room & Boutique

PLACE FOR LIVE MUSIC W: Levitt Pavilion **HM:** The Grease Monkey

PLACE TO VOLUNTEER W: Mission Arlington/Metroplex **HM:** Urban Ministries

PLACE TO WORSHIP W: First Baptist Arlington **HM:** First United Methodist Church of Arlington

SKIN CARE W: Great Skin Spa & Facial Club HM: Shelton's Salon & Spa

W: The Sanford Spa & Salon HM: Daired's Salon & Spa Pangéa

SUMMER CAMP W: Camp Thurman **HM:** Camp Anothen





Al Clark started his with one other employee. Forty-plus years later, the company is thriving, serving its community and financial services that have garnered Clark and his team a number of awards.

Al Clark

Winner: Insurance - Home/Auto

s an iconic symbol of the American Dream - and as a great guy, to boot - Al Clark has been helping Arlington area customers with their insurance needs for more than four decades.

This year, he's doing something else of significant importance: He is making his fourth straight appearance on our Readers' Choice All Star team.

The Al Clark State Farm Agency was established on September 1, 1979.

"As a new resident to Texas, I started from scratch with one part-time employee to help me build my agency," Clark recalls. "Forty-plus years later of consistently providing insurance and financial services to the people in the DFW area, the Al Clark Agency has been recognized by State Farm and the Arlington community with numerous awards and recognition for our outstanding service to our customers and to the community."

The accolades include the following: Arlington Small Business Leader of the Year; 19 times the leading State Farm producing agency in the United States out of 19,000 agencies and Texas Congress of Teachers and Parents recognition.

In addition to the awards, Clark has given back to the community, financially supporting the Boys and Girls Clubs of

Greater Tarrant County, The Salvation Army, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, The Arlington Rotary Foundation scholarship program, the YMCA and The Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts.

"Having earned a Doctoral degree from the University of Minnesota, I have always considered education as a major emphasis of support," Clark says. "I have been honored to financially provide backing for many educational venues, including UTA, Tarrant County College, Baylor University, the University of Minnesota, Bemidji State University, along with local elementary, junior high and high schools in Arlington. Most people probably do not know that I was a teacher, coach, advisor, and administrator in public education for 15 years in Minnesota."

Clark and his current team offer an array of insurance products that include coverage of auto, home, property, business, life, health as well as various financial products.

Clark notes that throughout the past four-plus decades he has been blessed with excellent employees who have helped provide professional service and advice to their clients.

"What I think makes our company special," he says, "is that we truly believe, live and demonstrate our professional values of helping people every day in every way we can through both our business practices and our involvement in the community."

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Ravi Doctor, DDS, DABOI, DICOI

Winner: Cosmetic Dentist

r. Ravi Doctor and his highly skilled team are committed to taking dentistry to the next level, providing patients of all ages with the world-class care they deserve. No where is that more evident than during recent months as our team addresses COVID-19.

While many dentists often do what they've always done, we have stepped it up big time!

We have installed UV sterilizers for our main AC units that circulate in our whole office. Aerosol reduction vacuums are installed above each treatment room above the patient's mouth and specialized face masks with direct delivery of fresh air have been installed for our whole team. Also, each treatment room has its own UV air purifiers, plus another UV Plasma vacuum system is used - that's right two vacuums for each patient.

We have an in-office protocol that follows beyond the CDC recommendations for your visit.

Ensuring the safety of our patients and our team underscores our mission at the practice. For more than three decades we have provided top-tier dental services, education and innovative care for the entire family. Our philosophy is The Golden Rule. This has always been the foundation for success within our practice. We treat patients as we would want to be treated.

ABOUT DR. RAVI DOCTOR AND HIS TEAM

Dr. Doctor is the only Board Certified Oral Implantologist in Arlington and Southlake. The practice has a highly trained staff for simple procedures such as dental cleanings and fillings, to complex surgical procedures, such as sinus lifts and implant placement. They also assist in teaching other surgeons from around the world on how to master their craft.

At his general, cosmetic and implant dentistry practice, Dr. Doctor offers a range of services, from oral cancer screenings and root canal therapy to advanced cosmetic dentistry and digitally guided implant surgery.

Dr. Doctor is an Accredited Diplomate with the American Board of Oral Implantology, International Congress of Oral Implantologists and serves as an implant instructor for the California Implant Institute, the Implant Know-How Course and Dental XP Live Surgical Courses.

Dr. Doctor doesn't just offer leading-edge technology at his dental office - he also provides highly advanced techniques such as Pinhole Surgical Technique, (that only 1,500 dentists are trained to perform), which eliminates the use of traditional scalpels and sutures when treating the common problem of gum recession. He also has implemented the newest advanced CT scan system to better examine airways, provide a more comprehensive orthodontic evaluation and to be utilized for guided implant placement.











As COVID-19 continues to be a health threat, Ravi Doctor is taking extraordinary measures at his practice, such as utilizing UV sterilizers. air purifiers and a plasma vacuum system to ensure the safety of his patients and staff. His quest to be cutting-edge also includes recent implementation of the newest PreXion advanced CT system to better examine airways, provide a more comprehensive orthodontic evaluation and to be utilized for guided implant placement.

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El Gabacho Tex-Mex Grill

Winner: Tex-Mex

I Gabacho Tex-Mex Grill offers exquisite cuisine, a notion not lost on our patron/readers, who have voted the restaurant to the All Star team for the third consecutive year.

Guests can dine inside or on the popular patio - or they can enjoy



take-out service or have a lunch or dinner meal catered. In each case, they will enjoy a wide array of delicious Tex-Mex options.

The restaurant also is known throughout the Metroplex for its beverage menu, including a vast selection of tasty wines.

Then there's the eclectic

decor, marked by a collection of John Wayne memorabilia scattered throughout the eatery.

General Manager David Govea believes there's always a good time in store when guests pay a visit: "Our personalized service, fresh food and friendly staff help set us apart as special."

El Gabacho Tex-Mex Grill

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Dino's Subs

Winner: Deli/Sandwich Shop

or the fifth year in a row, local fans of the sub sandwich have made Dino's Subs their choice for favorite Deli/Sandwich Shop. Dino's has been an Arlington institution and the "go to" place for sandwiches since 1980, when the late Larry Dino first opened the restaurant's doors.



Since then, his daughter Jade has stepped into the lead role at the eatery, and it has continued to make sandwiches so fresh and delicious that they prompted one customer to offer this Yelp review: "Don't come here. You're iust going to make the line out the

door that much longer. I'll still be in that line most days because this is the best sandwich shop I've ever been to."

A Facebook friend added this: "Dino's is just like home! I love them and travel in from Tyler just to pick up sandwiches."

Jade says she is proud to carry on an Arlington tradition. "My dad said there's one key to success in the restaurant business: 'never, ever, go down on quality," she says.

That, obviously, is never an issue at Dino's Subs.

Dino's Subs

2221 S. Collins St. • 817-274-1140 • dinossubs.restaurantwebexpert.com

J. Gilligan's Bar & Grill

Winner: Sports Bar

or the past four decades, J. Gilligan's Bar & Grill has been one of Arlington's premier destinations for culinary and social pleasures. In fact, it's so popular that our readers have tabbed it as an All Star for

the fifth consecutive year.



There's always a game or several on the televisions scattered inside and out on the patio, where dining and cheering for your favorite team aren't optional; they're virtually required.

However, as patrons

know, the fabled restaurant is much more than just a sports bar. It's also a great venue for a casual lunch or dinner date, as well as party headquarters for gatherings that include reunions, birthdays, charity functions, political events, holiday parties, youth sports clubs, wedding events, business lunches and meetings and ...

Well ...

We'll put it this way: You can, probably will and definitely should meet at J. Gilligan's for pretty much anything.

J. Gilligan's Bar & Grill

400 E. Abram St. • 817-274-8561 • jgilligans.com

MaryLou's Coffee and Sandwich Shoppe

Honorable Mention: Deli/Sandwich Shop

aryLou's Coffee and Sandwich Shoppe, making its second consecutive appearance on our All Star team, is located in the heart of Downtown Historic Mansfield on Broad Street between Walnut

Creek and Main Street.



The restaurant and coffee shop operates out of the J.H. Harrison historic home built in 1915. MaryLou's offers a unique experience and ambiance not found in new construction buildings.

Guests can enjoy the

comfort of the indoor seating spaces or sit outside on the shaded, wrap-around porch and take in the peaceful atmosphere while having breakfast, lunch and/or a cup of their specialty coffees with housemade syrups. MaryLou's uses the freshest ingredients to prepare your meal and family recipes for their chicken salad, tuna salad, pimento cheese and homemade desserts.

MaryLou's Coffee and Sandwich Shoppe

404 E. Broad Street • 817-473-1989 • marylous.net

David's Barbecue

Winner: BBQ

here's little question David's Barbecue has found its way into the hearts - and, certainly, tummies - of our reader voters. In each of the past five years, they've tabbed the popular eatery as their favorite

local source for BBQ.



David's offers a range of tasty barbecue items, each sliced or chopped as you place your order.

David's Barbecue opened in Pantego in 1988 as a fourth-generation, family owned restaurant that has its roots in the North

Texas barbecue eatery started by Elias Bryan in 1910. Today, David's Barbecue is owned by Jimmy Harris and continues to draw critical acclaim.

For instance, this yelp.com review: "I have been going to Bryan-family restaurants for over 50 years now. After the first couple of months at David's I didn't need to even say my order - they knew: Sliced beef sandwich, open face. I want to be embalmed in their BBQ sauce!"

David's Barbecue

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Prince Lebanese Grill

Winner: International Cuisine

prince Lebanese Grill, owned and operated by Francis, Amira, Aziz and Elizabeth Kobty, earned its third straight All Star nod this year. That noted, the popular eatery has been earning - and maintaining -



the business of hungry Texans since 1989, offering delicious authentic Lebanese food and a family atmosphere that customers love.

Francis started the restaurant, Aziz became the manager after graduating from college and handles marketing, while Elizabeth heads day-to-day operations. That team is devoted to both the quality of the dining experience and to the customers who get to experience it.

"Our vision at Prince is top-quality food, reasonable prices and a family environment." Aziz says, "Prince Lebanese Grill's philosophy is to take care of others. From the customers to the staff we strive to treat everyone like family. We try to bring this passion into everything that we do here, and I think people can taste it in the food."

Prince Lebanese Grill

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Urban Alchemy Coffee+Wine Bar

Winner: Wine Bar

iven that, in two short years, Urban Alchemy Coffee + Wine Bar has become one of the Arlington area's favorite destinations, it's little surprise that the upstart company is celebrating its second straight All

Star award.



With plenty of softseating, a patio, chefdriven fare and spaces for special events and live music - oh, yeah, and great coffee and wine - the eclectic gathering place has become everything owner Tony

Rutigliano dreamed of when he first conceived his business.

Just as he envisioned, Urban Alchemy offers its own line of coffees in partnership with Metro Coffee Grouppe, a wine list crafted after meticulous consultation with local connoisseurs, and delicious food. Rutigliano also came up with the Alchemist's Club wine and coffee subscription, with special deals and amenities for members to ensure that regular patrons are treated just right.

Urban Alchemy Coffee + Wine Bar

403 E. Main St. • 817-617-2054 • urbanalchemy.bar

Buttermilk Sky Pie Shop

Honorable Mention: Bakery

here just might be something to the old saying that suggests the way to a man's heart is through his stomach - Buttermilk Sky Pie Shop has made such a good impression on its customers that they expressed



a collective "thank you" by voting Buttermilk Sky to this year's All Star team.

The bakery certainly has a way with pies. It offers daily flavors such as Southern Custard, Granny's Apple, Chocolate Cream, Key Lime, Peanut Butter Cream, Blueberry,

Coconut Cream, Chewy Chocolate Chip and I-40 (pecans, chocolate chips, a sprinkle of toasted coconut, and a smooth pecan pie filling combined in a sweet shortbread crust).

And, as if that isn't enough, Buttermilk Sky even has a Pie Perks Club through which members are rewarded on their birthdays with a free fourinch pie, among other tasty perks.

This is where you say, "Yum!" and then head to the address below.

Buttermilk Sky Pie Shop

1707 N. Collins St., Suite 115 • 817-617-2046 • buttermilkskypie.com/locations/arlington

Mercury Chophouse

Winner: Steakhouse Honorable Mention: Wine Bar

or the third straight year, Mercury Chophouse Arlington has earned a spot on our All Star team, which is a notable achievement, considering the restaurant has only been open since the fall of 2017.

The upscale eatery has evolved into one of the area's "go to" dining destinations for outstanding food and service - and, from its perch on the ninth floor of the Brookhollow Two office building, it provides the best view of Arlington's Entertainment



District found anywhere.

In very short order, Mercury Chophouse has gained a reputation around town (and around all of North Texas, for that matter) as the place

to meet for a business lunch or for a dinner to celebrate a special occasion. Because of its vast reserve of fine wines and cocktails and the small-plate selection introduced last year, Mercury Chophouse has drawn in the happy hour crowd, as well.

Mercury Chophouse offers lunch and dinner menus that feature chef-prepared delicacies, from appetizers such as Shrimp Dynamite and filet mignon flatbread to main courses that include the likes of oven-roasted salmon, braised short ribs and prime bone-in ribeye. Each entree can be complemented with shareable side dishes such as salt-crusted baked potato, creamed corn risotto, burgundy mushrooms, ailoi brussels sprouts and grilled asparagus, to name a few.

While the view outside is unparalleled, Mercury Chophouse's interior is a sight to behold, as well. Its beautiful decor is marked by wood accents, chandeliers, an entertainment lounge, a bar and a piano bar - a collective setting that embodies the vision owner Jim Ross had when he first entertained the idea of converting the space that previously housed Cacherel into his city's finest upscale eatery.

"Nothing else offers this," he says. "I love Arlington, and I'm very involved in things that happen around town. What we wanted to accomplish was to bring Arlington inside a finedining restaurant. We always say that fine dining isn't just going out and having dinner. You're on a two or three hour vacation."

Mercury Chophouse Arlington

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Piccolo Mondo

Winner: Italian Cuisine

ne of the surer wagers you could make would be to bet on Piccolo Mondo landing a spot on our annual All Star team. We've had seven Readers' Choice polls over the years, and this local culinary icon has



been named an All Star seven

This kind of success suggests that owner Antonio Capaccioli knows Italian cuisine - and how to present it to customers not just in the

right way, but in the virtually perfect way. Capaccioli says the popular eatery is simply what he would look for in a fine dining experience - if he were to venture to the homeland.

"We're more traditional in style," he says. "I traveled a lot when I was younger, and when I found something I liked to eat, I took note. When we opened the restaurant here, we offered things I liked to eat myself."

While that would probably be enough, he and his team also offer alluring ambiance, a popular piano bar and a banquet room that is perfect for big groups.

One really big group, that representing our readers, certainly approves.

Piccolo Mondo

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Texas Insurance Agency

Honorable Mention: Insurance - Home/Auto

s evidenced by its fifth consecutive All Star selection, Texas A Insurance Agency is known throughout the region for providing quality homeowners, auto, life and commercial insurance.

Owner John Parker started the company in 2001, and it has grown steadily year after year. Texas Insurance Agency represents some of the best-known carriers, including Allstate, Hartford, Nationwide, Progressive, Safeco and Travelers.

Parker says his company operates on a simple principle: providing great service and doing what is best for the client. "These principles have been emphasized from day one and continue to be our focus on a daily basis," he says. "We truly care about our clients and about their businesses. They see this and really come to trust our services."

Texas Insurance Agency

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Comet Cleaners

Winner: Dry Cleaner

ere's a sure bet: When we have a Readers' Choice All Star team, Comet Cleaners will be part of it - the popular establishment has won every year since we added Dry Cleaner to the list of categories

some five years ago.



Comet Cleaners has locations all over the country - and, even, outside it. Locally, you can easily find a Comet Cleaners near you. And, if you look in the history files, you'll also find that the precursor to Comet Cleaners

started in Arlington in 1924. The original business began after R.L. "Jack" Godfrey left home in 1920 to go work in a tailor's shop and then decided to open his own dry cleaning company four years later. Now, nearly a century later, Comet Cleaners operates more than 185 locations internationally, and the ones in our area consistently live up to the legacy of service and quality Godfrey established during the company's genesis.

Comet Cleaners

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Designs by Lisa

Winner: Interior Designer

esigns by Lisa has landed in the All Star Readers' Choice circle for the fourth consecutive year! Designs by Lisa owner, Lisa Fitzgerald, has been designing, decorating and staging homes for more than 12 years. What began as a decorating and design project for an ophthalmology



practice, has now evolved into a full-service interior design company designing in a variety of styles; including modern, contemporary, traditional and beyond. Lisa's passion and attention to detail provide clients with interior designs to fit their lifestyles and optimize the style and beauty of their homes. Lisa has also partnered with custom home builders by decorating model homes and also by providing new home buyers decorating style options and furnishings.

"I am extremely passionate about helping my clients achieve their design and project goals. I take great pride in helping them keep costs down, designing to meet their comfort and style levels,

and incorporating their heirloom furnishings whenever possible," says Lisa. From individual room interior design projects and holiday decorating to full home design transformations, Lisa is focused on designing for comfort and designing for style!

Designs by Lisa

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Bit by Bit

Honorable Mention: Computer Services

irst-time All Star Bit by Bit was founded in 1987 as a database application development and networking company, and since then it has evolved into a full-service IT firm and leader in delivering powerful

and cost-effective technology solutions.



Led by Manager Robert Blake, Bit by Bit specializes in building and managing solutions, including business continuity, cloud offerings, cyber security, application development and enterprise fax solutions. Bit by Bit's unique combination of business technology,

certified technicians, and efficient processes gives it a competitive edge over other IT companies.

Bit by Bit has the expertise to navigate the evolving world of technology and determine which path is right for your business, large or small. Its staff works with clients to identify their unique needs, providing customized plans and products to improve productivity, streamline business communications, and lower IT costs.

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Molly Davis Design

Honorable Mention: Interior Designer

aking the Readers' Choice All Star team for the second straight year, Molly Davis Design specializes in interior design, renovations and staging for local home dwellers and real estate

specialists.



Owner Molly Davis started her company 10 years ago and has become a go-to source in the North Texas area not only for home design ideas, but for design trends, as well.

Her keen eye for finding and implementing just the right

colors and textures, combined with her passion for creating styles within the home that outlast trends, make Davis a popular choice for full redesign or simple renovation projects.

From painting kitchen cabinets to selecting the material for countertops, from mixing finishes across appliances, lighting fixtures, hardware and décor to the selection of appropriate hues and textures of natural materials like stone, wood and concrete, Davis helps create dream interiors for all her clients.

Molly Davis Design

682-429-7050



Green's Produce & Plants

Winner: Garden Center

aking its All Star debut this year - and about to celebrate Its 50th anniversary - Green's Produce & Plants is a farmers market and garden center that provides high-quality produce, plants, garden decor, and vintage treasures to customers who visit from all over the Metroplex and beyond.

In the beginning, Owner Tom Baron arrived at market in the wee hours of morning to be the first to make his selection of



produce from the farmers' stalls. He traveled to local farms to get the freshest black-eyed peas, the best tasting tomatoes, or juiciest Parker County peaches. Then it was on to the greenhouses to hand pick the best geraniums, ferns, and mums.

Over the past four decades Green's has grown quite a bit. Tom has left the market trips in the capable hands of his grandson, Bruce White. The plants are now picked by Green's knowledgeable operations manager Patti

White, Tom's daughter. After a tentative try at retirement Tom now helps out when needed at Green's Produce & Plants.

The produce at Green's follows the seasons, so the stock changes from week to week and month to month. The company also offers a huge selection of annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables and much more, including Texas natives and foreign wonders, for shade sun or somewhere in between. Green's sells fully matured plants, as well as starter plants and seeds and has a large selection of drought tolerant natives and plants adapted to the Dallas / Fort Worth area of North Texas. Then, to complement the plants Green's offers all manner of pots, garden decor and vintage treasures for display indoors and in the garden.

Green's also sells grab-and-go selections of items made in-house, such as jams, jellies, tamales, salsa and precut foods such as watermelon, cantaloupes, cucumber salad, cole slaw and fruit crisp.

Green's Produce & Plants

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Baldi Gardens

Winner: Backyard Remodeler, Landscaper

ith decades of experience in garden design and planting techniques, two-time All Star Baldi Gardens will help you create a new landscape that is sure to exceed even your greatest dreams.

The Baldi Gardens team will work with you to plan and design your



project, then execute said plan on time and on budaet.

Since its founding, the company has built a staff of professionals to serve your every landscaping need. It employs experts in gardening, lawn care,

drainage systems, hardscapes, water features and outdoor lighting to give you a personalized and custom approach to your outdoor needs.

Baldi Gardens experts include Texas Certified Landscape Professionals (TCLPs), Certified Landscape Lighting Designers / Installers, as well as Commercially Licensed Pesticide Applicators (Texas Department of Agriculture).

Baldi Gardens

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Price Right Tree Service

Honorable Mention: Landscaper

irst-time All Star Price Right Tree Service began in 2004, when co-owner Price Pitstick started mowing yards with two high school friends. When a mentor named Garrett Dean gave them 30 of his clients, this gave them the motivation to launch a full-time



landscaping business.

Some 16 years later, while Pitstick's buddies have moved on to other careers, he and his co-owner wife Erika have steadily grown the company, while servicing some incredible homes.

businesses and school districts in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Erika takes care of payroll and oversees other expenses/ budgeting, as well as specializing in marketing and mass communications. Price works with the employees hands-on and deals with giving estimates. "I love our partnership," Erika says. "And I am proud in seeing our skills unfold as a team unit with the rest of our incredible staff."

Price Right Tree Service

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RJ Construction

Winner: Remodeler, Roofer (tie)

our-time All Star RJ Construction - and its venerable owner, Robert Jordan – have come a long way since the company was founded in 2007 with one employee, Jordan, working from the back of a truck. Jordan now has more than 40 full-time crew members - and lots of trucks.

Jordan, who started as a roofer to make ends meet in high school, now not only roofs, but builds, remodels, plumbs and more. In essence, any part of a home that needs to be created,



fixed or enhanced falls in Jordan and Company's domain.

"Our goal," says Jordan, "is to provide a wide array of roofing and construction services to meet any need that may arise, and to become your contractor of choice for all of your homeowner

The yearning to do stellar work for his neighbors is one of the

things that sets Jordan - and his company - apart.

"This is my community - I was born and raised in Arlington - and my clients are like family," he says. "When I started this business I made a promise that I would do whatever it takes to make sure I took care of my customers - even if it's not easy to do."

In any given month, RJ Construction will be working on 75 to 150 jobs – some big, some not so. Most of his business comes via word of mouth. He also markets on his Facebook page (facebook.com/RJConstructionDFW), where his company's craftsmanship and artistry is on display in the Photos section for all the area to see. One part of that work - a hailstorm repair for which he used prestigious Ludowici tile (imported in 1924) to replace a damaged roof - earned him a 2016 Golden Hammer Award for "Outstanding Residential Roofing Project." The company also recently earned the Presidents Club award as the top roofer in the DFW Metroplex from GAF, the largest shingle manufacturer in the world. Only 1/10% of contractors receive this honor.

"In each of the jobs that earned an award I got to do something to help someone in my hometown have a better home," Jordan says. "That's why we do this."

RJ Construction

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Frazier Roofs & Gutters

Winner (tie): Roofer

aking its All Star debut, Frazier Roofing & Guttering Co., Inc., and owner Rich Frazier have been a fixture in the roofing community for more than 40 years.

"We provide fair services at competitive prices, and we are sure to take care of all of our customers," Frazier says. "Not everyone offers free



estimates, but we do. We work with top manufacturers and all types of roofing. We work especially well with asphalt shingles, stone coated steel, modified bitumen roofing, and pretty much any other residential or commercial roofing material you may have on your roof. This includes things like TPO, impact resistant shingles, and other types. There are roofing products that fit any type of budget.

Frazier Roofs & Gutters offers repairs, replacements, installations, and preventative maintenance. This means it is a full-service company that is able to service all of your roofing needs. "You may need help with an emergency repair at any time," Frazier adds. "We are practiced in that, too."

Frazier Roofs & Gutters

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Joe Hall Roofing & Contracting

Honorable Mention: Roofer

his is worth noting: Joe Hall Roofing has been named an All Star the past four years. So is this: The Hall name has been associated with quality roofing in the Dallas-Fort Worth area for more than three decades. Joe Hall, the family and business patriarch, started Joe Hall Roofing in



1989. He eventually sold the company in the mid 1990s to son Brett, who has continued a tradition of honesty and integrity - and of crafting quality roofs throughout the area. Now the company welcomes a third generation, Jackson, into the business, symbolizing the continuity that sets the company apart. It has been there for the community in the past and is solid for the future.

"Our name and the quality of our work are

backed by five generations of Hall family members, all of whom have been builders and contractors," Brett says. "Our longevity in this industry and continuous growth is the product of our commitment to our customers and our passion for the business."

The company offers all manner of roofing options, including commercial and residential with top-tier endorsements from all roofing product manufacturers.

Joe Hall Roofing & Contracting

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PSK

Winner (tie): CPA/Tax Prep

n All Star for the third year in a row, PSK LLP has been a valuable part of the Arlington community for more than 50 years, giving back in many ways. The firm has a long history of being involved in Arlington. Whether it is serving on the board of the Arlington Life Shelter or the Higher Education Servicing Corporation, being involved with the Greater Arlington Chamber of Commerce, volunteering with Mission Arlington or





participating in the Arlington **Holiday Lights** Parade, the team at PSK cares deeply about its hometown.

Additionally, The firm has

a long history with the University of Texas at Arlington, both as alumni, where nearly half of their employees are graduates of UTA, and with a unique internship program. Internships are 12 to 18 months long. Interns are given tailored responsibilities and explore the varied services offered by the firm.

PSK is a full-service CPA, consulting and advisory firm that provides accounting, tax, audit, payroll and business consulting services to national and local clients in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. PSK is beyond the average accountant. The level of care and range of services offered to clients is unparalleled. The company offers extended services to a wide variety of clients, while maintaining a focus on relationship-building.

PSK is dedicated to providing value to clients through success and development of the PSK team, while maintaining important core values. PSK strives to preserve a unique culture, even as a growing business. This unique culture includes encouraging work/life balance, maintaining a family like and small firm feeling, promoting teamwork and open communication while still attracting and retaining the best people and clients in the area.

The firm opened for business in 1964 and is now one of the largest firms in Arlington. PSK serves clients in transportation, healthcare, construction, manufacturing and the nonprofit sectors, as well as serving churches, family-owned businesses and investor groups. Although they have a wide range of clientele, they cheerfully always ask "What else can we do for you?" to ensure they are going above and beyond for each client.

PSK

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Parker & Richardson

Winner (tie): CPA/Tax Prep

ur readers clearly appreciate the Certified Public Accountant team at Parker & Richardson – this is the sixth straight year they've voted the Mansfield-based company to the All Star team.

Founder John Parker says the key to that bond is his team's dedication

to serving clients.



"Over the years, Parker & Richardson has evolved into a boutique practice that specializes in catering to the distinct needs of our business owners," he says. "We provide

great service and do what is best for the client. These principles have been emphasized from day one and continue to be our focus on a daily basis."

Whether you need tax planning, tax return preparation, strategic or transactional consulting, small business consulting, business valuation, state and local tax assistance, or a full complement of other individualized services. Parker & Richardson responds effectively and efficiently to your needs. "We have several clients that have us handle all facets of their accounting needs," says Parker. "My goal is to gain an understanding of the client, so we can help him/her to succeed."

Parker & Richardson

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Robert R. Brackeen, CPA

Honorable Mention: CPA/Tax Prep

obert R. Brackeen, CPA, has been named an All Star for the second consecutive year. Since 1978, Brackeen has served the Arlington and Metroplex area with outstanding accounting and tax

services.



Brackeen, who has been a sole practitioner since 1994, specializes in accounting and tax preparation services for a wide variety of clients. He specializes in:

- · Tax return filing and tax planning for individuals.
- · Bookkeeping and financial statements for small businesses.
 - · Corporate tax return filing.

"I provide accounting and financial reporting for companies," he says. "For individuals I provide tax planning and preparation. I work with the client's financial advisers for awareness of their financial and retirement planning goals and its financial and tax implications."

He is active in community service through Salvation Army, Kiwanis and church. His wife Tina is social worker at Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital.

Robert R. Brackeen, CPA

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Ebby Halliday Realtors

Winner: Real Estate Company

hroughout 2020, Ebby Halliday Realtors is celebrating 75 years of serving the real estate needs of North Texans and those relocating to the region. It all began in 1945, when one bold woman parlayed her wisdom, generosity, business acumen and endurance into what is today the No. 1 residential real estate brokerage in Texas.

"Long life is a privilege not everyone - or every company gets to enjoy," says Ebby Halliday Companies President & CEO Chris Kelly. "During this anniversary year, we acknowledge this fact with a spirit of gratitude."

Acquired by HomeServices of America, a Berkshire Hathaway affiliate, in 2018, the widely admired company has in the past year implemented a concerted effort to modernize homeownership services and ensure that homeownership is available to everyone buying or selling a home in North Texas. Since the acquisition, the Ebby Halliday Companies' expanded leadership team has focused intensely on ensuring its agents and clients benefit from the latest technology and tools. Among the company's primary business objectives in 2020 is furthering access to homeownership opportunities for historically marginalized communities.

Today, Ebby Halliday is the largest real estate company in Texas and has more than 30 offices covering some 12,000 square miles of North Texas.

Ebby Halliday's first Arlington office opened in 1977. Due to growth, the office has moved twice since then to its current location in west Arlington. The Ebby Halliday family further expanded in 2010 when the Mansfield office opened.

Ebby Halliday Realtors

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MC Group

Winner: Real Estate Agent

rincipals of a team known as The MC Group, Linda Magazzine and Michael Cunningham, are both multiple-time All Stars.

Magazzine has been a real estate professional for four decades, the past 19 of which have been associated with Ebby Halliday, REALTORS ®.





She has been Ebby Halliday's Top Individual or Group Producer for the Arlington office since 2002, She also ranked in the top five nationwide from 1989 to 2003. "My professional philosophy is this: To give real service, you must add something which cannot be bought or measured

with money, and that is sincerity and integrity," she says.

Cunningham has more than 20 years experience with Ebby Halliday, using a two-pronged approach to success: know the customer and know the market. "As a top producer with Ebby Halliday, REALTORS ®, I have consistently delivered results and achieved client goals while successfully creating, coordinating and implementing strategic marketing and sales programs," Cunningham says. "My first priority is to ensure the success of vour investment."

Magazzine Cunningham Group

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Harris Cook, LLP

Winner: Attorney HM: Attorney-Real Estate, Personal Injury, Divorce

n All Star for the fifth straight year, Harris Cook, LLP, has built a A reputation for professionalism and effectiveness in a wide range of legal matters and now features a highly-skilled team composed of















David L. Cook, Patrick L. Dooley, Rachel L. Wright, Paul J. Johnson, Larry L. Fowler, Jr., Marc A. Stach, Lin Morrisett, Melinda H. Barlow and Wesly C. Maness.

Harris Cook is an AV rated firm, which represents the gold standard in attorney ratings. By increasing the depth of experience and talent across multiple practice areas, Harris Cook can continue to provide dedicated, high-level legal services

to its existing clients while creating opportunities for future growth in the areas of Business, Real Estate, Employment, Public Utilities, Probate and Guardianship, Estate Planning, Family Law, and Personal Injury.

Harris Cook is able to offer an outstanding, Full-Service firm experience to its roster of clients, including the many businesses throughout North Texas for which Harris Cook currently serves in an outside General Counsel role.

Harris Cook, LLP

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Donna J. Smiedt

Winner: Attorney-Family Law

n All Star for the third time, Donna J. Smiedt is the founding and managing partner of the Family Law Firm of Donna J. Smiedt, PLLC. She has been practicing for more than 33 years, all of which have been devoted to the practice of family law.



Smiedt has twice been named as a Texas Super Lawyer by her peers, something only five percent of Texas lawyers have achieved.

Smiedt was presented the Family Law Attorney of the Year in Arlington award for several years, and has also been named a Fort Worth Top Attorney for over a decade. She has garnered one of the highest AV RATINGS by peers.

Other principals at the practice include attorneys Desaray R. Muma and Michael

Muñoz. Collectively, this team has over half a century of experience in serving clients in the practice of family law.

"From pre-nuptial agreements to appellate work, we cover the complete practice of family law," Smiedt says. "The firm can handle the simplest uncontested divorce to the most contentious custody litigation, as well as non-litigation forms of dispute resolution, such as mediation and collaborative law."

During these trying times related to the COVID-19 pandemic, Smiedt wants to assure clients and prospective clients that she and her team are there to help.

"Although we are very conscious of the COVID-19 risks, we understand that people especially need family lawyers at this time," she says. "After practicing in the area of family law for 33 years and being board-certified for 32 of those years, I have a keen awareness of how the current situation has deeply affected marriages and children in our community. We stand ready and able to service our ongoing clients in our newly disinfected office wherein we now require that all visitors submit their forehead for a contactless temperature reading to protect our work family and yours."

Smiedt and her team are able to meet virtually with clients or "they are welcome to come to our newly disinfected office ... where we are practicing Social Distancing during all meetings with clients and we do require that they wear a mask to enter the building."

The Family Law Firm of Donna J. Smiedt, PLLC

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Stephanie A. Foster

Winner: Attorney-Divorce

S tephanie Foster has been named an All Star for the third year in a row, thanks to readers/clients who appreciate her compassion and persistence while dealing with one of the more important legal

decisions a person can make: divorce.



Foster is a strong litigator who effectively articulates and argues for her clients' interests in contested divorce cases. But her main priority is finding solutions that are beneficial to the family as a whole. "One option is traditional courtroom litigation. Another option is collaborative divorce," Foster says, "Although I am prepared to

be the warrior in your courtroom battle as I have been in thousands of Tarrant County divorce cases over the past 29 years, my preference is to be the peacemaker in your interest-based negotiations through the dignified, private, child-protecting process known as collaborative divorce, which involves no court,"

Foster believes the collaborative process is a powerful way to generate creative solutions in family law disputes while minimizing financial and emotional damage to families facing divorce.

The Law Offices of Stephanie A. Foster, P.C.

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Karen Schroeder

Winner: Attorney-Elder Law

hree-time All Star Karen Schroeder is a fourth-generation Texan and a hometown girl who grew up in Arlington, graduated from Arlington High School in 1985 and continues to reside in Tarrant

County with her family.



She opened her solo practice in Mansfield in 2009 after almost 15 years serving as inhouse counsel for multiple corporations, and as an Assistant District Attorney. Her law firm specializes in wills and trusts (including gun trusts), elder law and guardianships, asset and wealth protection and probate.

Licensed as a Texas attorney since 1994, Schroeder has built a reputation as a

problem-solver who serves clients' needs with legal professionalism and a commitment to individualized attention.

"I believe in long-term partnerships and in building relationships in the community I still live in and love," she says. "I strive to gain my clients' trust, one case at a time. My passion is educating clients and the public on estate planning options with a goal of equipping them with the legal tools necessary to avoid costly and time-consuming probate."

Karen Schroeder

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Jim Ross Law Group

Winner: Attorney-Criminal Defense, Real Estate, Business/Litigaton

im Ross, founder of the acclaimed firm, Jim Ross Law Group, PC, and a long-time community icon, has been named an All Star attorney for the fifth year in a row.

Ross is a former Marine, Texas police officer and Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) task force officer who supervised local offices for some of the country's more prestigious law



firms before opening his own practice in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Ross' professional experience led him to partner with famed environmental activist Erin Brockovich and

prosecute various environmental cases throughout the country.

In 2007, he left the big firm life to pursue his own practice. With a focus on litigation, Ross decided not to limit his practice to a particular area but to provide a firm that can handle a variety of his clients' legal matters.

Those clients have responded in-kind and have been the driving force behind the significant growth of the firm.

The Jim Ross Law Group is a general practice litigation firm that handles cases involving personal injury, family law, civil and business litigation, criminal defense and probate matters.

The firm operates on the philosophy that all people deserve representation. "It's the Texas way and part of the American spirit," Ross says. "It's often said that 'no man is above the law.' In America, that's the truth. At our law firm, we represent people from many situations and walks of life."

Ross says straight talk is the foundation of his practice. "Sometimes this isn't easy to do, and the news isn't always good," he says. "However, we firmly believe that our clients deserve the truth and to have unyielding support from a tough legal team that delivers on its promises."

Attorneys at Jim Ross Law realize that each case is unique. "We also know that what is right for others may not be right for you," Ross says. "We will tailor a legal strategy to your needs, combining the legal tools that are right for you. We'll never force you to settle. That will always be your decision. But we will do everything possible to make settlement a real option - one that is favorable to you."

Jim Ross Law Group

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Roger 'Rocky' Walton

Winner: Attorney-Personal Injury

two-time All Star, the Law Firm of Roger "Rocky" Walton has been serving the Arlington community since 1975. The first office was located on East Pioneer Parkway until it moved to West Green Oaks Blvd in 1990. The office moved to West Interstate 20 in 2003. Rocky says he has no plans of moving again.



During his time in Arlington, Rocky has represented thousands of satisfied clients in various areas of law. He has always worked hard for his clients and kept them constantly informed. Rocky and his employees truly love helping people and treat their clients the way they would want to be treated. They are completely honest with their clients.

Rocky has great credentials. He

has an advanced law degree (LLM) in Taxation and Securities, so early on he did a lot of corporate and commercial law, along with personal injury law.

In 1987, the law firm took the bold step of handling nothing but personal injury and wrongful death claims. Rocky states that he likes that area of law better because he gets to help individuals rather than big business. In addition, his fee is based upon result of recovery rather than hourly billings.

In 1994, after a lot of hard work, Rocky was able to become certified as to special competence in the area of Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Fewer than 3% of Texas lawyers are board certified specialists in that area of law. Rocky has been re-certified every five years.

Employees of the Law Firm of Roger "Rocky" Walton, P.C. are highly qualified paralegals who have been with the firm for many years. Three paralegals are also licensed claim adjusters. The firm also has an associate attorney, Tim Brandenburg, who also has extensive trial experience.

In 1987 Rocky's firm was the first law firm in Arlington to have a database and email. Since then the firm has stayed on the cutting edge of technology for law firms. The firm now does file storage and computing in the cloud. The firm is also transitioning to paperless.

"I love helping people and will continue to practice law as long as I am doing a good job for my clients," Rocky says. "At this time, the Law Firm of Roger "Rocky" Walton P.C. is at the top of its game and will be in business in Arlington for many years to come."

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The Law Firm of Roger "Rocky" Walton, P.C.

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SWBC Mortgage

Winner: Mortgage Company

he team at the Arlington branch of SWBC Mortgage prides itself on providing a rewarding home-buying experience. Whether building, purchasing, or refinancing, they can help borrowers find the right loan program for their unique needs. Mary Dietz, Branch Manager, brings



four decades of mortgage experience to SWBC Mortgage. She is joined by Loan Officers Paul Beaney and Aaron Spaight and Support Staff Karyn and Lacreta.

The SWBC Mortgage team prides itself on simplifying the home financing

process by exploring their clients' options and helping them find a home loan they'll feel great about. SWBC Mortgage has been providing superior mortgage banking services since 1988 and is consistently recognized as one of the top 100 lenders in America. Last year, CEO Susan Stewart served as the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) Vice Chairman for the 2019 membership year, "This is recognition of her leadership and ongoing contributions to both the mortgage industry and SWBC Mortgage, as we continue to provide the 'happiest way home' for all of our clients across Texas and the country," Dietz says.

SWBC Mortgage Branch NMLS number 90348

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Worthington National Bank

Winner: Local Bank, Bank-Customer Service

orthington National Bank is marking its fourth All Star award celebration this year. Formally opened in 2002, it is a locally owned and operated, independent, and modern-day community bank that believes in doing business the old fashioned way. It is the only



national bank that is chartered and headquartered in Arlington.

With over \$300 million in total assets, four banking center locations and 50-plus employees, Worthington National Bank provides a full array of deposit and lending services for commercial businesses and consumers.

Commercial lending products include loans for working capital, expansion needs, equipment purchases, real estate acquisition and development. For consumers the bank also offers vehicle loans. home improvement loans, home equity loans, single family interim construction loans and a full-service residential mortgage department to assist with home purchases or refinances.

Worthington National Bank

200 W. Main St. • 817-303-5900 • worthingtonbank.com

Frost Bank

Winner: Bank

n each of the past five All Star polls, Frost Bank has earned our readers' collective nod as an Arlington Area favorite. Founded in 1868, Frost provides a full range of banking, investments and



insurance services across

With a philosophy that emphasizes building longterm relationships and treating everyone with integrity, caring and excellence, we have earned numerous awards for customer service to consumers and businesses.

We're there for our customers with a 24/7 customer care line, and we're

there for our communities with volunteer and philanthropic programs. When you have an account with us, you also have a relationship with us built on honesty, trust and respect. Find out more at our website, www.frostbank.com or by calling (817) 420-5220.

120 S. East St. • 101 S. Center St. • 1881 Ballpark Way • 3801 Matlock Road • frostbank.com

Affiliated Bank

Honorable Mention: Bank

ffiliated Bank is thrilled to be recognized as a back-to-back Arlington Today All Star. Since our inception in 1959, we take pride in helping local customers and working hard on their behalf. This drive



to go above and beyond was evident in our leadership among **DFW Paycheck Protection** Program (PPP) lenders. We are so honored to have played a role in helping over 1,500 local business owners, of which 75% were new customers, benefiting

thousands of their employees and our communities. We recognize we are living in unprecedented times and this was our opportunity to burn the midnight oil in order to help our current and new customers and do our part in supporting our local businesses, who need our support now more than ever. We sincerely appreciate this award and are looking forward to seeing and visiting with you soon at our Arlington headquarters, located on Matlock Road, or full-service branch, located on Pleasant Ridge Road. To learn more about Affiliated Bank, visit www.affiliatedbank.com.

Affiliated Bank

2326 W. Pleasant Ridge Road • 817-460-8052 • www.affiliatedbank.com Member FDIC. Equal Housing Lender. NMLS# 402132



Texas Trust

Winner: Credit Union

exas Trust Credit Union is obviously finding favor with the readers of Arlington Today. This is the fifth straight year the company has been selected as an All Star by our readers.

Texas Trust's history in North Texas began in 1948 when Chance Vought Aircraft Corporation moved to Dallas from Connecticut. The credit union opened its first Arlington-based branch in 1990, which was located at Highway 360 and Arkansas and later relocated to Highway 360 and Pioneer (1998). Texas Trust continued to expand with more branches in Arlington: on Little Road and Green Oaks (1999), Bowen and Park Row (2013), Bardin and Matlock (2013), on the UTA campus at Center Street and First (2014) and Northeast Green Oaks and Collins (2019).

In 2012, Texas Trust purchased the two-building Cordovan Office Park located on Interstate 20 between Little Road and Green Oaks and renamed it the Texas Trust Business Park. One of the 37,000-square-foot buildings currently serves as the credit union's headquarters, while the other serves as investment property.

Texas Trust exists for one simple purpose: To build brighter financial futures. The company is a not-for-profit credit union that focuses on giving back to its members and the community at large.

Texas Trust remains committed to providing service that others brag about and treating its members with personal attention. The Texas Trust team stands ready to help, through an array of outstanding products and services. The credit union is also focused on fulfilling the needs of its Arlington communities - and it shows through Texas Trust's community service and support of local students.

Texas Trust

700 W. Bardin Road • 1300 S. Bowen Road • 4351 Little Road • 2501 E. Pioneer Pkwy. 1060 N.E. Green Oaks Blvd. • 510 S. Center St. • TexasTrustCU.org



Pinnacle Bank

Honorable Mention: Local Bank

irst-time All Star Pinnacle Bank isn't just in Arlington, Texas, it's a part of Arlington, Texas. Banking has changed a lot over the years, and while Pinnacle offers the latest conveniences, such as online banking, mobile banking, free checking and online home loans, there are some things that haven't changed. Like its commitment to knowing your name, answering the phone and treating customers as neighbors.

Pinnacle Bank first opened its doors about 30 miles south of Fort Worth in Keene. The bank was welcomed as a neighbor and important part of the community. That tradition has continued for more than 40 years now. From as far north as Springtown down to Cleburne, Pinnacle Bank grew one community bank at a time.

Pinnacle Bank branches offer a variety of banking products including checking, savings and money market accounts. They also offer mobile and on-line banking, Visa debit cards, credit cards and a wide array of lending services from small business loans to home mortgage loans. Its investment products include certificates of deposit, health savings accounts, HAS investment accounts, IRAs and access to an in-house investment advisor.

One of the things that sets Pinnacle Bank apart is its educational programs for customers, which include banking education, a cybersecurity guide for customers, product education videos and FDIC MoneySmart training.

Because Pinnacle Bank is always community-friendly, it has established programs for specific groups within the community. For example, they offer student benefits for local customers with features such as up to \$10 back per statement cycle on any foreign ATM fees or surcharges and refunds for up to five money order fees and five cashier's checks fees per statement cycle. For senior citizens, it offers the same perks, plus retirement planning help.

The bottom line: Our readers are right - Pinnacle Bank is a true All Star.

Pinnacle Bank

2401 W. Park Row • 817-277-2225 • 1521 N. Cooper St. • 817-807-4000 pinnbanktx.com



Don Davis Auto Group

Winner: Auto Dealer

learly, Arlington Today readers are big fans of Don Davis Auto Group – this is the sixth straight year the company has been named the winner in the Auto Dealer category.

Last year, Don Davis Auto Group celebrated its 40th year of offering quality cars of many makes and models, including Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep, Ram, Ford and Nissan. The dealership has long been recognized for its commitment to excellent



customer service - regardless of the vehicle that buyers drive off of the lot.

In addition to selling new cars, Don Davis Auto Group offers a wide selection of pre-owned vehicles at each location.

To meet the needs of local would-be car buyers, Don Davis Auto Group holds a yearly "Garage Sale" that has been a dealership staple for more than three decades.

As if all that pertains to automobiles weren't enough to show how special Don Davis Auto Group is, the dealership is also active in the community as a long-time supporter of WFAA Channel 8's popular Santa's Helpers Toy Drive.

It holds an annual "Drive-through" each year, which has contributed thousands of toys distributed through Mission Arlington during Christmas season.

To give you one final idea why Don Davis Auto Group is the readers' choice for an automobile dealership, consider the glowing reviews that routinely are submitted by satisfied customers, such as these:

"This is an awesome dealership. My experience was so nice, I've purchased twice! Xavier was my salesman both times. Never pressured me, always responsive to calls and texts. And worked great deals for me both times. Took time with me and explained even minute details about the cars considered."

"I've really loved working with Don Davis Nissan. During the buying process, they really seemed interested in my being both comfortable with the process and the final cost of my vehicle. Each time I've gone in to have my vehicle serviced, the staff has been very kind and very helpful."

Don Davis Auto Group

1901 N. Collins (Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep, Ram) • 877-377-6801 633 N. Hwy. 360 (Ford) • 877-424-2942 1320 E. I-20 (Nisssan) • 877-379-3670 dondavisautogroup.com



BMW of Arlington

Winner: Auto Dealer-Luxury Cars

aking its third appearance on our All Star team, BMW of Arlington strives to give you the best possible experience, whether you're stepping into the showroom for a new BMW or visiting the service center for expert maintenance.

The Arlington dealership stocks the full range of BMW models, including cars from the 2 Series all the way up to the 8 Series, as well as SUVs from the X1 to X7. There's also sporty sedans, coupes, and convertibles from BMW's storied M Series. All of these lineups come equipped with the latest in BMW technology and performance features.

In addition to a wide variety of new BMWs, the dealership offers a full range of their most popular models of lightly preowned BMW and MINI models that are rigorously inspected and reconditioned prior to being offered for sale. Each of these Certified cars comes with an unlimited mileage BMW Warranty to give new owners peace of mind, should the need arise for any repairs early in the ownership.

At BMW of Arlington, the entire team is dedicated to helping prospective clients find the path of least resistance to a luxury car they can feel good about. That's why the dealership offers a variety of car model reviews, so buyers can delve deeper into the specs and features of all the options and find the right BMW for their particular needs or desires.

BMW of Arlington's finance center offers a variety of lease and finance offers to make it easier to get behind the wheel of a luxury ride, whether it be your first or next. Even if you choose a model that isn't subject to those offers, the dealership's team will fight hard to get you the best terms and rates possible for your next auto loan.

Plus, BMW of Arlington's service center offers a variety of service specials to help you save on crucial preventative service items down the road. The dealership is eager to help incentivize you to follow your maintenance schedule and get the most value and security out of your ride.

BMW of Arlington

1105 E. Lamar Blvd. • 817-461-9222 • bmwofarlington.com



The Orchards at **Arlington Highlands**

Winner: Retirement Community

aking its debut as a Readers' Choice All Star in the Retirement Community category, the Orchards at Arlington Highlands is redefining active adult living in the resort style community that is all about relaxation, beauty, character and individuality for its age 55+ residents. That means a new level of activities, scenery and experiences where life is more

fun, healthy and vivid.



The Orchards provides an array of standard pleasures for its residents, including one and two-bedroom dwellings with expansive 9-foot ceilings, plush designer carpeting

in the bedrooms and spacious walk-in closets. Then there are the built-in bookshelves; the washer and dryer that are part of each residence; the elegant kitchen with granite countertops, a glass-top range and pantries; and showers with glass enclosures. Residents also enjoy large patios or balconies, courtyard and swimming pool views.

And that's just what's available to residents when they "settle in" for the evening. The Orchards also has lots of covered parking options available. The Orchards at Arlington Highlands is centrally and conveniently located to the many other great benefits of living in the Arlington Highlands community.

Indeed, among the many features that sets The Orchards apart from other active adult communities are:

- Elegant clubhouse with a coffee bar and continental breakfast
- Bistro lounge with Starbucks coffee Theatre room Craft room with a wrapping station • Library with an exotic aquarium
- · Game room with table shuffleboard, billiards, scrabble wall and table games • Full-service salon and spa • Well-equipped fitness center • Concierge station • Resort-size swimming pool • Large fire pit with social seating • Barbecue area with grills • Community garden • Putting green • Dog park and pet spa with deluxe wash station • Social calendar with activities
- Community shuttle service Elevator access Valet trash pickup • Professionally landscaped grounds • Parcel delivery

Check out this All Star at OrchardsArlingtonHighlands.com.

The Orchards at Arlington Highlands

131 E. Bardin Road • 817-472-9556 • OrchardsArlingtonHighlands.com

Alamo Title Company

Chris Harris & Associates, P.C.

Winner: Title Company

An All Star for the third time, Chris Harris & Associates, P.C., Fee Office for Alamo Title Company have been providing the Dallas Fort Worth Metroplex with Title and Escrow Services for more than 40 years.



Under the leadership of President David L. Cook, the team at Chris Harris & Associates, P.C. are deeply rooted in the Arlington and Mansfield communities and

as an attorney owned office, they offer many additional benefits to their real estate clients to help provide smooth and timely closings. Chris Harris & Associates has two convenient locations to make closing on your real estate transaction as painless as possible. Each office offers after hours, weekend closings and mobile closing options.

Committed to providing superior service and convenience, Chris Harris & Associates will go to great lengths to ensure that you receive the unrivaled service you need to guide and assist you with your real estate transaction.

Alamo Title Company

Arlington: 1309-A W. Abram St. • 817-860-2294 • Mansfield: 309 E. Broad St. • 817-473-3332 alamofeeattorney.com

Old Republic National Title Insurance Co.

Honorable Mention: Title Company

four-time All Star, Old Republic National Title Insurance Co. A provides title insurance policies and settlement services to individual customers. The company's products and services protect



customers from financial loss and hardship related to unknown judgments and liens, forged transfers, inconsistencies within a

property's title or misapplication of fiduciary funds.

Old Republic Title delivers exceptional service from the beginning to the end of a transaction. At each stage of the process, highly skilled experienced experts will assist clients - assuring prompt delivery of the company's products and services.

Old Republic Title recruits and hires individuals with the knowledge, ability, skills and experience in the title industry. Since 1992, no other title insurer has had higher overall ratings. Its unequaled ratings indicate secure claims-paying ability and high financial stability.

Old Republic National Title Insurance Co.

1241 W. Green Oaks Blvd., Suite 101 • 817-457-3930 1405 N. Hwy. 287, Mansfield • 817-453-8104 oldrepublictitle.com



Pantego Christian Academy

Winner: Private School, Preschool/Pre-K

ultiple-time All Star Pantego Christian Academy has been providing a faith-based education to North Texasarea students for more than half a century.

Pantego Christian proudly serves more than 550 students, who partake in a unique curriculum that focuses on a partnership among the school, parents and the church.



PCA students' average ACT score is 29.2, compared to the state average of 20.6. Since 1993, the school has produced 11 National Merit Finalists. 24 National

Merit Commended, two National Achievement Scholars and three National Hispanic Recognition Scholars. The Class of 2020's 43 graduates earned \$4.3 million in merit-based scholarships.

In addition to the academic regimen, PCA students can participate in a wide range of extra-curricular activities, from fine arts to athletics, as well as service organizations designed to help them grow and demonstrate their faith. Regardless of the endeavor, everything that takes place at Pantego Christian Academy reinforces the Christian values on which the school was founded in 1963. In turn, teachers and students grow together through their faith over time.

The leadership at Pantego Christian Academy takes pride in the school's diversity, its affordability (notably in the Early Childhood Academy for ages 18 months to PreK) and its ability to maximize the educational experience for all its students and their parents.

To assist with financing, PCA provides tuition assistance to help qualified families defray the cost of a quality Christian school experience.

"We are a family," says Dr. Kathy Ferrell, Head of School. "Teachers have one-on-one relationships with the students. Our families support and love one another. We experience loss and success together. When life happens, PCA is there for one another and the community."

Pantego Christian Academy

2201 W. Park Row • 817-460-3315 • pantego.com

The Oakridge School

Honorable Mention: Private School

four-time All Star, The Oakridge School serves students and A families from 38 cities and 13 countries. Last year, The Oakridge School celebrated its 40th anniversary. With 720 bright, college-bound



students enrolled in 15 grade levels, Oakridge offers a full menu of curricular and extracurricular opportunities in a dynamic, studentcentered environment.

The school's mission is to inspire students to seek their full potential in academics.

the arts, and athletics in a challenging and nurturing environment that cultivates social responsibility, mutual respect, and personal integrity.

"When you have a school invested in a child's whole being, it becomes more than about seeing that individual succeed in the classroom, on stage or on the athletic field. We want them to succeed in life," says Head of School Jon Kellam. "A parent has described Oakridge as, 'a wonderful school that is small enough to know you, yet large enough to serve you."

The Oakridge School

5900 W. Pioneer Pkwy. • 817-451-4994 • theoakridgeschool.org

Primrose Schools

Winner: Day Care HM: Preschool/Pre-K

four-time All Star, Primrose Schools® is a national system of A accredited private preschools that provides a premier early education and child care experience for children and their families.

There are two Primrose Schools in Arlington that partner with



parents to help build the right foundation for future learning and in life.

The schools implement a balanced learning approach to preschool education that teams purposeful play and nurturing guidance from teachers. This time-tested approach instills a love of learning and discovery

that helps your child develop and excel for years.

The schools' focus is on what will best serve the needs of children and families with an eye on innovation and advocacy for quality early education for all children.

Primrose Schools

1900 N.E. Green Oaks Blvd. • 817-543-2626 • primroseNEGreenOaks.com 4621 W. Sublett Road • 817-478-6160 • PrimroseSouthwestArlington.com



Wade Family **Funeral Home**

Winner: Customer Service

n All Star for the second straight year, Wade Funeral Home has years of experience combined with a highly professional, friendly and compassionate family and staff that has comforted area residents for the past 17 years.

Mike and Amy Wade purchased Wade Funeral Home in Hubbard, Texas in 1985, and built Wade Family Funeral Home in 2003. Mike is owner and funeral director in charge and works



along side his son, Blake Wade and daughter, Keely Gillham; both funeral directors.

Mike actively supports the community and is a member of the **Arlington Kiwanis** Club, downtown Rotary Club, **Arlington Historical** Society, Arlington **High School Alumni** Association, Texas **Funeral Directors**

Association and National Funeral Directors Association.

His wife Amy is the marketing director for Wade Family Funeral Home. She is active with the community, serving on the Arlington ISD Education Foundation Board and as the current president of the Pantego Economic Development Corporation. She also serves on numerous committees of organizations in Arlington. She and Mike are members of First Baptist Church of Arlington.

Mike and Amy have three children and eight grandchildren.

"We are proud to embrace traditional values, diversity and innovation in honoring the spirit and life of each person we serve," Mike says. "Letting go of a loved one is usually a very difficult process. In order to provide your family peace-of-mind, Wade Family Funeral Home offers complete care, so you can focus on comforting each other as you prepare to say goodbye to someone dear to you. Although there are many decisions you may have to make, we assure you that we will guide you through the entire process every step of the way."

Wade Family Funeral Home

4140 W. Pioneer Pkwy. • 817-274-9233 • wadefamilyfuneralhome.com

Southern Flair Photography

Honorable Mention: Photographer

ver the past 44 years, Southern Flair Photography has delighted some 4,000 brides and grooms with contemporary and classic photography from their weddings. In the meantime, the studio has taken



countless portraits of families, children, high school seniors, executive portrait head shots and much more.

So it's only fitting that owner Dwayne Lee and his daughter Heather would be honored with an All Star award for the third straight year.

Dwayne has earned Master of Photography and Photographic Craftsman Degrees from the Professional Photographers of America, and Heather has earned the Photographic

Craftsman Degree. This month, Southern Flair Photography, which is the largest and most experienced professional team of photographers in Arlington, is moving to a new office, located at 2550 Legacy Point.

"I wake up every morning excited that I get to do what I absolutely love to do: photography," Lee says. "And owning my own studio has opened up other interests, including gardening and travel. I am blessed beyond belief."

Southern Flair Photography

2550 Legacy Point • 817-277-0477 • sflair.com

Tom's Plumbing, Inc.

Winner: Plumbing Company

om's Plumbing, Inc., is a back-to-back All Star that has been serving the North Texas area since Tom Chandler created the company in 1956.

Three generations later, Scott and Tony Chandler are continuing the stellar tradition by offering practically every solution to



customers' needs - more than 452,000 solutions over the vears, at last count.

Whether

you're building a new house or simply need a leaky faucet fixed, the Tom's team can help. In fact, it wants to help.

"Even as a third generation family company we still believe that every customer deserves to be treated with respect, should always receive quality workmanship, and should pay fair prices for our work," Scott Chandler says. "We focus our efforts on making each and every customer happy."

Tom's Plumbing, Inc.

1232 Colorado Lane, Suite 103 • 817-460-3221 • tomsplumbinginc.com























Viridian

Winner: New Home Development

or the third straight year, Viridian is not only a master-planned community mecca that features an enticing array of amenities for its residents; it's also an All Star as our readers' favorite new home development in the Arlington area.

Teeming with wildlife, Viridian boasts a 2,000-acre master plan that includes five major lakes, 500 acres of open space and an additional 500 acres of lakes, rivers, streams and wetlands. Homes there are just steps away from a thriving town square with retail, business and medical offices, as well as an assortment of amenities for active lifestyles.

With miles of nature trails connecting to the River Legacy Park and the Living Science Center, Viridian is unlike anywhere else in the Metroplex. To wit ...

"Viridian was the first Audobon International Gold Signature Standard community in Texas," says Robert Kembel, general manager at Viridian, a project of the Johnson Development

The natural habitat - and all its inhabitants - help make Viridian an open door to fun and relaxation for the entire family. From agriculture programs that provide farm-fresh produce to purchase to excursions to dig for dinosaur "bones" at Fossil Park, there is always something to do - and new amenities are routinely added.

For example, the Viridian Lake Club is an exciting, 6-acre peninsula overlooking Lake Viridian, making it one of the focal points of fun in the community. It features five pools, a pavilion, and a small amphitheater. Some 850 acres of open space and lakes and a 150-acre wooded area to explore make interacting with neighbors and nature the norm. Other features include catchand-release fishing, sailing, bird watching, meeting neighbors for bridge or poker, canoeing on Lake Viridian, letting Rover romp at Arrowhead Park, enjoying a girls' night out at the Women's Wine Down, or jogging or cycling along miles of pathways that connect with existing River Legacy trails.

Last summer, the development welcomed Viridian Elements, one of the more vibrant, active 55+ lifestyle communities in Texas. Its Magnolia Lifestyle Center features a state-of-the-art fitness center, demonstration kitchen, and meeting facilities.

Viridian

1200 Viridian Park Lane, Arlington • 817-200-6543 • viridiandfw.com

Mansfield Custom Homes

Winner: Home Builder

ansfield Custom Homes proudly notes that it "builds dreams from the ground up." Based on the fact that this is the company's fifth straight appearance on our All Star team, the custom home company



obviously also meets its customers' expectations even those of the "wildest dream" variety.

"Mansfield Custom Homes is truly a custom builder," says Julie Short, the real estate specialist at the company, "Start with your

dream, and the MCH team will make it your address."

Short says she and her team led by owner (and her husband) Stoney Short will work with each customer during every step of the process. The design team helps you choose stylish finishes that fit your liking, the real estate team helps find the ideal location, and the construction team does the rest.

You? You get to live your dream - or, at least, live in your dream home.

Mansfield Custom Homes

1107 Knoll Crest Dr., Mansfield • 682-518-1158 • mchtexas.com

72sold/Brawn Sterling **Real Estate**

Winner: Property Manager

aking its All Star debut this year, 72sold/Brawn Sterling Real Estate has developed an easy, extremely fast way for homeowners to sell their property and get a fair market price in the

process.

72sold has developed a way to identify the best buyers for your home within days (72 hours, in fact), while it is new and fresh on the market, the

time when buyers pay more. The real estate specialist then creates an auction-like environment where buyers bid against each other and drive up your price. The result is that a high percentage of 72sold homes sell for thousands over the seller's asking price.

And now you know why this company is an All Star.

72sold/Brawn Sterling Real Estate

200 S. 14th St. #100, Midlothian • 469-337-9823 • 72solddfwarea.com

Richter Animal Hospital & Pet Resort

Winner: Veterinarian

Richter Animal Hospital & Pet Resort is a full-service veterinary hospital – with emphasis on "full service." The entire team at Richter Animal Hospital & Pet Resort is devoted to providing the



highest standard of veterinary care for your pets while exceeding your expectations in serving you.

Richter Animal Hospital & Pet Resort offers the Arlington community wellness care, vaccines, spaying/neutering and emergency veterinary

services, as well as medical, surgical and dental veterinary care.

With an in-house pharmacy, diagnostic laboratory and access to specialists, Richter Animal Hospital & Pet Resort offers a one-stop location for your pet's health and medical care. In addition, you won't find a cleaner, safer place to board your pets with people who really care about them.

Richter Animal Hospital & Pet Resort

4601 W. Sublett Road • 817-478-8000 • richteranimalhospital.com

C&W Antiques

Winner: Antiques

Readers' Choice All Star for the third straight year, C&W Antiques offers unique, rare and interesting furniture and accessories not found at most stores stateside.



From their flagship showroom in Grand Prairie, Co-proprietors Jim Carpenter and Patrick Walsh create an inviting ambiance with fragrant Market candles, music and vignettes of old-world rooms that stimulate the senses.

"C&W Antiques' philosophy is to make each customer feel welcome," Walsh says. "With our passion for antiques, we welcome each customer and provide a friendly atmosphere for their unique shopping experience. We treat each customer like family."

C&W Antiques specializes in 17th, 18th and 19th century English and French furniture. It also has an exquisite collection of original fine art by Italian, French, Russian, English and U.S. artists, and its Faberge Collection is the largest in the state of Texas and perhaps the world.

C&W Antiques

2100 N. Hwy. 360, Suite 705-706, Grand Prairie • 817-637-7637 • candwantiques.com

Pet Resort in the Gardens

Winner: Pet Care/Grooming, Pet Boarding

our-time All Star Pet Resort in the Gardens continues to be a local success story for owners Mary and Dr. Jim Turner.

"I was born in Arlington. Jim moved here when he was less than a year old, so doing business here is personal," Mary says. "Our customers



are our neighbors, friends and family whom we never want to disappoint. We take very seriously the care entrusted to us of pets who are so much more than just pets; they are

Jim began working at Farrell Animal Hospital in 1980, purchasing it in 1990. Along with Mary, they opened the Pet Resort in 2010. "We

shared the dream of improving the way pet boarding was historically handled, and Pet Resort in the Gardens is that dream come true," she says. With comfortable lofts and suites, indoor/outdoor play yards, obedience training and premium bathing and spa services, Pet Resort in the Gardens provides your pet with personalized, protected play and a pampered stay. Mary adds, "Our dedicated team members are the real winners of this award! They give heart and soul to the well-being of our guests and provide exceptional customer care."

Pet Resort in the Gardens

2890-A W. Pioneer Pkwy. • 817-635-5510 • petresortinthegardens.com

Dixie's Charms & More

Winner: Jeweler

s Dixie's celebrates some four decades of providing unique A jewelry and gifts to happy North Texas customers, the popular retailer is marking another milestone: its fifth All Star award. Owners Kandy King and Glenn Hargrove continue to enhance a tradition



established by their late mother Dixie, helping the business evolve from primarily a wholesaler of fashion jewelry and sterling silver to a retail operation that also sells a wide range of gift items.

"We're so proud to operate our business here in our hometown of Arlington," King says. "We've loved

being a part of the Gracie Lane family for the past six years."

King says she and her team have a simple philosophy. "Mom (Dixie) always said 'Take care of your customers, and everything else will take care of itself," she says. "The top priority for myself, Glenn and our great staff is to make every shopping experience at Dixie's a great one. We work at seeking out unique and quality gift items that are reasonably priced. Value and selection are critical, but those don't mean much without great customer service."

Dixie's Charms & More

4720 S. Cooper St. • 817-649-1112 • dixiesonline.com



Texas Appliance

Winner: Appliance Store

exas Appliance is making its debut on our Readers' Choice All Star Team this year.

With roots back to the 1940's, Texas Appliance is an established, locally owned and operated, major appliance retailer serving both residential and builders' needs. The company operates its' retail division from three professionally staffed and well appointed showrooms in South Arlington, Hurst and Fort Worth along with its outlet store in Pantego.



Their beautiful showrooms offer a full spectrum of appliances to meet practically every household need.

With more than 40 major quality brands, Texas Appliance

has one of the largest displays of built-in and free-standing appliances in the state of Texas. Whether you need a new refrigerator or are looking to upgrade your washer and dryer, Texas Appliance provides a full array of options to help you find what you need.

From the economical to the luxury brands, Texas Appliance offers refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, washers and dryers, indoor and outdoor cooking appliances, ice makers, wine coolers, disposers, trash compactors, mattresses and more, all of which can be delivered straight to your home.

With an experienced staff of contract sales representatives, Texas Appliance will meet with builders or their customers at their offices, job sites or in the showroom to assist in the selection, installation and demonstration of the appliance package. The business' large fleet of company owned trucks delivers and installs daily to 15 counties, including and surrounding the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Texas Appliance operates its business in accordance with their mission statement: "We will be the best appliance dealer in our markets by exceeding our customers' expectations in every way. We will treat our customers, vendors and fellow employees with respect, honesty, integrity and appreciation. The difference between a 'Good' company and a 'Great' company lies in its' employees' determination."

Our readers have clearly concluded that Texas Appliance is a "Great" company.

Texas Appliance

Arlington showroom: 1500 I-20 East • 817-299-2800 Arlington outlet: 3401 W. Pioneer Parkway • 817-299-2800 • txappliance.com

Gracie Lane

Winner: Boutique Honorable Mention: Gift Shop

f this is the annual All Star edition, you can count on one local company, Gracie Lane, earning a spot (or two) in the winner's circle. Indeed, this is the seventh time the popular local retail center



has been chosen to our prestigious team.

Since opening in 2014, Gracie Lane has rapidly become recognized as the Arlington area's "go to" shopping destination for

clothing, jewelry, home decor, gifts and more.

Gracie Lane is also renowned for great value and a regularly rotating stream of products, the combination of which makes this Arlington treasure a one-of-a-kind shopping experience customers love.

Manager Mary Macken says the real key to Gracie Lane's success, though, is the relationships she and the team build: "I believe our philosophy of treating every person that walks through our doors as a family member really resonates with our customers."

Macken says Gracie Lane is like a collection of your favorite things and those you haven't yet found - all in one pretty package.

Gracie Lane

4720 S. Cooper St. • 817-468-5263 • gracielanecollection.com

Jazzy Jems

Honorable Mention: Boutique

azzy Jems owner Teenya Blanchard has found a legion of fashion If followers who love her store – so much, in fact, that they have voted it to our All Star team multiple times over the past seven years.

Jazzy Jems is a boutique that features trendy clothing, jewelry,



gift items and more. There's also some news regarding the store that Blanchard is especially excited about sharing: Jazzy Jems has moved to a new location: 2005 Roosevelt Drive in Pantego.

Customers can visit the store by appointment from Monday through Wednesday. It is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

"I also want to make sure our customers check out the store website.

JazzyJems.com, where we offer 24/7 Freeship," Blanchard says.

There they can shop online for all the latest products, including dresses, tops and bottoms, jewelry, shoes, gift items, coffee and spices and Rodan & Field items. And they can get a jump on sales as they take place.

Jazzy Jems

2005 Roosevelt Drive, Pantego • 817-266-3900 • jazzyjems.com



Anything Goes

Winner: Gift Shop

n 2012, Mary Davis' dream of opening an eclectic gift shop became a reality when Anything Goes opened its doors at 2504 W. Park Row in Pantego. Eight years later, she's celebrating her fifth All Star award.

Mary and her husband Doug are longtime residents of Pantego/ Arlington. She grew up in the Woodland West area, graduated from



Arlington High School and worked for Arlington OB/GYN Associates for more than 30 years. Doug has worked for the Town of Pantego for more than 30 years as Police Chief, Director of Public Safety and, currently, as the town's Mayor.

Since opening, Anything Goes has grown from 1,200 square feet to almost 4,000 square feet of retail space that features products

that meet the needs of customers of all ages. "I work hard to find our customers new products so they have the diversity in the gifts that they're giving and there's always something new and fresh for them on the shelves," Mary says. "Anything Goes prides itself in the level of customer service that we provide and making everyone feel at home the minute they walk in the door."

Anything Goes

2504 W. Park Row Drive, Suite A, Pantego • 817-542-0862 • anythinggoesgiftshop.com

Maggie & Me Boutique

Winner: Baby/Children's Boutique

n All Star for the second consecutive year, Maggie and Me A n All Star for the second consistency,

Boutique is a family owned classic children's clothing store located in the heart of Arlington. The shop carries noted brands, including The Proper Peony, The Beaufort Bonnet Company, Kissy Kissy, JoJo Maman Bébé, James and Lottie, Feltman Brothers and

many more.



Maggie and Me Boutique has everything you will need to dress your infant through size 4 toddler. Maggie and Me Boutique offers a onestop shop for parents and grandparents who believe that

every day is worth celebrating with their little ones.

Owner Karen Tilley has over 10 years of retail experience. Her family members are longtime residents of Arlington. "After my first grandchild was born. I realized there was a need for a quality children's store in the area," Tilley says. "The store is located in the Village Park Shopping Center, so it is accessible to all areas in Arlington, Dalworthington Gardens, Mansfield and Pantego."

Maggie & Me Boutique

2200 W. Park Row, Suite C, Pantego • 817-987-1100 • maggieandmeboutique.com

Hiltons Flooring

Winner: Flooring Store

elebrating its fifth straight All Star appearance, Hiltons Flooring Is an ideal one-stop showroom for practically any floor-covering need. Since 2013, Hiltons Flooring has been an accredited business



with an A+ Rating from the Better Business Bureau

Hiltons' Vice President of Sales, Kateri Dodson, says the company is devoted to providing the best and largest selection of carpet, hardwood, laminate vinyl, tile and stone in a friendly, comfortable and helpful atmosphere.

"We offer the largest selection of floor covering in the Tarrant County area," she says. "We also have design professionals on premise, complimentary in-home design consultation, free in-home measuring and estimates and installation."

Hiltons carries most name brands of flooring and also granite, marble, quartz, quartzite countertops, backsplash and showers, making it the ideal place to shop for practically any home improvement/enhancement project.

Hiltons Flooring

2800 W. Division St. • 817-461-5189 • hiltonsflooring.com

Urban Country Flower Co.

Winner: Florist

his is the second straight All Star appearance for Urban Country Flower Co. The unique business has captured the hearts of area shoppers as a European-style fresh/silk bucket shop that has

something for just about everyone.



Urban Country Flower Co. has become a go-to place for flowers for events, weddings, parties, and holiday decorations. It also specializes in arrangements for anniversaries, birthdays, get well, "I'm sorry," "Congratulations!" and "Just because."

Its retail shop also carries home gifts, garden gifts and accessories,

both vintage and new. Gift and accessory items include gourmet food, coffee, fragrances, t-shirts and hats.

Urban Country Flower Co. also offers curbside pickup and noncontact local deliveries. Urban Country Flower Co. is a Premier Florist on Bloom Nation (bloomnation.com), which arranges flower deliveries all across the country at the click of a mouse.

Urban Country Flower Co.

2234 W. Park Row Drive, Suite D Village Park • 817-987-9228 • urbancountryflowerco.com

The Pilates Effect

Winner: Exercise/Fitness Studio, Yoga/Barre Studio

three-time Readers' Choice All Star, The Pilates Effect opened in April 2017 and is a fully equipped Pilates Studio dedicated to the overall well being of its clients.



Studio Owner/Instructor Cami Green says she has long wanted to teach and help people accomplish their health and fitness goals by means of Pilates.

"The Pilates training that we offer is geared toward the individual, their needs and specifications to their body type, fitness level and or any issues keeping them from their goals." Green says. "We are trained to deal with these different body types and needs and on how to correct them. Our studio and type of Pilates training isn't a one-size-fits-all; it's specific to the individual."

The Pilates Effect is a fully equipped Pilates studio, offering classes for every fitness level and private sessions for more individualized private Pilates training.

The Pilates Effect

Shoppes at Brownstone Village, 2410 W. Abram St., Suite 112 • 214-558-0996 thepilateseffect.com

Dr. Clayton Frenzel

Winner: Bariatric Surgeon

r. Clayton Frenzel, the primary physician at BodEvolve Bariatric & Cosmetic Surgery, is making his third consecutive appearance on our All Star team. Women and men in the DFW area visit Dr. Frenzel for



surgical and non-surgical cosmetic enhancements, many of which are life-changing procedures. He is dual Board Certified by both The American Board of Surgery and The American Board of Cosmetic Surgery.

Dr. Frenzel is one of only a handful of surgeons in the country that has not only completed a bariatric surgery fellowship but also a cosmetic surgery fellowship. He understands all the complex issues that a pre- and post-bariatric

patient may face not only from a medical and cosmetic standpoint, but also from a mental aspect. Working with bariatric patients is not just a career for Dr. Frenzel, but one of his passions. He believes that there is not one operation that is right for every patient and takes an individualized approach to finding which operation is right for you. He participates in mission trips and he proudly tells everyone he grew up in Arlington and came back to practice in his hometown.

BodEvolve Bariatric & Cosmetic Surgery

1000 N. Davis, Suite B • 817-342-0232 • bodevolve.net

My Nurse Family

Winner: Home Health Care

aking its All Star debut this year, My Nurse Family is a locally-owned home care company servicing the entire **DFW Metroplex.**

My Nurse Family is veteran owned and operated and offers 24/7 care to the clients it serves. The company's story began in Arlington with a mission to help your loved ones stay at home. As the name suggests, its caregivers are like family and will give you a reason to smile, jokes to make you laugh and a

shoulder to cry on.



Founder Joseph Kincey is a veteran who served in the U.S. Marine Corp. He has a background in military, leadership and business. He grew a passion for seniors

during his time working with adult protection services in Texas and acting as the caregiver for his family. He started My Nurse Family to help cultivate a safe and comfortable environment for people to stay at home and receive the care they need.

To that end, My Nurse Family plans are catered to your specific needs and interests. Its caregivers can help you maintain your independence and stay in a comfortable environment, while they address your various needs, including:

- Companionship, cooking, housekeeping and personal care Caregivers can cook delicious meals that provide the nutrition you need - and can accommodate special diets. Don't feel like vacuuming? No worries, caregivers handle the cleaning. Having a companion to help with daily chores and meals can go a long way.
- Alzheimer's and dementia care My Nurse Family caregivers are experienced in accommodating memory-related challenges for their clients to offer safe and reliable care, right at home.
- Skilled nursing My Nurse Family is licensed for skilled nursing and has a registered nurse in its office seven days a week to address any medical needs that may arise.

My Nurse Family caregivers are carefully selected to match your needs, interests, and preferences. During the company's interview process, administrators find caregivers that are passionate about making a difference in people's lives. They conduct background checks, check prospective caregivers' certification, and provide training with Director of Nursing Angel Montez, who also served in the military and shares Kincey's passion for taking care of serving senior citizens.

My Nurse Family

3611 W. Pioneer Parkway • 817-405-2927 • mynursefamily.com



Dr. Joan Bergstrom

Winner: OB/GYN

or the past six years, Dr. Joan Bergstrom, founder of Women's Health Services, has been chosen by our readers as the All Star winner in the OB/GYN category. Dr. Bergstrom started Women's Health Services in 1986 when she completed her residency in Kansas City, Kansas, and moved to Arlington to become the first female Ob-Gyn in the city.

Beginning in August, the group will add a seventh physician, Dr. Maya Kuriakose. She joins Joan Bergstrom, Dawnette



Pepper, Kiran Nangrani, Sheri Puffer, Joy Carter and Jessica Brown.

WHS has two locations in Arlington. The North office is located adjacent to **Texas Health Arlington** Memorial Hospital, where the group does all deliveries and inpatient surgeries. The South office is at Cooper and Wimbledon, just south of I-20.

Women's Health Services has been a steady provider of women's healthcare for over 30 years. Patients can count on Dr. Bergstrom and her colleagues to be accessible for any female issues from puberty through menopause.

The doctors of WHS provide services for pregnancy, birth control, heavy periods, treatment for uterine prolapse and urinary incontinence, menopausal hormonal changes and well woman exams.

The group performs all their in-patient hospital services at Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital, Arlington's Community Hospital, which promotes the highest standard of health care for all patients in the Metroplex. Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital finished a complete renovation of the Women's Services facility last year.

Women's Health Services offers full obstetrical and gynecological services. The team's philosophy is to promote a comfortable atmosphere with expert services in all aspects of female health. The practice has an electronic appointment booking system and are upgrading the system to include an app to access and update patient health records and communicate with the staff and doctors of WHS through your cell phone.

Women's Health Services

1101 N. Waldrop, Suite 505 • 817-591-2715 • 5005 S. Cooper St., Suite 275 • 817-677-1003 womenshealthservices.com

Dr. Jason Butler

Winner: Pain Management

r. Jason Butler is honored to have been selected as a Reader's Choice All Star in Pain Management for the third year in a row and would like to thank the community and his many patients for their continued trust and support throughout the years. That support has helped grow his practice and the services he provides, while giving him an



opportunity to give back to the communities he serves.

In his continuing efforts to provide the highest standards of patient care and service, his current practice, Arlington Pain & Therapy, has just completed construction on a beautiful new 20,000 square foot facility conveniently located in Mansfield. The larger facility will allow for all services to be under one roof and provide new and

existing patients with state-of-the-art programs, treatments and amenities. And, the recent move to Mansfield comes with a new name, Regency Pain & Therapy Institute, a name the practice feel exemplifies their ability to help patients redefine their pain so they can get back to the life they enjoy.

Regency Pain & Therapy Institute offers cutting-edge pain management techniques and technology. Dr. Butler and his team focus on decreasing a patient's pain while increasing their productivity, minimizing medication use, maximizing physical activity, and improving quality of life. The doctors at Regency Pain & Therapy Institute always strive to be as conservative as possible and only progress to more interventional treatments, as needed.

At Regency Pain & Therapy Institute, you'll find a team that takes a whole-body approach to your care. Instead of focusing on treating a few symptoms, the doctors' focus on treating the whole person; diagnosing your pain and finding the best, most meaningful way to reduce it and restore your function. Some of the conditions they treat include chronic pain, fibromyalgia, rhizotomy, sciatica, neck pain, back pain, abdominal pain, auto accident injuries, scoliosis, and neuropathy.

Dr. Butler's goal is to reduce pain to its lowest possible level and limit the impact it has on the lives of the patients he treats. A recent patient's feedback reflects on this commitment, "the best doctors and staff anywhere and more pain relief than I have received in 16 years. I highly recommend!"

Regency Pain & Therapy Institute

74 Regency Parkway, Mansfield • 817-419-6111 • painandtherapy.com



Dr. Alfred DiStefano

Winner: Oncologist

or the fifth straight year, Dr. Alfred DiStefano has been selected by our readers as the area's favorite oncologist. Dr. DiStefano founded Arlington Cancer Center four decades ago with a vision to craft a medical facility that would be all-inclusive for patients undergoing cancer treatment - the diagnostic and therapeutic modalities would all take place under one roof.

It was a revolutionary concept in 1980, and it not only



became the norm for the center, but a model for effective cancer treatment all around the country and internationally.

Last year, Arlington Cancer Center became part of Texas Oncology and is now Texas **Oncology-Arlington Cancer** Center North. Dr. DiStefano says he is proud of the direction Arlington Cancer Center took at the outset of the practice - and still takes today. "Over the years, we

have stayed true to that principle," he says. "Our dedication to providing a broad range of services, in combination with compassionate patient-oriented care, allows us to give our patients the opportunity to access high quality care while remaining outpatient and close to home."

Dr. DiStefano is joined at the center by four other cancer specialists: Dr. John Adams, Dr. Puneet K. Dhillon, Dr. Scott Fleischauer and Dr. Anwar Khurshid. Together, they offer more than 100 years of combined research, teaching and practical experience in treating solid tumors, blood cancers and blood disorders at some of the premier national and international cancer centers and medical schools. They understand that patients want an innovative partner to help them make the most informed decisions about their care and future.

That's why Texas Oncology-Arlington Cancer Center North offers a comprehensive outpatient environment and why the doctors take pride in providing diagnosis, treatment, education and support services to adult cancer patients from around the world.

"Our goal is to lessen the stress of treatment so you can focus on your recovery," Dr. DiStefano says. "We make it easier by offering all of our services under one roof."

Texas Oncology-Arlington Cancer Center North

906 W. Randol Mill Road, Suite 200. • 817-261-4906 • texasoncology.com/cancer-centers/ arlington/arlington-cancer-center-north/medical-oncology

Arlington/Mansfield Foot & Ankle Centers

Winner: Podiatrist

or the fourth straight year, Arlington/Mansfield Foot & Ankle Centers, a part of StrideCare, made our All Star team. The practice features a roster of dedicated, experienced and Board Certified



physicians of podiatric surgery that includes John R. Landry, DPM; Joe Southerland, DPM; R. Warren, DPM; Linnie Rabjohn, DPM; and Ryan Lawrence, DPM.

Arlington/Mansfield Foot & Ankle Centers makes it easy for patients to access advanced

foot and ankle care. Committed to the use of the latest cutting-edge technologies, the team of physicians use methods such as digital X-rays, CT scanners, lasers, and shockwave therapy to produce the most accurate diagnosis and ensure optimal results for each patient. The practice provides care for everything ranging from common concerns like ingrown nails and gout to injuries, sprains, fractures and diabetes-related issues.

Arlington / Mansfield Foot & Ankle Centers

Arlington: 400 W. Arbrook Blvd., Ste. 201

Mansfield: 1001 Matlock Road, #103 • 817-467-1990 • footanklecenters.com

Dr. Kenyon Godwin

Winner: Chiropractor, Holistic Medicine, Wellness Center Honorable Mention: Pain Management

n each of the past seven years, Dr. Kenyon Godwin, founder of Active Family Wellness Center, has been named an All Star by our readers.



This year, he earned the distinction in three

Dr. Godwin founded his practice in 2010, and six years later, Active Family Wellness Center was named the Arlington Chamber of Commerce's Veteran-owned Small Business of the Year. The practice has become so highly regarded by patients that Dr. Godwin opened a second office in the North Arlington area a little over a year ago.

"We believe people should have the

freedom to pursue their purpose without limitations!" Dr. Godwin says. "AFWC offers an effective lifestyle modification program utilizing Functional Medicine. This program incorporates the best of wellness: Chiropractic, Nutrition, Detox, Comprehensive labs, Supplements, Massage, Fitness, Mentorship and Meditation/Prayer. Our catalyzing statement is to make Arlington the healthiest city in the state of Texas."

Active Family Wellness Center

4927 S. Collins St., Suite 105 • 817-618-6730 • 4120 N. Collins St., Ste 200 • 817-557-2770 txwellnessdoc.com



Dr. Moody Alexander

Winner: Orthodontist

n what is fast becoming a tradition, Dr. Moody Alexander is a member of our All Star team again. For those keeping score at home, this is the sixth time our readers have chosen him and his staff among their favorites in the area.

Dr. Alexander heads Drs Alexander Orthodontics, which has long been known as one of Arlington's more prominent family practices. Over the past five and a half decades, Drs Alexander



Orthodontics has focused on providing orthodontic treatment for children and adults, many of whom have become like family to Dr. Alexander and his

"We work hard to provide a 5-star service experience for our

patients, from their initial phone call to the 'getting braces off' celebration," Dr. Alexander says. "We understand that the orthodontic journey is so much more than just straightening teeth. We count it a privilege to get to know our patients and their families and strive to be the best part of our patients' day."

Another thing that sets the practice apart is its yearning to "give back."

"We realize the incredible blessings that we have in our lives and try to live by the passage from Luke that says 'to whom much is given, much is required," Dr. Alexander says. "That's why we developed our wooden nickel program. Twice a year, we provide an opportunity for patients to be involved with a humanitarian project by donating wooden nickels they earned by being good patients. It is a beautiful thing watching patients give back out of their nickels they have worked hard to earn."

Dr. Alexander and his wife Emily have seven children, including three adopted children from Ethiopia, where he conducted dental health-based mission trips for several years before the political climate made it difficult to return. That did not deter him from giving back, however, especially in the local community, where Drs Alexander Orthodontics partners with like-minded organizations in town: Young Life, Arlington Southwest Little League, Gospel City Church, Pantego Christian Academy, Alliance for Children, Mission Arlington, Dental Health of Arlington, "and various organizations that we support through our patients, also."

Last year, Dr. Alexander was presented the Humanitarian Award by the American Association of Orthodontists.

Drs Alexander Orthodontics

840 W. Mitchell St. • 817-275-3233 • drsalexander.com

FunDentist-Pediatric Dentistry-Hyde, Miller & Associates

Winner: Pediatric Dentist

he pediatric specialists at FunDentist-Pediatric Dentistry-Hyde, Miller & Associates believe that a child's visit to the dentist - whether



it's the first or the 21st - should not only be as painless as possible, but enjoyable, as well.

That's why they have crafted four offices in the area filled with children-friendly decor and interactive items that help ease the fear that might be associated with

a dental visit. In turn, their patients' parents have crafted a "thank you" note in the form of a vote for the "Fun Dentists" as a 2020 All Star.

Each office offers a unique open concept that provides a cheerful and enthusiastic environment to educate and promote oral health for the children of the community.

While they're awaiting the dentist, the kids often get to meet a practice staple: Adam the Alligator, who also helps keep things fun.

FunDentist - Pediatric Dentistry - Hyde, Miller & Associates

North: 801 W. Road to Six Flags, Ste. 101 • 817-459-1313 • South: 4220 Little Road • 817-478-2300 Central: 3101 S. Center St. • 817-466-7057 • Mansfield: 2300 Matlock Road, Suite 28 • 817-539-0500 fundentist com

Dr. Amy Schoening

Winner: Family Dentist

r. Amy Schoening is a multiple-time All Star, but this is her first win at her new Mansfield practice, Amy Schoening DDS. Dr. Schoening



and her staff are devoted to a simple principle: Every patient is different, and every person's individual needs are unique.

"That's why we strive to get to know each patient and work with them one-on-one to develop a treatment plan that fits their specific needs," she says. "Every treatment plan is uniquely designed, but the goal is always the

same: a healthy mouth, strong and functional teeth free of pain, and a beautiful smile that builds confidence."

Dr. Schoening has practiced dentistry for more than two and half decades, most recently in Arlington before taking a year off to prepare for the opening of Amy Schoening, DDS. The practice offers comprehensive dental care, cosmetic dentistry, implant services and Invisalign.

"With time to reflect over the last year, I'm planning to build a perfect, small dental practice that will reflect me and my vision for dental care," Dr. Schoening says. "Practicing will be both fun and rewarding for many years to come."

Schoening DDS

1757 Broad Park Circle North, Suite 101, Mansfield • 817-992-9201 • schoeningdds.com



An Bui Wong, D.O.

Winner: Family Physician

aking her debut on the Arlington Area All Star team, An Bui Wong, D.O., an Arlington native and TCOM/Baylor/Lamar alumna, joined Family HealthCare Associates in 2009.



She is a board certified family medicine physician and is proud to serve her community alongside her esteemed colleagues at Family HealthCare Associates, a physicianowned organization that has served the healthcare needs of the Dallas/ Fort Worth area for over 50 years.

"While healthcare has seen many changes in those 50 years, our focus

on providing high-quality care to our patients has always remained the same," Dr. Wong says. "We now offer telehealth services and continue to keep patient safety as our top priority."

To stay on the cutting edge professionally, Dr. Wong is actively involved in several medical organizations. Her interests include spending time with her family, women's health issues, Trinity Habitat for Humanity, the Mission Arlington Clinic and Feed By Grace.

Family HealthCare Associates - Fielder Clinic

1300 S. Fielder Road • 817-277-2221 • fhcatx.com/locations/fielder-clinic

Arlington Family Practice

Honorable Mention: Family Physician Practice

hree-time All Star Arlington Family Practice, P.A. was established in 1977 by Dr. Dean Peyton and a partner. Since that time the practice has believed - and continues to believe - that quality is more

important than quantity.



Practice principals Sherley Aramath, M.D., Laura Rice, D.O., Tien Truong, D.O., and Kaitlyn Gorman, FNP-C, want their patients to feel like this is where they belong and that they can trust Arlington Family Practice with their health care and help them become healthier individuals. The

practice motto is "modern medicine with old fashioned care."

"We treat each other with respect, and like family," says Practice Administrator Patricia Gouldy. "I believe this feeling is reflected to our patients when they come. If a patient comes in with an acute illness, we want to make sure we try and follow up with them in 48 hours to make sure they are doing better."

Arlington Family Practice, P.A.

2415 Matlock Road • 817-277-6444 • arlingtonfp.com

Diet Solution Weight Loss Centers

Winner: Weight Loss Program

three-time Readers' Choice All Star, Diet Solution Weight Loss Centers were created by Dr. Richard Knight in Mansfield in 2011 with a mission to help the community get healthy and lose excess weight.

Diet Solution Weight Loss Centers provide a medically monitored weight loss program that specializes in personal treatment for each patient. Before patients even begin the



program they receive an EKG and undergo blood work that tests for cholesterol and thyroid levels. This evaluation also includes: BMI. weight, height, vitals, a **B12** injection and Amino appetite suppressants.

The initial examination takes an hour. Thereafter, patients

come in weekly to receive vitals, BMI, weigh in, and they are able to meet with Dr. Richard Knight to determine how they can achieve the healthiest of results.

"At DSC you get weekly energy and vitamin injections, individualized counseling and FDA approved medications," Dr. Knight says. "There are no prepackaged foods to worry about, and we even encourage you to eat out!"

Dr. Knight says Diet Solutions Centers strive to achieve the best results for every individual patient, "In order to achieve the best results, each patient will select the supplements that adhere to his or her goal," he says.

To help patients reach their weight-loss/heath goals, DSC offers "extras," including Skinny Mini Me Fat Burner, which leads to a significant reduction in hunger levels, an increase of lean muscle, a reduction in total body fat, a reduction of thigh and hip fat and waist circumference, and anti-cellulite effects. DSC also offers Skinny Mini Me Fat Blocker, which assists in re-sizing your thighs, and burns more fat faster for a flat belly and lean legs and arms, and Skinny Shots, which improve fat-burning metabolism, decrease unwanted water retention, help maintain blood sugar levels, decrease mild signs of depression, normalize appetite, and produce greater levels of energy and less fatigue.

Diet Solution Weight Loss Centers

Pantego: 2542 W. Pioneer Pkwy. • 817-277-3438 Mansfield: 920 Hwy. 287 N., Suite 306 • 817-453-3438 • dietsolutioncenters.com



Texas Health Arlington **Memorial Hospital**

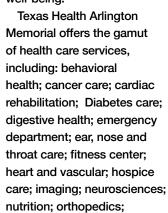
Winner: Hospital-Patient Care HM: Emergency Room

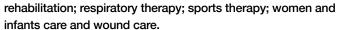
exas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital has earned Readers' Choice All Star awards in each of the polls we've published.

Texas Health Arlington Memorial is a 369-bed, acute-care hospital that is ranked among the best hospitals in Dallas-Fort Worth by U.S. News & World Report.

With a mission of improving the health of the people in the community, the hospital and physicians on its medical staff are

committed to every patient's well-being.





In addition to the aforementioned services, Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital fortifies its bond with the community by offering regular classes focusing on healthrelated topics, such as childbirth education, family education, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and wellness and prevention.

The hospital has received acclaim on many fronts in recent years. Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital has received the Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for Fragility Fracture Certification, the first health care facility in the country to receive Joint Commission certification for a fragility fracture program.

It is also designated as a Magnet hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, an honor that recognizes hospitals for excellence in nursing, and was the first facility in Arlington to earn the designation.

In 2019, Texas Health Arlington Memorial received a Get With The Guidelines® award for stroke and/or heart failure care, earning Gold Plus and Target Heart Failure Honor Roll award levels.

Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital

800 W. Randol Mill Road • 817-960-6100 • texashealth.org/arlington

Medical City Arlington

Winner: Hospital

edical City Arlington is celebrating its seventh All Star Award this year, a fitting tribute from our readers in recognition of a celebrated healthcare team that is dedicated to meeting patients' needs, whatever they might be.

The medical center opened in 1976 as Arlington Community Hospital in a rural part of town and has evolved over the next 40-plus years into a 432-bed full-service hospital that features more than 1,400 full-time and part-time nurses, therapists,



technicians and other healthcare personnel.

In the process, Medical City Arlington has continued to be recognized as not only one of the region's premier medical centers, but one of the best hospitals in the country.

It has been designated

a Level II Trauma Center by the Texas Department of State Health Services, making it the first and only hospital in Arlington to achieve this distinguished classification. A Level Il trauma designation represents the second-highest level of trauma designation available. The hospital's emergency medicine team, made up of board-certified physicians, nurses and specialists, treats about 2,000 trauma patients annually.

Earlier this year, Medical City Arlington was honored as a 5-star recipient for Women's Care as recognized by Healthgrades, the leading online resource for information about physicians and hospitals. These 5-star ratings indicate that Medical City Arlington's clinical outcomes are significantly better statistically than expected for Gynecologic Surgery, Labor, Delivery, Obstetrics and Gynecology.

In addition, Medical City Arlington earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for Total Hip and Knee Replacement Certification by demonstrating continuous compliance with the commission's performance standards. The Gold Seal is a symbol of quality that reflects a healthcare organization's commitment to providing safe and quality patient care.

Medical City Arlington was Arlington's first Chest Pain Center accredited by The Society for Chest Pain Centers and has a Cycle V Designation. The hospital is also certified by the Joint Commission as a Primary Stroke Center with an on-site dedicated Stroke Team and a dedicated CT Scan in the ER to help facilitate protocol-driven care when minutes matter most.

Medical City Arlington

3301 Matlock Road • 682-509-6200 • medicalcityarlington.com

Methodist Mansfield Medical Center

Winner: Emergency Room HM: Hospital

ethodist Mansfield Medical Center, a 262-bed acute care **V** hospital, has been proud to serve the community for more than 13 years while it continues to expand to meet patients' needs. Here are just a few of the hospital's recent enhancements.

The Breast Center at Methodist Mansfield was recently relocated to the Professional Office Building on the hospital's 23acre campus. In this beautiful tranquil facility, a multidisciplinary



team of healthcare providers offer breast imaging services. women's health services, bone density scans, and pelvic health therapy - all under one roof.

To enhance care

for our littlest patients, an \$8.7 million Neonatal Intensive Care Unit expansion opened in July, providing a neonatal procedure room, lactation center, and newborn clinic. The advanced facility also boasts robotic telemedicine services, the AngelEye camera system for enhanced security, a respiratory therapy work area, and rooms for parents with an adjacent laundry unit and family lounge.

The newly completed 82,000-square-foot, four-story Professional Office Building II on the south campus is home to family medicine physician practices and Texas Oncology - Methodist Cancer Center; an ambulatory surgical center is currently under construction.

In addition to the latest medical advancements, Methodist Mansfield has achieved exceptional patient safety scores. Methodist Mansfield has received the highest rating possible by The Leapfrog Group®.

Methodist Mansfield is part of Dallas-based Methodist Health System, which became the first Texas member of the Mayo Care Clinic Network. This network gives physicians at Methodist Mansfield the opportunity to consult with Mayo Clinic physicians on behalf of their patients.

"Methodist Mansfield offers personalized healthcare services for every stage of life and every state of health," says Methodist Mansfield President Juan Fresquez Jr. "Our families, neighbors, colleagues, and friends deserve a hospital that puts safety and patient care first and is committed to improving the health and quality of life."

Methodist Mansfield Medical Center

2700 E. Broad St., Mansfield • 682-242-2000 • methodisthealthsystem.org/ methodist-mansfield-medical-center



Baylor Scott & White Orthopedic and Spine Hospital – Arlington

Winner: Orthopedic Care

aylor Scott & White Orthopedic and Spine Hospital -Arlington is proud to be chosen for the third consecutive year as the Arlington Today All Star for Orthopedic Care.

It's always an honor to be named one of the top medical providers by the readers of Arlington Today. As the only orthopedic surgery and specialty hospital of its kind in Dallas/ Fort Worth, we take pride in bringing experts close to home.

Baylor Scott & White Arlington is a unique, industry leading specialty hospital focused on comprehensive outpatient and inpatient treatment of orthopedic and spine disorders. Whether it's a simple neck strain or a complex joint surgery, the hospital and its staff are committed to delivering quality, specialized treatment that is compassionate and specifically appropriate for each individual. The hospital is devoted to providing guests with the latest in advanced technology including the new ROSA® Knee robotic technology. With a state-of-the-art multi-stage air filtration system that kills viruses in the air, the hospital provides an optimal environment for all patients.

Baylor Scott & White Arlington also provides a full-service ER, complete diagnostic imaging capabilities and on-site physical therapy and a comprehensive Pain Management Center.

"We're focused on providing a level of patient-focused care, diagnosis and treatment of orthopedic and spine issues," said Allan Beck, Chief Executive Officer. "Our comprehensive on-site services offer convenience along with expert orthopedic care, helping our patients get back to doing what they love."

Baylor Scott & White Orthopedic and Spine Hospital – Arlington

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Central Park ENT

Winner: Ear/Nose/Throat

or each of the past three years, Central Park ENT has been chosen by our readers as their favorite area Ear/Nose/ Throat practice.

The board certified physicians of Central Park Ear Nose Throat work as a team to provide the best quality of service to their patients. Drs. Mark Palmer, Chris Lee, Stuart Thomas, Rene Pena, Dana Gibbs and Tyler Scoresby have



devoted their careers to helping people with allergy issues, ear infections, hearing impairments. colds and sinus infections.

The Central Park ENT healthcare providers believe that by assisting others through

education and compassion, they can improve and restore quality of life for patients and their loved ones.

With offices located throughout the Metroplex (including sites in Arlington, Mansfield, Dallas and Fort Worth), Central Park ENT has experienced and compassionate doctors and practitioners who can help with any ear, nose, or throat condition you may have. From allergy treatment to hearing aids, sinus surgery, thyroid conditions, and much more, the team of caring ENT doctors is easily accessible to help patients and their families.

The doctors encourage patients to take a few moments to visit the practice website, centralparkent.net, for information on allergies, preparing for your visit and the doctors. You can also view videos, and, once your visit is complete, you can take a short satisfaction survey.

The in-depth explanations on the website can help you determine if and when visiting the clinic will benefit you the most. For general health information, Central Park ENT's blogs are posted on a regular basis to help patients get information on how to prevent diseases, illness and discomfort in their daily lives.

The Mission at Central Park ENT is to provide the highest quality treatment for all ear, nose and throat problems by emphasizing patient education, incorporating the latest technology and making your individual needs a first priority.

Central Park Ear, Nose and Throat

Arlington: 409 Central Park Drive • Mansfield: 221 Regency Pkwy., Suite 111 817-261-9191 • centralparkent.net

Kos/Danchak **Audiology & Hearing Aids**

Winner: Audiologist

os/Danchak Audiology & Hearing Aids has been helping people in the Arlington/North Texas area hear the best they can for over 35 years; and they have just been named an All Star for the 5th straight year!

Dr. Melissa Danchak believes this recognition is the result of the patient-first focus and commitment to delivering the best



hearing health care solutions possible for the people they meet with each day.

"There are not many audiology practices in the North Texas area that have been helping people hear better for over 35 years. We believe that how we meet with people and the delivery of the services we provide is about providing an experience that makes them feel confident in their

decision to address their hearing health care needs, with us. That confidence is being verified publicly by the community of physicians that consistently refer their patients to us, as well as the online reviews and recommendations our patients are posting about their experiences with us."

Dr. Danchak and her staff believe in a complete hearing health care approach for each patient. "Better hearing health care is a journey - not a transaction! Each day, we meet with people that have trusted their hearing health care needs to us for over 15 years - some over 20 years! Their confidence in us to refer their family and friends is humbling to say the least. The online reviews that hundreds of our patients have shared are just awesome. They provide someone searching for hearing health care with the ability to feel good about their first step towards better hearing."

In recognition of their 5th straight year being named an All Star, Kos/Danchak Audiology & Hearing Aids is providing up to \$500 off of a set of hearing aids during the months of August and September.

Kos/Danchak Audiology & Hearing Aids

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Resurgence Wellness

Winner: Rejuvenator

early two years ago, Resurgence Wellness opened its doors in Arlington and introduced a new realm of healthcare to the North Texas region. Our readers obviously deemed the endeavor worthy they have voted founder Christopher Chappell's wellness clinic an Arlington-area All Star twice in a row.



Resurgence Wellness specializes in providing advanced medical solutions to help patients reach optimal health. The clinic methodically analyzes the cause of each patient's health issues to create effective - even, lifechanging - results, whether a patient's goal is to lose weight, stabilize hormone levels, or boost his/her

immune system. The gamut of solutions is based on treatments that are safe and non-invasive ways to get to the root cause of health problems to help restore the patient's vitality so he or she can get back to feeling well. "Resurgence Wellness was created to help patients 'Own the Day," says Chappell.

A lot of our readers obviously believe the clinic is doing just that.

Resurgence Wellness

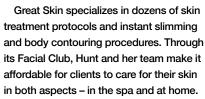
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Great Skin Spa & Facial Club

Winner: Skin Care

reat Skin Spa & Facial Club has been an All Star every year we've had skin care as a category. Owner Brenda Hunt began her career in the beauty business 14 years ago as the first U.S. franchisee of Canadianbased FACES Cosmetics. She developed Great Skin Spa & Facial Club in Arlington 10 years ago, and the company has continued to grow and gain

> notoriety as an exceptional day spa and skin care provider.



Hunt also offers franchise opportunities for prospective owners who would like to achieve the kind of success she has enjoyed. Great Skin is now offering Virtual Skin Care Consultations where clients meet with a licensed, trained professional Great Skin esthetician via Zoom or Facetime (or by phone) who helps them take care of their skin with a customized skin care system, and it's same day delivery in Arlington! Just another way Great Skin takes care of their clients and respects the timing that our world is in.

Great Skin Spa & Facial Club

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Shelton's Salon & Spa

Winner: Hair Salon Honorable Mention: Skin Care

arning its fifth straight All Star award, Shelton's Salon & Spa was started in 1965 in what was Stripling's Department Store, prompting Shelton Ogle to follow his entrepreneurial instincts to open three more salons and the Ogle School of Hair Design, which grew to four locations. Shelton, along with his wife Linda, have always tried to



inspire the staff and students to the value they each bring to their clients. There has always been a passion to present the Beauty Industry in a creative, professional and clientcentered environment. In staffing the salons, spas and schools, Shelton and Linda have been selective in choosing people who share their desire for being a leader in the industry.

Ogle School was sold in 2006.

Shelton's Salon and Spas have continued to evolve with the goal of offering clients fresh and creative styling and skin treatment. There is great pride in continuing to serve clients and stand in high regard in the community. Thank you, Arlington.

Shelton's Salon & Spa

2122 W. Park Row Drive • 817-277-6339 • sheltonssalon.com

River Legacy Parks

Winner: Local Park

here is little question Arlington area residents love River Legacy Parks - this is the seventh time the majestic city treasure has been named an All Star. Of course, who could argue against something that offers the beauty of the wilderness with open spaces



for your favorite pastime - pretty much whatever that favorite pastime might be?

From botany to bicycling or rollerblading to strolls through the woods, this 1,300-acre public park has something for everyone. The park's

ecological diversity of bottomland forest, wetlands and prairie provides abundant habitat for countless wildlife and native plants. And then there are amenities, such as trails, picnic areas, river overlooks, canoe launches and more.

As our readers have noted, more is good.

River Legacy Parks

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The Sanford House

Winner: Place for Lunch, Bed & Breakfast, Event Venue, Massage, Spa

f there's anything we've learned during the seven years we've presented our All Star award winners, it's that The Sanford House - complete with on-site fine dining at Restaurant506 and the full-service Sanford Spa & Salon - has captured the fancy of our readers. This is the sixth straight year the inn/getaway/ rejuvenation center/popular wedding venue/stellar eatery has



earned All Star distinction. This year, it won five categories!

General Manager Valerie Landry proudly notes that the family-owned-andoperated Inn has been a staple in Arlington for over 20 years now. "When we

originally opened in 1997, my grandparents lived on property and ran the business as a true bed and breakfast," she says. "As the business developed, my grandparents eventually decided to retire, and my Mom, Dr. Joan Bergstrom, ran the business with various managers at the helm."

Since Landry came on board in 2008, she has worked with her mom to create "House Hosted" events and develop a more strategic management plan. "We continually put a lot of effort into the quality of products and services we provide," Landry says.

That is especially true this year. When the pandemic prompted temporary closures of the restaurant and salon/spa, Landry used the time as an opportunity to completely rebrand the Inn, Spa, and Restaurant506, remodel the Grand Courtyard, repaint the exterior of the Inn, and upgrade fixtures and features throughout the property. "In addition to all the upgrades we completed, we were able to adapt by expanding our dining service into the Courtyard. Now that Restaurant506 has reopened, we are able to welcome our guests back and provide them the space they need to feel comfortable joining together," she says.

Now that Arlington's long-term vision of a bustling and walkable downtown is nearly complete, The Sanford House is in a perfect location for visitors wanting to settle into the heart of the Metroplex and experience Arlington, as well as for locals seeking a change of scenery for a relaxing staycation.

Landry says the company's professional philosophy is to provide tremendous, sincere hospitality to everyone. "The Sanford House is most special because of the unparalleled service we provide," Landry says. "Our vision is to lift up all of our quests so they feel nourished, accepted, and celebrated. Come visit our restaurant, spa, and hotel, and enjoy a respite from the everyday."

The Sanford House

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Massage Envy

Honorable Mention: Massage

he team at Massage Envy knows that the demands of daily life can be super taxing on your body. That's why it pays to take care of it - and why Massage Envy offers skilled, friendly personnel who are eager to help you do that.

With a little help from Massage Envy, you can keep your body



running smoothly, so vou can run that half marathon or simply thrive throughout that full day of meetings.

A first-time All Star, Massage **Envy features** professional

massage or skin care services that are performed by highly qualified therapists and estheticians who care about helping you look and feel your best. At Massage Envy's three area franchised locations, it is our mission to help you take care of you.

Massage Envy

North Arlington: 1805 N. Collins St. • 817-402-3232 Grand Prairie: 5232 S. State Hwy. 360, Suite 610 • 817-303-3689 Mansfield: 1497 Hwy. 287 North • 817-453-3689 • locations.massageenvy.com/texas

The Levitt Pavilion

Winner: Place for Live Music

Pretty much every year this category belongs to the Levitt Pavilion, and with good cause: The Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts in Arlington provides more than 50 free concerts a year with a broadbased concert calendar of original music by professional musical artists



from world music to jazz and country to Indie artists.

The Levitt Pavilion's concerts provide our community with an accessible, safe gathering place for free music and performing arts open to everyone - all ages,

ethnicities, neighborhoods and income levels, especially those who could not afford to enjoy and benefit from live music and the performing arts in any other way. Last year, 73,265 people attended Levitt shows.

As noted in detail in a story later in this issue, the Levitt just added a new hospitality center and permanent restrooms, which should make the concerts - and other events the center will surely attract - even more enjoyable in the future.

The Levitt Pavilion

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