



IN AUGUST'S ALL STAR EDITION we learned what our readers like. Here, we offer our editorial nods in more than six dozen categories (along with a close look at some of the winners).

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SPA

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LASIK

Kleiman Evangelista Eye Centers of Texas

Kleiman Evangelista Eye Centers of Texas have been improving Texan's lives through better vision and patient centered experiences for 38 years. Kleiman Evangelista Eye Centers of Texas provide comprehensive, individualized eye care from a team of highly trained and experienced surgeons utilizing the most advanced technology and techniques to meet our patient's eyecare and lifestyle needs.

Kleiman Evangelista Eye Centers of Texas offer a wide range of surgical and non-surgical services including cataract surgery with advanced technology lenses to offer clear vision at near-, mid- and distance ranges; vision correction procedures including LASIK, PRK, Visian ICL, and Clear Lens Exchange, and the treatment of medical eye conditions including glaucoma, diabetic eyecare, and corneal and retinal conditions.

Kleiman Evangelista also offers medical and aesthetic surgical and non-surgical oculoplastic treatments blepharoplasty, ptosis repair, and non-laser aesthetic treatments.

At Kleiman Evangelista Eye Centers of Texas, we have teams of doctors, both ophthalmologists and optometrists, who work together to provide holistic care for your eyes.

The surgical team at Kleiman Evangelista has four decades of combined experience in ophthalmology and includes Kelly Frasier, MD; Moulaye Haidara, MD; Ashish Singh, MD; and Sahmon Chinichian, DO.



ABOUT THE KLEIMAN EVANGELISTA TEAM

- **Dr. Kelly Frasier** serves as Kleiman Evangelista's Medical Director. A board-certified refractive surgeon, Dr. Frasier specializes in LASIK and laser vision correction surgery, cataract surgery, and both traditional and surgical glaucoma treatments.
- **Dr. Moulaye Haidara** is a board-certified refractive surgeon, specializing in cataract, glaucoma, and vision correction surgery, including LASIK.
- **Dr. Ashish Singh** specializes in cataract and refractive surgery, including laser assisted cataract surgery and LASIK, as well as traditional and surgical glaucoma treatments.
- **Dr. Sahmon Chinichian** specializes in cataract and vision correction surgery, including LASIK and minimally invasive glaucoma surgery (MIGS).

We believe you shouldn't compromise when it comes to your eyes and we won't either

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Kos/Danchak Audiology & Hearing Aids

An Editor's Choice winner for the second consecutive year, Kos/Danchak Audiology & Hearing Aids has been virtually unmatched in achieving its honorable mission of "helping people hear better" – *for more than three and a half decades.*

We italicize the latter part of that sentence, because it underscores just how consistently important the team at Kos/Danchak Audiology & Hearing Aids has been to its patients and to the community since its inception in 1985.

"There are not many audiology practices in the North Texas area that can say they've been helping people hear better for over 35 years," says Dr. Melissa Danchak, owner

of the practice. "We believe that the hearing health care experience is about making folks feel confident in their decision to address their hearing health care needs first and foremost. We believe our patients feel confident in the services we provide – they know we are walking with them on their journey to better hearing!"

Dr. Danchak began working at Kos/Danchak Audiology in 1997 and purchased the practice five years later. With more than 23 years of experience helping those with hearing challenges in the Arlington and surrounding communities, Dr. Danchak's passion for providing unparalleled care and service for her patients is on full display with the hundreds of online reviews they have been sharing for years.

While her formal education gave her the book knowledge needed to become an audiologist, Dr. Danchak certainly believes that learning is a lifelong process.

"Like any small business, we experience change, adversity, success, and a whole host of other 'stuff' on a regular basis," she says. "We try to learn, every day. We evaluate how we help people, and we try to make the hearing health care experience better for the people that we meet with each day. Our goal is for each person



to have a better experience with us every time they visit. The fact that we have thousands of patients that have been trusting us with their hearing needs for 10 and 15 years tells us that we are doing a good job of providing a positive experience for our patients."

Dr. Danchak and her team live by a fairly simple (professional) philosophy: Do our absolute best to serve our patients and fellow employees to the best of our ability; continue to learn and grow, every day, so that we can accomplish that in the best way possible!

"We make a difference in people's lives," she says. "We see it on their faces when they hear and understand clearly what a loved one is saying. We see it when a spouse or child experiences the feeling of being able to communicate again without raising their voice or repeating themselves. Patients and their families share with us that their investment in better hearing, and us, has changed their lives. It's not always easy for people to admit that they have hearing loss or that they need hearing aids. We know we make a difference in people's lives because so many of the new patients we meet each day are referrals from current patients that we have been helping for years! It doesn't get any better than that."



Kos/Danchak Audiology & Hearing Aids

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FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Jack Webb, CRPC® - Edward Jones Investments

Jack's team of 3 here in Arlington has over 30 years of experience. Their office was awarded the Veteran Owned Business of the Year on October 13th at the Greater Arlington Chamber's State of the City event. Jack's served in the U.S. Army as a T.O.W. missile squad leader and gunner. After his unit was decommissioned in 1992 he became an artillery crew member on the 155MM Howitzer. Through the G.I. Bill he completed his education at Oklahoma State University and has executive level experience in corporate America. Tracy is a limited partner with Edward Jones and moved from St. Louis to serve as a Branch Office Administer here in Arlington. Ellen was an executive with JC Penny and in retirement works at the Edward Jones office with Tracy to help further serve client needs.

Their focus is centered around client financial goals and objectives. Jack explains that "We have clients who focus on legacy wealth building through tax efficient strategies. We have clients who want faith-based investments only. We

have clients who simply want to have financial peace in their retirement. Some want all in their strategy. Our goal is to help our

"Our goal is to help our clients save so they can live and live because they saved."

clients save so they can live and live because they saved."

Their office serves individuals and organizations that are looking for long-term financial advice. They have non-profit organizations that in-trust them with their foundation funds and companies that want to provide 401k services to their employees. Their office in Arlington has a market that is spread across 24 states where they are currently registered to provide fiduciary financial services, investment services, and life insurance products.

Their office team and business support many civic and not-for-profit organizations here in North Texas through volunteer hours, monetary donations, and board participation. Jack, Tracy, and Ellen all participate and contribute in many ways. Their team contributes more than one thousand volunteer hours a year. Jack is currently serving in leadership positions as a board member for Leadership Arlington, Chair for the Veterans Business Council at the Chamber, and the Chaplain for VFW Post 8561 in Arlington. Jack is currently going through Leadership North Texas. When asked why he said "I want to be another voice for Arlington within the North Texas region."



Along with their local accolades of receiving the Arlington Today's Editor's Choice Award this year and in 2020 their office received the Arlington Today's Reader's Choice award in 2021. The partnership with Edward Jones has recognized them for various production, training, and milestone awards. They have received the Ted Jones Prospecting Award, the Ted Jones Entrepreneurial Award, the Zeke McIntyre Pioneer Award, five Talent Acquisition Awards, the Century Award, three Eagle Awards, two Edward D. Jones Sr. Founders Achievement Awards, the Field Trainer Award, and most recently their second Top 25% CSE Award for client service excellence. Tracy has received the Ted Jones Spirit of Caring Award. Jack has received several community awards like the Honda Helpers Award, the Cross and Flame award for Scouting service, and the Northeast Leadership Forum Achievement in Leadership from Tarrant County Judge, Glenn Whitley.

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ALLERGIST

Cure Allergy Clinic

Cure Allergy Clinic in Arlington is one of DFW's top Allergy clinics. We focus on the treatment of allergy-related concerns, including sinus issues, runny noses, sneezes, wheezes, hives, eczema, and food allergies!

Cure Allergy Clinic is unique because we focus on immunotherapy, or the process of retraining the immune system to decrease allergy symptoms, and possibly throw allergies into remission.

This allows individuals to get off chronic medications, feel better, and live healthier lives.

We treat allergy-related conditions for all age groups, from infants to older adults.

Patients choose Cure Allergy Clinic due to our expertise in allergy treatments, as well as our exceptional patient

service. Dr. M. Waseem Imam, our Chief Medical Officer, is board certified in Pediatric and Adult Allergy, Asthma, Immunology, as well as Internal Medicine. He serves as an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Medicine at University of North Texas HSC. Dr. Imam is a Fellow at the American College of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology, and serves on its Food Allergy Committee.

We are proud to be a teaching site for Internal Medicine residents and medical students at our Arlington location. Cure Allergy Clinic is specialized in allergies, which is why we are experts in the specialty.

Conditions we treat include asthma, food allergies, GI issues due to allergies, sinus issues, allergic rashes or hives, pet allergies, eczema, and more.

Cure Allergy Clinic

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CUSTOMER SERVICE

Wade Funeral Home

An Editor's Choice winner for the second consecutive year, Wade Funeral Home has years of experience combined with a highly professional, compassionate family and staff that have comforted area residents for the past 18 years.

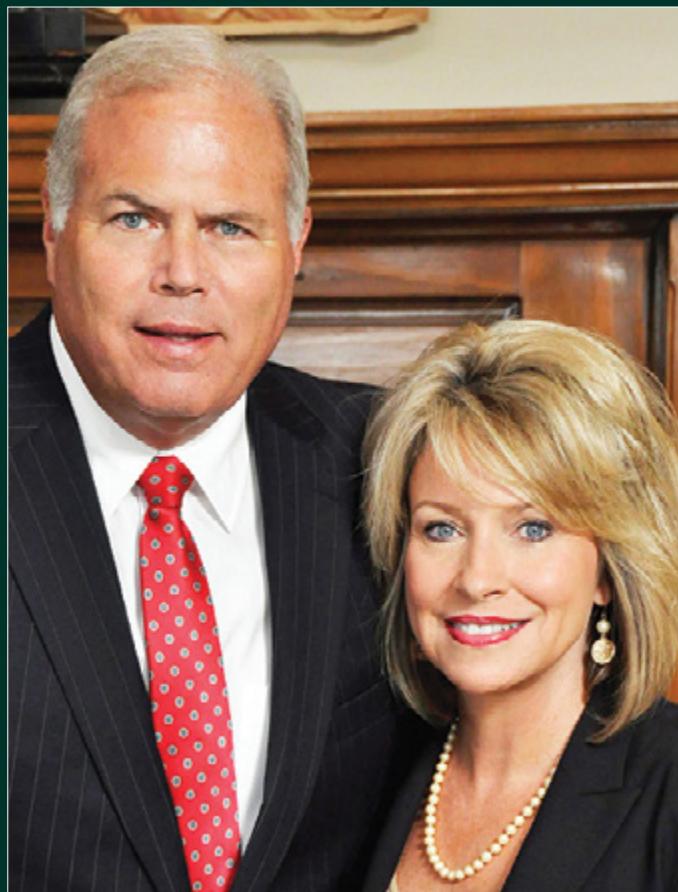
Mike and Amy Wade purchased Wade Funeral Home in Hubbard, Texas in 1985, and built Wade Family Funeral Home in 2003. Mike is owner and funeral director in charge and works along side his son, Blake Wade and daughter, Keely Gillham; both funeral directors.

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, National Funeral Directors Association, and Toy Train Collector's Association.

Amy is the marketing director for Wade Funeral Home. She is very active with the community, serving 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.

For more: wadefamilyfuneralhome.com



REAL ESTATE

Ebby Halliday Realtors

For more than 75 years Ebby Halliday Realtors has served the real estate needs of North Texans and those relocating to the region. That rich heritage, as well as the manner in which the company takes care of its customers, makes Ebby Halliday special – as in Editor's Choice winner special.

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. "As we think about what Ebby Halliday has accomplished, we acknowledge this fact with a spirit of gratitude."

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

The company has offices in Arlington and Mansfield to help buyers and sellers across North Texas realize their residential real estate goals.

For more: ebby.com



APPLIANCES

Texas Appliance

When it comes to amenities for the home and yard, Texas Appliance is virtually without peer in this area.

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

The 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.

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. Its experienced staff of contract sales representatives 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.

For more: txappliance.com



FURNITURE

Ivan Smith Furniture

If you're in the market for furniture – any kind and all kinds of furniture – we strongly suggest that you check out Ivan Smith Furniture in Mansfield.

Conveniently located at 451 N. US Hwy 287, Ivan Smith Furniture offers well known brand names like Mayo, Hooker, Flexsteel, Craftmaster, Bernhardt, Klaussner, Riverside, Stanley, and more – giving you the big city selection while offering hometown service. Company products feature designs and pieces in contemporary styles and textures to add depth and detail to your space. Completely customizable options for upholstered sofas and chairs, power recliners, and sofas are available so that you can special order the piece that you've dreamed of enjoying in your home for many years to come.

Ivan Smith Furniture has living room furniture selections that include love seats, recliners, and complete sofa sets. In terms of dining room furniture, the company sells dining tables and dinette sets, as well as stylish home bar furniture. It also has an extensive collection of bedroom furniture for adults and children including durable bed sets and mattresses. In addition, Ivan Smith's stellar staff sells office furniture, entertainment centers, elegant home accents, and even appliances.

For more: ivansmith.com



EMERGENCY ROOM

Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital

A three-time Editor's Choice winner, Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital offers full emergency services in an exemplary and award-winning fashion.

The emergency department is staffed by independent, full-time physicians who are board certified in emergency medicine and by nurses certified in emergency care and advanced life support. Many Texas Health Arlington Memorial nurses have also earned the title of Certified Emergency Nurse and have completed the Trauma/Nurse Core Curriculum, as well as training in Pediatric Advanced Life Support. Emergency physicians on the medical staff at Texas Health Arlington Memorial and the nurses and technicians all participate in ongoing continuing education programs to keep abreast of current trends and developments in emergency care.

Five years ago, the hospital began an innovative outreach program in collaboration with the Arlington Fire Department to help hundreds of patients with chronic conditions avoid emergency room visits.

For more: texashealth.org/arlington



HOSPITAL

Methodist Mansfield Medical Center

Methodist Mansfield Medical Center, a 262-bed acute care hospital, has served the community for more than 14 years while it continues to expand to meet patients' needs.

At the Breast Center at Methodist Mansfield a multidisciplinary team of specialists offers breast imaging services, women's health services, bone density scans, and pelvic health therapy – all under one roof. To enhance care for its smallest patients, an \$8.7 million Neonatal Intensive Care Unit expansion opened two years ago, 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.

For more: methodisthealthsystem.org/methodist-mansfield-medical-center



OB/GYN

Women's Health Services

For the third straight year, we present an Editor's Choice award to Dr. Joan Bergstrom, founder of Women's Health Services – and to her team of dedicated physicians taking care of women's health needs in the North Texas area.

Dr. Bergstrom has come about her success by establishing a unique rapport with each patient over a span of more than three decades, during which she has delivered more than 4,000 local babies.

"The ability to develop relationships with patients that last through decades of life is a very special opportunity," she says. "Every day I get to go to work and meet new patients and continue relationships with established patients."

The Women's Health Services team also includes Drs. Jessica Brown, Joy Carter, Maya Kuriakosi, Kiran Nangrani, Dawnnette K. Peppler and Sheri Puffer. Collectively, they and their support staff strive to provide excellent patient service, and the practice was one of the first in the area to implement on-line flexible appointment scheduling.

Women's Health Services features two offices in Arlington to offer convenient and compassionate care to patients all over the city and Arlington area.

For more: womenshealthservices.com



ONCOLOGIST

Texas Oncology

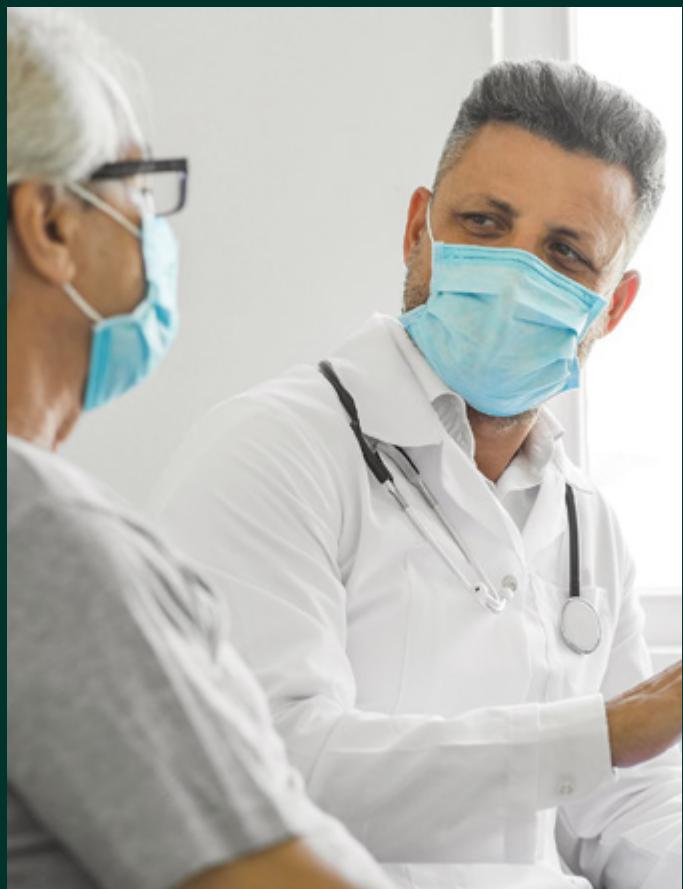
Texas Oncology earned this year's Editor's Choice award by being a practice that delivers high-quality, high-touch care to help patients achieve the practice's mission of "More breakthroughs. More victories."® in their fight against cancer.

Texas Oncology is an independent, physician-led practice delivering leading-edge technology and treatment options and conducting innovative research. Founders of the practice pioneered community-based care to enable more cancer patients to receive high-quality care while staying close to the critical support of family and friends.

The team of physicians, nurses and support staff at Texas Oncology helps patients receive comprehensive treatment, advanced treatment options, and clinical trials, all under one roof at practice locations in both Arlington and Mansfield.

Texas Oncology uses evidenced-based best practices to guide patient treatment across its network in a program known as Pathways. These guidelines, based on evidence, direct treatment to clinically proven options that optimize outcomes and minimize side effects. Health information technology gives doctors electronic access to these guidelines and other decision-support resources at the point of care.

For more: texasoncology.com



PHARMACY

Randol Mill Pharmacy

We're quite partial to local entities with staying power, so it's worth noting that Randol Mill Pharmacy has been an area favorite for more than five decades.

Since its genesis in 1965, several generations of talented team members have been striving to provide the friendliest, most professional and efficient pharmacy service in town.

Five words embrace the Randol Mill Pharmacy team's philosophy, highlighted in the company's "5-C's": Care, Convenience, Cost-effectiveness, Confidentiality and Communication.

Randol Mill Pharmacy is one of the area's premier resources for prescription medications, over the counter (OTC) medications, flu shots, shingles shots, pneumonia shots, tetanus shots and compounding (where you are not bound by commercial medications, but can have medications in the strengths and dosages that fit your particular needs).

The pharmacy accepts most insurance plans, provides complementary local delivery for your convenience and features 6,000 square feet of shopping space stocked with a full range of medical equipment, as well as unique upscale gifts, greeting cards, seasonal gifts and candies.

For more: randolmillpharmacy.com

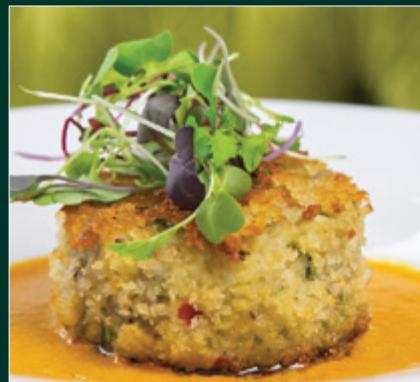


FINE DINING

Mercury Chophouse

You know the best-in-town view. You know the delicious cuisine. You know the impeccable service. And now you know why, for the third straight year, Mercury Chophouse has earned an Editors' Choice award. 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 selections, Mercury Chophouse has drawn in the happy hour crowd, as well. Add it all up, and the sum is literally an award winner.

For more: mercurychophouse.com



GAME DAY MEAL

No Frills Grill & Sports Bar

Sports fans (and editors who love sports) revel in the notion that No Frills Grill features televisions everywhere you look that spotlight the fare of the NFL Sunday Ticket, NBA League Pass, ESPN Game Plan, NHL Center Ice, and MLB Extra Innings. Then there is one of the more diverse menus you will find. With American Pub food to Tex-Mex and many Seafood entrees, the popular eatery makes sure you can always discover something new to eat, from great chicken sandwiches or light and tasty salads to an array of tasty appetizers. You can also play pool or the latest in video games as you enjoy your game-day experience.

For more: nofrillsarlington.com



PLACE TO MEET

Grounds & Gold Coffee Co.

Grunds & Gold Coffee Co. has always been about community, so it's only fitting that the cafe would be our choice as the place to meet. It started with Gold Ribbon Confections, a bakery founded in honor of owner Maurice Ahern's son, Micah, who died in 2015 after a six-year battle with cancer. Since Gold Ribbon was founded, Maurice dreamed of expanding the bakery to a brick and mortar, café-style location that would focus on benefiting the community. Maurice partnered with family members Jenifer and Jimmy Kinley to create Grounds & Gold, a community café that proudly serves Gold Ribbon Confections' baked goods and some of the best coffee in the area.

For more: groundsandgold.com



BURGER

J. Gilligan's Bar & Grill

For more than 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 keep selecting it as an All Star and we keep lauding it in our annual Editor's Choice issue. We'll say it right now: We love J. Gilligan's burgers (and everything else on the menu). But we also need to note that 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 ... and, in the end, J. Gilligan's is the real winner.

For more: jgilligans.com



ATTORNEY

Jim Ross Law Group, PC

Jim Ross, founder of the acclaimed firm, Jim Ross Law Group, PC - and Arlington's newest Mayor - has another accolade to add to his list of accomplishments: He's an Editor's Choice winner for the second straight year. The former Marine, Arlington policeman and Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) task force officer heads 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. We agree.

For more: jimrosslaw.com



ATTORNEY - ELDER LAW

Karen Schroeder

Our Editor's Choice in the category of Elder Law, 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. At her practice in Mansfield she 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.

For more: karenschroederlaw.com



ATTORNEY - FAMILY LAW

Donna J. Smiedt

Four-time All Star Donna J. Smiedt, founder of The Family Law Firm of Donna J. Smiedt, is now also an Editor's Choice winner - and with good cause. Smiedt has earned a stellar reputation for her dedication to serving her clients during challenging times involving the prospect of divorce. Smiedt is a Board Certified Family Law Attorney - Texas Board of Legal Specialization who has received extensive training - and earned many honors for her work - in this area. 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.

For more: arlingtondivorces.com



ATTORNEY - PERSONAL INJURY

Roger "Rocky" Walton

Accolades of this type are nothing new to Rocky Walton, an icon in local legal circles. The founder of the Law Firm of Roger "Rocky" Walton has been serving the Arlington community since 1975 and is a consistent *Arlington Today* Readers' Choice All Star. In 1987 Walton's firm began handling nothing but personal injury and wrongful death claims. In 1994, after a lot of hard work, Walton 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.

For more: rockywaltoninjurylawyers.com



ATTORNEY - REAL ESTATE

Harris Cook, LLP

David L. Cook, who in recent years has won elections for Mayor and State Representative, adds another victory with our nod to his law firm, Harris Cook, LLP. But that's not surprising; the firm has built a reputation for professionalism and effectiveness in a wide range of legal matters. The practice features a highly-skilled team composed of Cook, Patrick L. Dooley, Paul J. Johnson, Larry L. Fowler, Jr., Cynthia L. Hill, Lin Morrisett, Marc A. Stach, Arin K. Schall and Wesly C. Maness. Harris Cook is an AV Rated Firm, which represents the Gold Standard in attorney ratings, and features a wide depth of experience and talent across multiple practice areas.

For more: harriscooklaw.com



ATTORNEY - DIVORCE

Stephanie A. Foster

Stephanie Foster has earned our nod this year because of 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. 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. And we applaud her for that.

For more: StephanieFosterLawyer.com



ROOFING

Frazier Roofs & Gutters

Fbecause of its quality service – over more than four decades, no less – Frazier Roofs & Gutters and owner Rich Frazier are our pick for the Roofing Category Editor's Choice award this year. The company provides fair services at competitive prices, and goes the extra mile to take care of its customers by offering free estimates and working with top manufacturers and all types of roofing. Frazier and the company specialize in asphalt shingles, stone coated steel, modified bitumen roofing, and pretty much any other residential or commercial roofing material you may have on your roof – all in the quest to fit any type of budget.

For more: frazierservices.com



BUILDER

Mansfield Custom Homes

Mansfield Custom Homes proudly notes that it "builds dreams from the ground up." Based on the fact that the company has won both Readers' Choice and Editor's Choice awards in back-to-back years, the company obviously also meets its customers' expectations. "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." Team owner Stoney Short works with each customer during every step of the process, and the design team, real estate team and the construction team collaborate to ensure your satisfaction.

For more: mchtexas.com



FINANCIAL SERVICES

Frost Bank

In addition to back-to-back Editor's Choice nods, Frost Bank has been named an *Arlington Today* Readers' Choice All Star each of the past five years. So it's easy to see why it finds itself in yet another winner's circle. Founded in 1868, Frost provides a full range of banking, investments and insurance services across Texas. With a philosophy that emphasizes building long-term relationships and treating everyone with integrity, caring and excellence, Frost Bank has earned numerous awards for customer service to consumers and businesses, and it is one of the more locally philanthropic financial institutions in the area.

For more: frostbank.com



FLOORING

Hiltons Flooring

Hiltons Flooring is an ideal one-stop showroom for practically any floor-covering need. Since 2013, Hiltons Flooring has been passionately serving customers as an accredited business with an A+ Rating from the Better Business Bureau. The team at Hiltons Flooring is devoted to providing the best and largest selection of carpet, hardwood, laminate vinyl, tile and stone in a friendly, comfortable and helpful atmosphere. Hiltons carries most name brands of flooring and also granite, marble, quartz and quartzite counter tops, backsplash and showers, making it the ideal place to shop for practically any home improvement project.

For more: hiltonsflooring.com



SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

Gracie Lane

For the second year in a row, we think the "go to" destination in Arlington for items both fun and functional is Gracie Lane. Since opening in 2014, Gracie Lane has rapidly become recognized as the Arlington area's premier destination for clothing, jewelry, home decor, gifts and more. Manager Mary Macken says the real key to Gracie Lane's success, though, is the relationships she and the Gracie Lane team of friendly, enthusiastic staffers build: "I believe our philosophy of treating every person that walks through our doors as a family member really resonates with our customers." She'll get no argument here. In fact, she'll get a nice plaque noting the greatness of her company. For more: gracielanecollection.com



ANTIQUES

C&W Antiques

When it comes to antiques, C&W Antiques is in a class by itself in this region. Its showroom features unique, rare and interesting furniture and accessories not found at most stores stateside. Co-proprietors Jim Carpenter and Patrick Walsh routinely create an inviting ambiance with fragrant Market candles, music and vignettes of old-world rooms that stimulate the senses. 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.

For more: candwantiques.com



GIFTS

Anything Goes

In 2012, Mary Davis' dream of creating an eclectic gift shop became a reality when Anything Goes opened its doors at 2504 W. Park Row in Pantego. Over the past nine years, 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. We wholeheartedly agree and equally wholeheartedly recommend you pay Mary and Co. a visit soon.

For more: anythinggoesgiftshop.com



CHIROPRACTIC CARE/WELLNESS

Dr. Kenyon Godwin

Dr. Kenyon Godwin, who recently moved his practice to the Curis Functional Health team, has earned Editors' Choice honors for the third straight year. The practice, which now has two offices, is based on a simple philosophy Dr. Godwin has embraced since he started in Arlington 11 years ago. "We believe people should have the freedom to pursue their purpose without limitations!" Dr. Godwin says. "We offer an effective lifestyle modification program utilizing Functional Medicine." This program incorporates the best of wellness, from Chiropractic to Nutrition, Comprehensive labs, Meditation/Prayer and more.

For more: gocuris.com



FAMILY DENTISTRY

Dr. Jackilyn Dang

Great dentists bring smiles to the faces of their patients, and for nearly a decade, Dr. Jackilyn Dang has been making people smile all over the Metroplex. Since opening her initial local practice, Great Oak Dental, Dr. Dang has provided state-of-the-art dental care to Arlington-area patients - so much so that she opened a second practice, Legacy Park Dental. At both locations she and her staff provide the utmost care in blending compassion and expertise as part of each patient's customized treatment plan. "It's important for our patients to be fully educated about their dental options," Dr. Dang says. "We always put the patient first."

For more: greatoakdental.com or legacyparkdental.com



PET CULINARY CARE

Three Dog Bakery

Three Dog Bakery's trip to the Editor's Choice winners' circle began in 1989, when three dogs, two guys and one \$0.59 biscuit cutter created the world's first bakery for dogs. The revolutionary idea - 100% natural, wholesome, human-quality ingredients - gave pet owners a new option in healthy feeding. Today, the Arlington and Mansfield locations represent an inviting and exciting resource for pets and the people that treasure them. Customers enjoy the pleasant aroma of fresh-baked pastries, treats and food for dogs in a comfortable setting, where Three Dog Bakery feeds the souls of dogs and the people that love them.

For more: threedog.com



SKIN CARE

Great Skin Spa & Facial Club

Great Skin Spa & Facial Club owner Brenda Cureton Hunt began her career in the beauty business as the first U.S. franchisee of Canadian-based FACES Cosmetics. She developed Great Skin Spa & Facial Club in Arlington more than a decade ago, and the company has continued to grow and gain notoriety as an exceptional day spa and skin care provider. Great Skin specializes in dozens of skin treatment protocols and instant slimming and body contouring procedures. Through its Facial Club, Cureton Hunt and her team make it affordable for clients to care for their skin in the spa and at home.

For more: greatskin4you.com



GOLF COURSE

Texas Rangers Golf Club

Since opening in 2019, Texas Rangers Golf Club has become a mecca for local players. And why not? The fairways are broad and playable, and the greens are large and golfer friendly. The overall scale of the course is "Texas Big," and the 111,000 square feet of sand bunkers frame each hole nicely. Texas Rangers Golf Club stretches to 7,010 yards for low-handicap golfers and potential collegiate events, and features four sets of tees to ensure a great playing experience for golfers of all ability levels. A large driving range, coupled with an expansive practice putting green and short-game facility, make Texas Rangers Golf Club a great place for all golfers.

For more: arlingtongolf.com/texas-rangers-golf-club



DATE NIGHT, SPA

The Sanford House

As was the case in August's Readers' Choice balloting, where The Sanford House earned All Star status in six categories, our editorial voters hold the local treasure in high esteem. Whether you're talking the luxurious amenities in one of the region's premier inns, Restaurant506's exquisite menu and ever-courteous staff, the "made for a perfect wedding" courtyard or the gold standard of spas, The Sanford House is worthy of every honor it receives - and it certainly is the stuff Editor's Choice awards are about. If you haven't paid a visit - or if it has been a while since you dedicated a weekend to treating yourself well - we highly recommend that you amend that situation, pronto.

For more: thesanfordhouse.com



BOUTIQUE

Ashlaroo's

Earning a second straight Editors' Choice nod less than three years after it opened for business shows just how quickly Ashlaroo's has become a local shopping hot spot. Ashlaroo's started as a dream by Arlington native Ashley Barling, who founded the company based on her love for fashion and her passion to create joy in the people around her. Ashlaroo's carries women's and juniors' clothing, accessories, gifts and more. Barling came up with the name based on a nickname her family gave her during her childhood. In addition to her business acumen, Barling also engages in her community through many endeavors, which is even more confirmation that this is a special store.

For more: ashlaroos.com



HAIR SALON

Maren Karsen Aveda Salon

An Editor's Choice for the second straight year, Maren Karsen Aveda Salon & Store is a full-service hair salon and Aveda Experience Center located in the heart of Downtown Arlington in the beautiful Vandergriff Town Center. Aveda is an industry leader in haircare, skincare, body products and cosmetics. That is why Maren Karsen carries only Aveda products and uses only the Aveda hair color line. Whether you visit for a professional haircut, highlights, color or just your favorite styling product, Maren Karsen Salon is ready to deliver by offering evening and Saturday appointments, in addition to serving the "9 to 5" crowd.

For more: marenkarsen.com



DANCE STUDIO

Miss Persis Studio

With a rich history and a legacy of dance excellence that extends all the way to Broadway, Miss Persis Studio is one of the city's treasures. Founded in 1954 by the late Persis Forster and now led by her daughter Persis Ann Forster, the studio features teachers and staff members who are highly professional and dedicated to helping children, young adults and "not so young" adults receive a dance education. Many alums have gone on to perform in community theatre and even under the lights in New York, but the dance and life training at Miss Persis Studio has been invaluable to literally thousands of Arlington residents over the years.

For more: misspersisstudio.com

