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Lake independent living, Mendelson Home assisted living, Clausen Manor for those with dementia and Alzheimer's, and Lourdes Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center for long- and short-term care.

Lourdes Senior Community has a long history of quality healthcare and programs, stretching generations of families.

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Lourdes Senior Community offers comfortable care that meets the physical, spiritual and psychological needs of its residents.

cal, spiritual and psychological needs of its residents. Combined with state-of-the-art amenities and educational programs, Lourdes legacy is a community that is a great place to call home.

Lourdes Senior Community is located in Waterford, Michigan and serves the greater Detroit area. For more information call 248-673-1720 today.



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Lourdes Senior Community, a nonprofit continuing care retirement community, placed first for the Best Senior Living Community in Oakland County.

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Winners list

2017 Oakland Press Best of the Best

FOOD & DRINK**Best American Restaurant**

- 1 Black Rock Bar & Grill
- 2 Dave & Amy's
- 3 Honest To Goodness

Best Atmosphere

- 1 Black Rock Bar & Grill
- 2 Honest To Goodness
- 3 Mexico Lindo

Best Bakery

- 1 Pete's Oven Bakery
- 2 Ellens Bakery Cafe
- 3 Sweet & Savory Bake Shop Inc.

Best BBQ

- 1 Bad Brad's BBQ
- 2 Yardbird Smoked Meats
- 3 Lockharts BBQ

Best Breakfast

- 1 Honest To Goodness
- 2 Bryan's Neighborhood Coney
- 3 Ellens Bakery Cafe

Best Buffet

- 1 Fountains Golf Banquet
- 2 Golden Corral
- 3 Golden Buffet

Best Catering

- 1 Black Rock Bar & Grill
- 2 Gregg's Gourmet Cafe
- 3 Mexico Lindo

Best Chinese Restaurant

- 1 China Jade
- 2 Carrie Lees
- 3 Wing Lauk



PHOTO COURTESY OF WING LAUK

Almond Chicken dish from Wing Lauk, winners of third place spot for Best Chinese Restaurant.

Best Coney

- 1 Pete's Coney Island
- 2 Leo's Coney
- 3 Jerry's Coney

Best Donut/Bagel Shop

- 1 Pete's Oven Bakery
- 2 Mannies Bagel & Delicatessen

- 3 Dunkin Donuts

Best Drink Specials

- 1 Black Rock Bar & Grill
- 2 Sagebrush Cantina
- 3 Mexico Lindo

Best Family Restaurant

- 1 Black Rock Bar & Grill
- 2 Honest To Goodness
- 3 Mexico Lindo

Best Greek Restaurant

- 1 Anita's Kitchen
- 2 Leo's Coney
- 3 Greek Jalapeno

Best Happy Hour

- 1 Black Rock Bar & Grill
- 2 Overtime Grill & Tap Room

- 3 Mexico Lindo

Best Ice Cream

- 1 Cook's Farm Dairy
- 2 Coldstone Creamery
- 3 Ray's Ice Cream

Best Italian Restaurant

- 1 Italia Garden Restaurant
- 2 Johnny Carino's
- 3 Gino's Pizzeria & Restaurant

Best Japanese Restaurant

- 1 Sagano's Japanese Bistro
- 2 Benihana
- 3 Miyakos Japanese Steak & Seafood

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BEST SENIOR LIVING

Award-winning senior living

The choice is simple. Choose Bellbrook for award-winning senior living. Thank you to all those who nominated us! Not only were we voted "Best of the Best" by readers of the Oakland Press, we're also consistently awarded high satisfaction scores by our residents and family members. Our Five-Star Rating from Medicare.gov - Nursing Home Compare signifies our commitment to quality care for the past 29 years!

When you choose Bellbrook, you have the confidence of knowing that when your needs change, your home doesn't have to!

When you choose Bellbrook, you have the confidence of knowing that when your needs change, your home doesn't have to! Our Life Plan Community campus includes Independent Living and Assisted Living apartments, Memory Care neighborhoods,

Nursing Care and Rehabilitation. It's not bricks and mortar that make-up a senior living community, is the commitment to quality care for our residents, family and staff that matters most.

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Living at Bellbrook, you'll enjoy the benefit of a seasoned team of experts who develop rela-

tionships with our residents to provide consistent quality care. Two of the first people hired at Bellbrook actually still work here today! That's a testament to how great it is to live and work at Bellbrook. Thank you, Margaret Moulis and Colleen Cleveland for your outstanding commitment to our residents.

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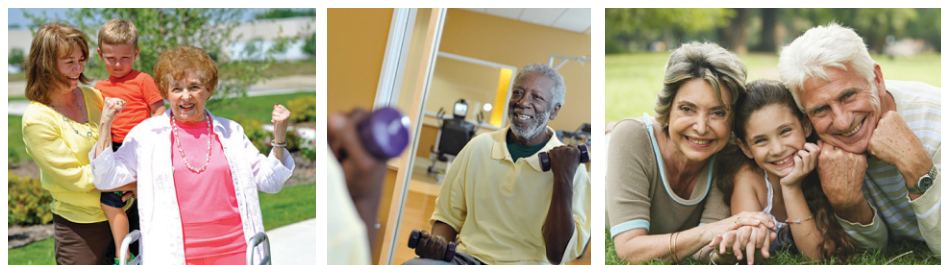
Call 248-656-6304 for a tour and free lunch to sample our food that so many call "the best"! You'll experience our fresh food philosophy and get a taste of what it's like to live at our award-winning senior community! For more information, visit BellbrookRochesterHills.org.



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Winners

FROM PAGE 3

Best Mexican Restaurant

- 1 Mexico Lindo
- 2 Plaza Garibaidi
- 3 Sagebrush Cantina

Best Middle Eastern/Lebanese Restaurant

- 1 Loya Organic Middle Eastern
- 2 La Marsa
- 3 Cedar Grille

Best New Restaurant

- 1 Honcho
- 2 Honest to Goodness
- 3 Hilltop Brewery

Best Pizza

- 1 Jet's Pizza



PHOTO COURTESY OF MEXICO LINDO

Mexico Lindo placed first in the Best Mexican Restaurant category.

- 2 Buddy's Pizza
- 3 Calabrese's Pizzeria

Best Place for a Romantic Dinner

- 1 Black Rock Bar & Grill
- 2 Victoria's Delight's
- 3 Melting Pot

Best Place for Fish & Chips

- 1 Oakland County Sportsman Club
- 2 Tilted Kilt
- 3 Whitey's Restaurant

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BEST ANTIQUE SHOP

Unique home décor and gifts

Expect the unexpected when you walk into Digs Consignment at 5880 Dixie Hwy in Clarkston. The shop offers new, unique home décor and gifts along with chalk type furniture paint. Designer handbags, jewelry, pure essential oils and local honey are favorites but the real thrill is in the hunt.

Digs has over 3500 consignors that keep quality furniture, home goods and

curiosities rotating daily. It's not just antiques says owner Gina Leehy, we have things that are brand new and 100 years old. I'm amazed at what goes through our shop!

Digs also host's a monthly Vintage Chic Market. The first weekend each month they open their studio space and offer the goods from over 20 vendors, it's different each month but always great

prices and selection. Digs fresh Vintage is just ½ mile south of the consignment shop at 5433 Dixie in Waterford.

If you are interested in consignment services stop in or look them up online at www.digsconsignment.com and follow on FB / Digs Consignment Studio and FB / Vintage Chic Market. Digs Consignment Studio is open 7 days.

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GREAT STUFF COMING (and going) Daily!

Thank you for your vote in the Best of Best contest!

Winners

FROM PAGE 4

Best Place for Lunch

- 1 Honest to Goodness
- 2 Irish Tavern
- 3 Mexico Lindo

Best Place To Get A Hamburger

- 1 Detroit Burger Bar
- 2 Pontiac Lake Inn
- 3 Union Tap Grill

Best Polish Restaurant

- 1 Lakeside Family Restaurant
- 2 Polish Market
- 3 Royal Diner

Best Restaurant for Kids

- 1 Rainforest Cafe
- 2 Honest To Goodness
- 3 Mexico Lindo

Best Salad Bar

- 1 Ruby Tuesday's
- 2 Dave & Amy's
- 3 Whitey's Restaurant

Best Seafood Restaurant

- 1 Mitchells Fish Market
- 2 Kruse & Muer
- 3 Red Lobster

Best Service

- 1 Black Rock Bar & Grill
- 2 The Root
- 3 Honest To Goodness

Best Sports Bar

- 1 Overtime Grill & Tap Room
- 2 Union Tap
- 3 Buffalo Wild Wings

Best Steakhouse

- 1 Black Rock Bar & Grill
- 2 Lucky's Steak House
- 3 Outback Steak House

Best Sunday Brunch

- 1 Fountains Golf & Banquet
- 2 Honest To Goodness
- 3 The Root Restaurant



PHOTO COURTESY OF HONEST TO GOODNESS

Honest to Goodness placed first in the Best Place for Lunch category.



PHOTO COURTESY OF LAKESIDE FAMILY RESTAURANT

Blintzes from Lakeside Family Restaurant, placing first in the Best Polish Restaurant category.

Best Thai Restaurant

- 1 So Thai
- 2 Hot Pepper Thai
- 3 Sushi & Thai

Best Vegetarian Restaurant

- 1 LA Cafe
- 2 Honest to Goodness
- 3 The Root Restaurant

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Winners

FROM PAGE 5

Friendliest Restaurant

- 1 Black Rock Bar & Grill
- 2 Honest To Goodness
- 3 Mexico Lindo

SHOPPING & SERVICES

Best Antique Shop

- 1 Great Midwest Antique Emporium
- 2 Antiques & Fine Jewelry by Pamela
- 3 Digs Consignment Studio

Best Appliance/Electronic

- 1 ABC Warehouse
- 2 Best Buy
- 3 Sears

Best Auto Dealer Service Department

- 1 Bowman Chevrolet

- 2 Lungammer GMC
- 3 Szott Ford

Best Auto Glass Repair

- 1 Henderson Glass
- 2 Clarkston Glass
- 3 Milford Glass Inc

Best Bank

- 1 Chase Bank
- 2 PNC
- 3 Oxford Bank

Best Barber Shop

- 1 Mooney's Barber Shop
- 2 Village Square Barber Shop
- 3 Lady Jane's Haircuts for Men

Best Bedroom Furniture

- 1 House of Bedrooms
- 2 Fenton Furniture
- 3 Art Van

Best Bicycle Store

- 1 D&D Bicycle Shop
- 2 Kinetic Systems
- 3 Rochester Bike Shop

Best Boat Dealer

- 1 Wilson Marine
- 2 Bass Pro Shop
- 3 Skiers Pier

Best Bridal Store

- 1 A'dora Belle Bridal
- 2 David's Bridal
- 3 Bella Bridal

Best Butcher

- 1 Marketplace Meats
- 2 Hollywood Markets
- 3 Rudy's Quality Market

Best Candy Store

- 1 Ross Fine Candies
- 2 Godiva Chocolatier
- 3 Doc Sweets' Candy Company LLC

Best Car Dealer

- 1 Bowman Chevrolet
- 2 Golling Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram
- 3 Lunghammer GMC

Best Car Repair Shop

- 1 Six Lakes Service Inc.
- 2 S&L Auto Body & Glass
- 3 Ed Rays Auto Repair

Best Carpet & Flooring Store

- 1 Northern Flooring & Interiors
- 2 Karen's Advance Floors
- 3 Reimer Floors

Best Chiropractor

- 1 Rumph Chiropractic
- 2 Wills Family Chiropractic
- 3 Summit Chiropractic

Best Credit Union

- 1 Genisys Credit Union
- 2 Oakland County Credit Union
- 3 Lakes Community Credit Union

Best Daycare

- 1 Peppermint Patty's Play Place
- 2 Leapin' Lizards
- 3 Wiggles & Giggles

Best Deli

- 1 Marketplace Meats
- 2 Bronx Deli
- 3 Brioni Cafe & Deli



PHOTO COURTESY OF GENISYS CREDIT UNION

Genisys Credit Union placed first in the Best Credit Union and Best Mortgage Lender categories.

Best Dentist

- 1 Gordon Shlom
- 2 Commerce Village Dentists
- 3 Stannard & Studt

Best Dining Room Furniture Store

- 1 Art Van Furniture
- 2 Gardner White

- Furniture
- 3 Fenton Furniture

Best Downtown Shopping District

- 1 Oxford
- 2 Rochester
- 3 Milford

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THANKS MUCH AND ¡MUCHAS GRACIAS!

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Winners

FROM PAGE 6

Best Eye Doctor

- 1 Dr. Wayne Wilde
- 2 Alison Eye Care
- 3 Village Eyecare Co.

Best Financial Advisor

- 1 Genisys Credit Union
- 2 Charles Schaub
- 3 Ameriprise

Best Florist

- 1 Jacobsen's Flowers Inc.
- 2 Bella Florist & Gifts
- 3 Fortino's Flowers & Gifts

Best Furniture Store

- 1 Art Van
- 2 Fenton Furniture
- 3 Gardner White Furniture

Best Gift Shop

- 1 Home Goods
- 2 Davisburg Candle Factory
- 3 Bella Rose Flower

Markets

Best Grocer

- 1 Kroger
- 2 Meijer
- 3 Neiman's

Best Health Club

- 1 Unleashed Fitness
- 2 VIP Fitness LLC
- 3 Anytime Fitness

Best Health Food Store

- 1 Whole Foods
- 2 Lucky Markets
- 3 Better Health Store

Best Heating & Cooling Company

- 1 Kotz Heating & Cooling
- 2 Royal Oak Heating & Cooling
- 3 Family Heating & Cooling

Best Home Improvement Store

- 1 Menards



PHOTO COURTESY OF KOTZ HEATING & COOLING

WINNERS » PAGE 8 Kotz Heating & Cooling placed first in the Best Heating & Cooling Company category.



So Thai restaurant



**First Place Winner
Best Thai Restaurant
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Winners

FROM PAGE 7

- 2 The Home Depot
- 3 Lowes Home Improvement

Best Home Lighting Store

- 1 Pine Tree Lighting
- 2 Ray's Lighting
- 3 Menards

Best Insurance Agency

- 1 AAA
- 2 Farm Bureau
- 3 MEMIC

Best Jeweler

- 1 Waterfall Jewelers
- 2 Jae Jewelers LLC
- 3 Karagosian Jewelers

Best Mall

- 1 Somerset Mall
- 2 Great Lakes Crossing
- 3 Twelve Oaks Mall



Professional Movers placed first in the Best Moving Service category.

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Best Mortgage Lender

- 1 Genisys Credit Union
- 2 Quicken Loans
- 3 Ross Mortgage Corporation

Best Motorcycle Dealer

- 1 ABC Harley Davidson
- 2 Ray C's Extreme Store
- 3 MotorCity Harley

Best Moving Service

- 1 Professional Movers
- 2 2 Men and a Truck
- 3 Changing Places

Best Manicure/Pedicure

- 1 Nails by Tiffany
- 2 Happy Nails
- 3 Villa De Gocchi

Best Massage Therapist

- 1 Eric Hornung
- 2 LaVida Massage
- 3 Sooth Your Soul

Best Mattress Store

- 1 House of Bedrooms
- 2 Art Van
- 3 Sleep Number

Best Men's Clothing Store

- 1 Kohls
- 2 Nordstroms
- 3 Macy's

Best Music Store

- 1 Motor City Guitar
- 2 Evola Music Center
- 3 McCourts Music

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FUNKY MONKEY FOR THE WIN



Funky Monkey Toys is an old-fashioned neighborhood toy store featuring a mix of new and nostalgic toys for kids and kids-at-heart. The store, independently owned by Tom Jones and located at 5 N. Washington Street in Downtown Oxford, is celebrating its seventh year in business.

"We are blown away by the continued support and loyalty of our customers in Oxford and surrounding areas," says Tom Jones. "It's an honor to be recognized as the best in Oakland County and it means the world to us."

Step into this charming shop and be transported back to your childhood, where you'll discover toys, books, novelties, games, and arts and crafts not found in big-box stores. Funky Monkey Toys provides exceptional personal service by knowledgeable staff, birthday registries, random bubbles sightings, and complimentary gift-bag wrap. Their mascot monkey is available for school visits, field trips, and special events.

To learn more, stop in, call 248-572-4828, or go to facebook.com/FunkyMonkeyToysMI, funkymonkeytoysonline.com, or Instagram @funkymonkeytoys.michigan.



Winners

FROM PAGE 8

Best Pet Groomer

- 1 Heaven Scent Doggie Spa & Boutique
- 2 Wag N Whiskers Pet Salon
- 3 Klasy Klips

Best Pet Supplies Store

- 1 Pet Supplies Plus
- 2 Moby Dick Pet Store Inc.
- 3 Petco

Best Pharmacy

- 1 CVS
- 2 Patterson Prescription Pharmacy
- 3 Rite Aid

Best Photographer

- 1 Enchanted Memories Photography
- 2 Selessa Studio Photography
- 3 Scott Lawrence

Photography

Best Plastic Surgeon

- 1 Dr. Kenneth Wolf MD
- 2 Dr. Sheridan
- 3 Dr. Daniel Sherbert MD

Best Plumber

- 1 Kotz/Brinkers
- 2 Affordable quality Plumbing
- 3 AAA Nelson Plumbing Heating Cooling

Best Realtor

- 1 Patti Gilman/Coldwell Banker
- 2 Max Broock Realtors
- 3 Alex Lucido/Lucido Real Estate

Best Resale Store

- 1 Salvation Army
- 2 Plato's closet
- 3 Digs Consignment Studio

Best Salon

- 1 Randolph's Salon
- 2 Level 6 Salon
- 3 Villa De Gocchi

Best Senior Living Community

- 1 Lourdes Senior Community
- 2 Sanctuary at Bellbrook
- 3 Independence Village

Best Spa

- 1 Soothe Your Soul
- 2 Spa on the Lake
- 3 Level 6 Salon

Best Specialty Market

- 1 Marketplace Meats
- 2 Colasanti's Produce & Plants
- 3 Papa Joe's Market

Best Sporting Goods Store

- 1 Bass Pro Shop
- 2 Dunham's Sports
- 3 Dicks Sporting Goods

Best Tool Store

- 1 Harbor Freight Tools
- 2 Lowes Home Improvement
- 3 The Home Depot

Lourdes Senior Community, which includes Lourdes Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center for long- and short-term care, placed first in Best Senior Living Community category.

PHOTO COURTESY OF LOURDES SENIOR COMMUNITY

Best Toy/Hobby Store

- 1 Funky Monkey
- 2 Hobby Lobby
- 3 Doll Hospital & Toy Soldier Store

Best Veterinary Clinic

- 1 Commerce Village Veterinary Hospital
- 2 Union Lake Veterinary Hospital
- 3 Clarkston Animal Clinic

Best Women's Clothing Store

- 1 Nordstroms
- 2 Macy's
- 3 Clothing Cove

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BEST MEXICAN RESTAURANT

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Mexico Lindo ranked first place for Best Mexican Restaurant.



Thank you to all of our loyal customers who voted for us and have supported us over the last 47 years. We sincerely appreciate your business and for making us the Best of the Best.

Thank You for Voting us #1 Mexican Restaurant 8 years in a row



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Winners

FROM PAGE 9

TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT**Best Bowling Alley**

- 1 Waterford Lanes
- 2 Cherry Hill Lanes
- 3 Century Bowl

Best Golf Course

- 1 Fountains Golf & Banquet
- 2 Shepard's Hollow
- 3 Pontiac Municipal Golf Course

Best Michigan Family Destination

- 1 Mackinac Island
- 2 Greenfield Village
- 3 The Henry Ford

Best Michigan Historic Site

- 1 Greenfield Village
- 2 The Henry Ford
- 3 Frankenmuth

Best Michigan Hotel

- 1 Royal Park Hotel
- 2 Grand Hotel
- 3 Holly Hotel

Best Michigan Resort

- 1 Boyne Mountain Resort
- 2 Pine Knob Ski Resort
- 3 Shanty Creek

Best Michigan Vacation Destination

- 1 Mackinac Island
- 2 Frankenmuth
- 3 Traverse City

Best Movie Theater

- 1 MJR Digital Cinema
- 2 Emagine Entertainment
- 3 AMC Theaters

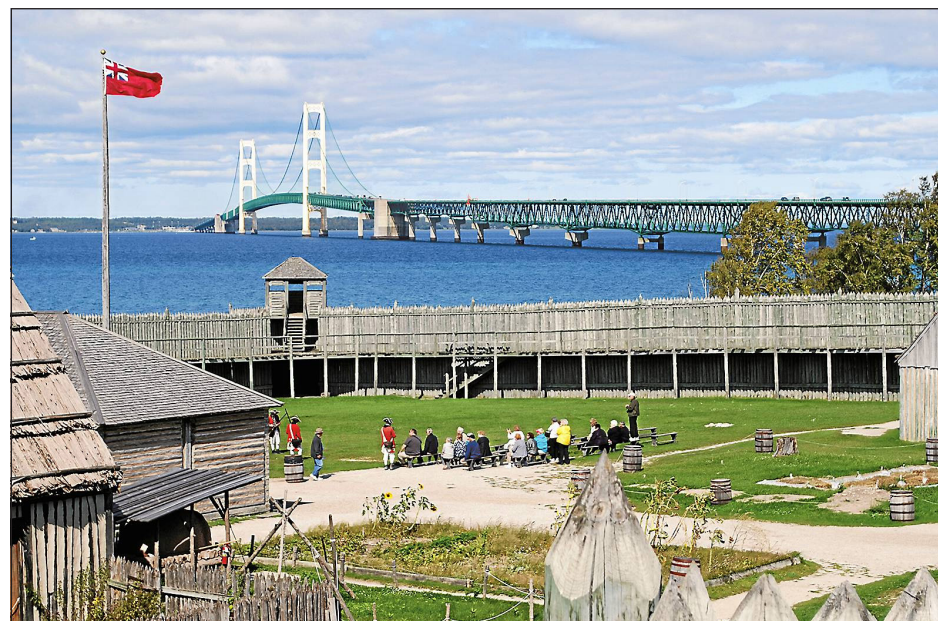


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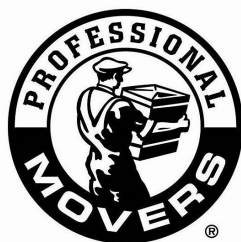
Located on the shore of the Straits of Mackinac, Colonial Michilimackinac (above) offers a one-of-a-kind experience for visitors of all ages, by exploring the history of re-enactments (left) and enjoying the unique perspective from the palisade walls.

BEST MOVING SERVICE

Fifth straight 'Best Moving Service' award winner

Professional Movers.com earns top spot as "Best Moving Service" for unprecedented 5th consecutive year, taking home the highest accolade in the 2017 Oakland Press, Best of the Best, Readers' Choice Awards. The voting took place the last few weeks through online and newspaper balloting. The results were officially announced to the Professional Movers.com Team Members at a breakfast celebration held in their honor at their Walled Lake headquarters. The proud and jovial team members packed every seat in the conference room in anticipation of a promised announcement from Co-Owner Patrick Crowley regarding the award. "Our tenure at the top of the ballot in the Mov-

ing Service Category is a simple reflection of 'who we are' as a business," said Patrick Crowley, "All of YOU, each of our nearly 43+ team members go to tremendous lengths every single day to deliver the best customer experience in the moving industry. Thank you for taking PRIDE in what it means to be a Professional Mover and making our success possible." Patrick went on to share that Professional Movers.com will be expanding their company-wide efforts to foster a culture of appreciation and respect for all team members. Beginning in May, they will introduce a monthly summer incentive plan to reward and recognize individuals whose actions surprise, delight, and put the



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customer first. "We consistently hear stories of what our move teams are doing in the field and we are going to make sure those individuals get their deserved recognition."

The "Best Moving Service" award comes at a time of continued explosive growth for Professional Movers.com and falls on the



Patrick Crowley and Andrew Androff, co-owners of Professional Movers.com, credit their team members for their business success, as they proudly win Best Moving Service for the fifth consecutive year.

heels of the local moving company receiving positive news of a contract extension for their moving ser-

vices to a large local University and Healthcare system. The month of April alone has resulted in the com-

pany hiring four new team members and purchasing a brand new moving truck,

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ABC Harley-Davidson is thrilled to be recognized for the second year in a row as the #1 Best of the Best Motorcycle Dealer. Thank you to those who nominated us to receive this honorable award from The Oakland Press. ABC Harley-Davidson was made by motorcycle enthusiasts for motorcycle enthusiasts. Owners Dennis Atherton and Edwin Adler are constantly working towards making ABC Harley-Davidson the best motorcycle dealership in the Oakland County area, and this award is proof of their striving efforts.

ABC Harley-Davidson has great selections of new and pre-owned motorcycles, apparel and merchandise, parts and accessories, and they offer every service for your motorcycle imaginable.

Their mission statement is "To promote the support of motorcycling and to enhance customers lives through the Harley-Davidson lifestyle experience. The ABC difference contributes to the fulfillment of dreams by our team's continued commitment to providing exceptional customer experiences each and every day. ABC Harley-Davidson strives each day to



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With 88% of their employees being motorcycle enthusiasts, ABC Harley-Davidson takes pride in having a passionate team who love what they do.

ABC Harley-Davidson firmly believes in giving back to their community. They are proud to host many charity events supporting both local and national organizations and charities such as the American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, Ronald McDonald House, Operation Injured Soldiers, and Toys for Tots.

ABC Harley-Davidson also hosts many fun-filled events throughout the year, offering entertainment, free food, live music, prizes, and good times. ABC Harley-Davidson looks forward to seeing you at their fun-filled events. It's always a party at ABC Harley!

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Thank you to the community, our clients and their pets for voting Commerce Village Veterinary Hospital #1 in Best of the Best in Oakland County. We truly appreciate your support!



Dr. Andrea Putt graduated from Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine with honors in 1992.

After 20 years of experience, it was Dr. Andea Putt's desire to open her own veterinary hospital.

Dr. Andrea Putt's goal is to provide the most modern and high tech veterinary care, delivered with compassion and a "small town" touch. Her team understands the desire of clients to have various treatment choices available to care for their pets. We have a special interest in difficult cases and second opinions. We pride ourselves in providing exceptional, compassionate, professional veterinary care for dogs and cats, as well as for rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, gerbils, rats, ferrets, and chinchillas.

Opening in October of 2012, our beautiful brick building was previously a fire station in the Village of Commerce and was transformed into a modern veterinary hospital while maintaining an atmosphere of a cozy home. We have a surgical suite, dental treatment area, advanced digital x-ray and ultrasound, surgical laser, intensive care room, and therapy laser for treatment for arthritis & pain. We also have separate housing for our feline & canine patients to keep them comfortable. We strongly believe that thorough physical exams are vital to a pet's well-being and are the basis for the "preventative care" philosophy at Commerce Village Veterinary Hospital. We offer Preventative Care Packages to offer monthly or prepay options to cover routine care, routine surgeries and dentals for your pet.

Dr. Barbara Rutsey has recently joined our team! With a love for surgery, Dr. Rutsey's skills include orthopedic procedures such as repair of cruciate tears and patellar luxation's of the knee and soft tissue procedures. She focuses on staying updated on the most current

medicine and surgical techniques to provide you and your pet unparalleled service. She also provides routine care for patients.

Our veterinary team loves being a part of the veterinary profession because of the personal relationships that we have formed with our clients, their families and their furry family members too! During your visit you will be greeted by Beth or Diana with a smile at the front desk, and they especially love to answer questions regarding dog or puppy training! Erika is both a licensed veterinary technician and the practice manager of Commerce Village Vet, and she is in charge of overseeing the daily operations of the hospital and providing exceptional patient care for your pet! Dawn and Sarah are our licensed veterinary technicians and you may see them in the hospital placing iv catheters or performing routine dental cleanings among many other tasks. Jaci is our veterinary assistant who helps our veterinary tech team during procedures, daily appointments and provides nursing care for patients. Look for Lewie our hospital cat as he is fond of demanding attention from clients!

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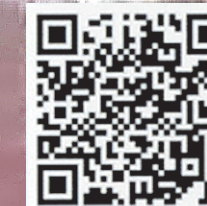
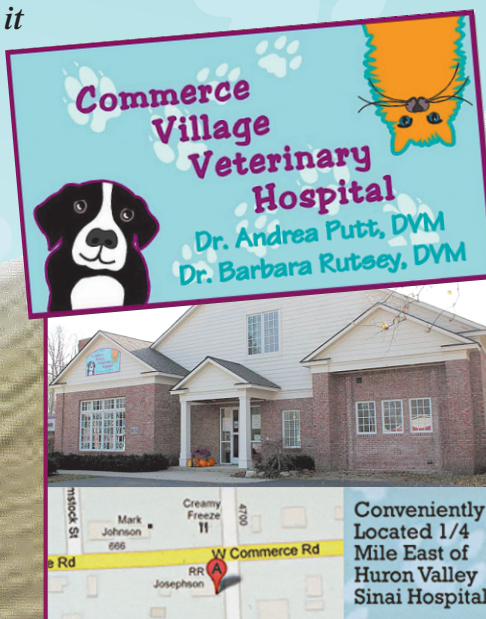
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Judy Simpson, Rhonda Jensen and Kathryn Bowman Coleman

Oakland Press readers have named Bowman Chevrolet the "Best of the Best Automotive Dealership" and "Best of the Best Service Department" in Oakland County. The dealership has been a mainstay in Clarkston and the surrounding communities since it was opened by John Bowman in 1984. Today, under the leadership of John's daughter, Katie Bowman Coleman, Bowman Chevrolet is the fastest-growing Chevrolet dealership in Metro Detroit.

Coleman has been working at the dealership for 24 years and took over the reins in 2011. Following a brief career in clothing retail management, Coleman returned to Detroit to join the dealership that her father founded in 1984. Today, she leads 130 employees and sells an average of 400 vehicles monthly.

"While I've always been drawn to fashion, I came back to the automotive industry to build upon what my dad created. I found that I could apply the lessons that I learned about the importance of customer service and a positive buying experience to the dealership," Coleman said.

She has successfully applied the principles of customer service at the dealership. For three consecutive years, Bowman Chevrolet received rated #1 for consumer satisfaction in Michigan and was named the 2017 Chevrolet dealer in Michigan according to Dealer Rater. It also was recognized by Metro Detroit Chevy dealers as #1 in customer satisfaction for the past two years.

"Everyone, from sales to service to our office staff, is looking for ways to ensure that our customers have a positive experience from their first interaction with Bowman Chevrolet, throughout the life of their vehicle and future

purchases," Coleman said. "Being recognized as the 'Best of the Best Dealership' and Service Department validates our commitment to our customers." Bowman Chevrolet's customer interaction extends beyond face-to-face communication at the dealership. Each month, a significant number of monthly sales begin with an online inquiry either through the Bowman Chevrolet website or Facebook page. In fact, the dealership has one of the highest internet sales rates in Southeast Michigan. Offering customers the ability to search inventory, communicate with sales team members, secure financing, and even sign final sales documents through a laptop or smart phone is critical to success in 2017.

"While we always want customers to visit the dealership, we know literally every aspect of a vehicle purchase or lease can take place online," Coleman said. "Having an outstanding IT department and a tech savvy sales team is what helps us stay on top of our game."

Bowman Chevrolet's sales team, as well as most aspects of the dealership, is overseen by general manager Rhonda Jensen. She's been with the dealership for more than 25 years and knows every inch of the business. Her passion and drive to ensure that new customers who walk in the door become lifetime patrons is what helps Bowman succeed.

"The sales team's top priority is finding ways to go above and beyond to serve our customers while helping them select the right vehicle," said Rhonda Jensen. Once a car is purchased, buyers can go anywhere for an oil change or tire rotation. Judy Simpson, service manager at Bowman Chevrolet, is focused on making sure that customers return to the dealership for all



of their service needs. Simpson works with her staff to ensure exceptional customer service from the minute they make an appointment to when they drive away with a clean, newly serviced vehicle.

"When someone has to bring their car in for routine maintenance or a service visit, we know it's an interruption in their day, so we do everything we can to make the experience efficient, including offering courtesy transportation," said Simpson.

Bowman Chevrolet not only focuses on their work serving customers at the dealership, but also serving the Clarkston community. Coleman has made sure to carry on the legacy of her father and his generosity by continuing to support four important organizations Clarkston: Clarkston SCAMP, My Habitat Clarkston, Easter Seals Michigan and Clarkston Area Youth Assistance. "The Clarkston community is more than just where we do business. It's filled with our neighbors, our friends, and Bowman Chevrolet wouldn't be who we are without our community involvement," Coleman said. "The organizations we support tirelessly give back to the community and those most in need. We're honored to support their missions and help them extend their services to reach more individuals."



Bowman Chevrolet is part of Bowman Auto Group, which includes Bowman Commercial and Bowman Auto Center. The Bowman Auto Center is dedicated to sales and service for business customers. This is just one example of how Katie Coleman and team continue to look for new ways to better serve customers.

"We work really hard to ensure that every customer that visits the dealership has a positive experience, and receives the support they're looking for from a member of our sales and service team," said Coleman. "We will continue to evolve to best serve our customers while maintaining the sense of community that my father created."



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growing their fleet of vehicles to just over 30 trucks. The company has budgeted aggressively for 2017 and is optimistic about expanding their footprint and market share. "Our people, the strong Michigan housing market, and the continued resurgence of Detroit, position us in a unique situation to grow our office and residential moving services here in Michigan," said, Andrew Androff, Co-Owner of Professional Movers.com. "Specifically, the career development of our Movers transitioning into Team Leaders, Moving Consultants, and Relocation Manager roles are pushing us to new heights. We are a company of career growth and opportunity and we building an unstoppable pipeline of leadership who will advance our com-

pany well beyond our current two offices." The company anticipates promoting within and opening two more offices in southeast Michigan within the next few years.

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Black Rock Bar & Grill won first place in several Best of the Best categories, including Best Steakhouse, for the Oakland Press 2017 Readers Choice Awards. Pictured above are Black Rock Ribs and to the left is the Chicago Style Hot Dog.

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"Our restaurant will be celebrating their one-year anniversary in May," says Harris. "Eating clean, natural foods is important to me and my family, and something we felt was needed in the Lake Orion and Oxford communities," says Harris. "We are very thankful that proved to be true."

Honest to Goodness is known for their delicious pancake varieties, such as the Lemon Raspberry and CINNful Cinnamon Roll. They also serve omelets, sandwiches and salads such as the Chicken Cali Club and the Southwestern Quinoa Salad. If you are a java fan, you will love their certified organic French press coffee freshly roasted at Chazzano's in Ferndale.

"Mother's Day will be a great time for you to sample our tastings," says Harris. "We will be hosting a special, buffet brunch that will include a variety of our breakfast and lunch items. Reservations are required for this event so make sure you contact us soon to reserve your spot."

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Helping customers find unique, quality flooring that fits their lifestyle is the goal of Northern Flooring & Interiors. "We're more focused on how customers live, and the function of the flooring in their space," says owner Matt Pfeiffer. "Dogs, kids, an active lifestyle...it still needs to look good. So many people buy the wrong floor and don't realize it until it's too late."

Matt and his team have been providing a huge variety of quality flooring to residential and commercial customers in Northern Oakland County for 29 years. Their selection includes carpeting, hardwood, luxury vinyl and tile, wall wood, window treatments, interior design and more. "We focus on quality products with an eye toward design, function and value," Matt says.

Northern Flooring & Interiors is able to provide exclusive products at a better value, thanks to their affiliation with the International Design Guild (IDG). IDG is a division of CCA Global, the world's largest flooring cooperative. The collective buying power of its 2,800 members means unique products for customers at competitive prices.

As a member of the IDG advisory board, Matt is up-to-date on the latest trends in design. "Right now, we're experiencing an explosion in the popularity of hardwood floors, and we're still in the early stages," he says. "Also, wood walls are an incredibly hot trend and are an economical way to make a bold impact through design."

Northern Flooring & Interiors is careful to align with brands that have a good reputation for quality. They recently expanded their product line to include Hunter Douglas window treatments. Their in-house designers can help find the best window treatment for your project and installation is provided by installers trained and certified by the manufacturer.

Matt is proud of the recognition his team receives from customers. In addition to winning Best of the Best, they were named "Best Flooring" for the ninth consecutive year and earned Best of Houzz for Service in 2015 and 2016. Check out the numerous testimonials on their website www.nfflooring.com and social media.

A lifelong resident of Lake Orion, Matt believes in giving back to the community. "I'm a hometown guy; I was born here, went to school and work here. Lake Orion is my community...not just

the place where I do business." He is currently President of the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce and was named 2015 Chamber Businessman of the Year.

Northern Flooring & Interiors is passionate about community involvement. They support numerous organizations for U.S. military service members and veterans, including the Lake Orion Veteran's Memorial and the Michigan Veterans Foundation. The team has also raised funds to help those with special needs. Recent donations assisted the Daisy Project and the all-inclusive playground at Friendship Park.

Northern Flooring & Interiors also use their design expertise to aid the community through Design for a Difference (DFAD), a national organization started by IDG that brings together showrooms, interior designers and other businesses to makeover spaces at local charities. Matt and his team were instrumental in bringing this national movement to Lake Orion, and are organizing their fourth DFAD event.

"One of Northern Flooring & Interiors' values is community enrichment," Matt says. "We need to do as much as we can to support our community."

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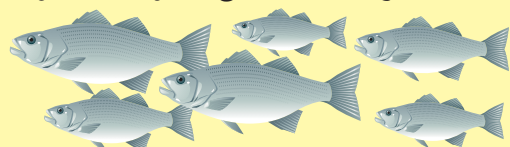


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Genisys Credit Union rated as Best of the Best

Genisys Credit Union has once again been named the best of the best by the readers of the Oakland Press. The 2017 award represents a stretch of over a decade of excellence for Genisys as they were recognized as the best credit union for the eleventh straight year. The company swept all three categories they were nominated for including best credit union, best financial service and best mortgage company.

"This honor means a lot to all of us at Genisys Credit Union, because our members are the driving force behind the award," said President and CEO Jackie Buchanan. "At Genisys we want to give our members the absolute best and recognition like this is a testament to our dedication of putting our members first."

That dedication to excellence has helped Genisys grow into one of the largest credit unions in Michigan. The credit union increased assets 10.08% to \$2.2 billion for 2016, while enjoying a surge in membership to nearly 190,000. This makes Genisys one of the 100 largest credit unions in the U.S. in terms of assets and members served. Genisys also processed over \$400 million in consumer loans in 2016, the largest total in company history.

That growth comes while Genisys ranks as one of the nation's strongest financial institutions. The credit union has received 5-Star safety and soundness ratings from Bauer Financial for twenty six consecutive years. Less than 4% of U.S. financial institutions can make this claim. In addition, Genisys was named to the depositaccounts.com "Top 200 Healthiest Credit Unions" and "S&P Global Top 50 Best Performing Credit Unions in the U.S." lists in 2016.

Genisys is also growing its mobile presence, offering members maximum convenience with the introduction of their new online loan application, available on smart phones, desktops and tablets. The new feature allows members to apply for a loan with ease, even during a coffee break or while browsing a dealership showroom. The service offers all the safety and soundness that Genisys is known for, but with improved convenience to apply for a loan in minutes. The Genisys mobile application allows members to deposit checks, pay bills, view balances, transfer funds, see current rates, and locate Genisys ATM's and branches.

"Technology is reinventing the way people bank," said Buchanan. "The new features on the Genisys website and mobile application allow our members the accessibility of banking on the go, while enjoying the exceptional financial services we offer on location within our branches."

Genisys Credit Union's commitment to its members

stretches beyond finances, as the company remains dedicated to serving the community. Genisys Credit Union's Making a Difference campaign contributed over \$125,000 toward local fundraisers in 2016, including nearly \$35,000 from the OLHSA Walk for Warmth, \$33,000 through its United Way campaign, and \$12,000 for the Flint water crisis. In total, Genisys sponsored over 550 community events last year, while offering over 4,500 volunteer hours from employees, their families and friends.

This year's Making a Difference campaign has already seen a record breaking contribution of nearly \$38,000 toward the 2017 OLHSA Walk for Warmth. Another commitment includes Genisys Credit Unions sponsorship of the Oakland University and Pontiac Schools Parent University program. This program focuses on helping parents become partners in their child's education, providing them with tools to help their students flourish in their pursuit of learning.

Genisys Credit Union is a not-for-profit, member-owned financial institution that provides all traditional financial services, including home and auto loans, small business lending, merchant processing, and additional retail and business financial services. Connect with Genisys on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram by following genisyscu. For convenient access to your account, download the Genisys Credit Union iPhone app in the iTunes Store or Android app in the Google Play Store. For more information, call (248) 322-9800 or visit www.genisyscu.org.

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