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# 2023 PEOPLE'S CHOICE



# Official Results Edition

Complete Voting Results inside!



# Cadillac News

# PEOPLE'S CHOICE

## 2023



**Welcome.** The results are in and the readers and online followers have picked the best of the best for the 2023 Cadillac News People's Choice Contest.

Inside you will find the winners and finalists in each category of the People's Choice Contest based on thousands of nominations and votes we received from our readers and online followers. It is a great honor to receive the People's Choice Award and we congratulate them for the honor. We also want to thank the loyal readers and online followers who voted.

The Cadillac News People's Choice Awards is a promotional contest to see who our readers and online followers think is the best in their business in the greater Cadillac area. The collection of online votes is done through a third party to ensure a fair contest. The contest received over 5,975 nominations and 38,965 votes from 2,701 different people. The contest winners are determined by the votes that are registered during the voting period within the voting rules. The poll was conducted in two steps; nominations were accepted August 23rd through August 29th, 2023 and voting was done September 20th through September 26th, 2023. Because there are no tiebreakers there may be multiple winners or finalists in some categories.

We hope you are excited to find out the winners of the People's Choice Best of the Best for 2023. And, thank you for helping the Cadillac News select this year's winners – it wouldn't be a People's Choice without you!

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# BEST IN BUSINESS IN 2023

## BEST FAMILY OWNED BUSINESS

Advance Physical Therapy & Rehab P.C., Winner  
SlaughterHawk Unltd LLC, Runner Up

## BEST NEW BUSINESS

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**Dean's Body Shop, Winner**  
 Gerber Collision & Glass, Runner Up

## BEST CAR WASH

**Lakeside Autowash, Winner**  
 Buff & Stuff Automotive Detailing & Ceramic Coatings, Runner Up

## BEST MECHANIC SHOP

**Merrill's Auto Service & Tire Center, Winner**  
 McBain Auto & Truck Center, Runner Up



## BEST OIL CHANGE

**Merrill's Auto Service & Tire Center, Winner**  
 Classic Chevrolet, Runner Up

## BEST PLACE TO BUY A NEW CAR

**Classic Chevrolet, Winner**  
 Fox Motors, Runner Up

## BEST PLACE TO BUY A USED CAR

**Classic Chevrolet, Winner**  
 McBain Auto & Truck Center, Runner Up

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### BEST RESTAURANT

(Osceola County)

**Travlers Bar & Grill, Winner**

Chase Creek Smokehouse, Runner Up

### BEST RESTAURANT

(Wexford County)

**The Timbers Restaurant, Winner**

Cast Iron Kitchen of Cadillac, Runner Up



### BEST APPETIZERS

**The Truck Stop, Winner**

Clam Lake Beer Company, Runner Up

### BEST ASIAN FOOD

**House of Hunan, Winner**

Asian Buffet, Runner Up

### BEST BAR

**Lake City Taphouse, Winner**

Cadillac Party Lounge, Runner Up

### BEST BBQ/RIBS

**PRIMOS BBQ, Winner**

Rustic Hog Barbecue, Runner Up

### BEST BREAKFAST

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### BEST BUFFET

**Duane's Family Restaurant, Winner**  
House of Hunan, Runner Up

### BEST BURGER PLACE

**Old 131 Burger Co, Winner**  
Culver's, Runner Up

### BEST CHICKEN

**The Timbers Restaurant, Winner**  
Duane's Family Restaurant, Runner Up

### BEST CONEY DOG

**Tasty Treat, Winner**  
Town Pump Saloon, Runner Up

### BEST CUP OF COFFEE

**Cadillac Java, Winner**  
Cornerstone Coffee, Runner Up

### BEST DELI SANDWICH

**Willow Market & Meats, Winner**  
2 The Moon Bakery, Runner Up

### BEST DESSERT

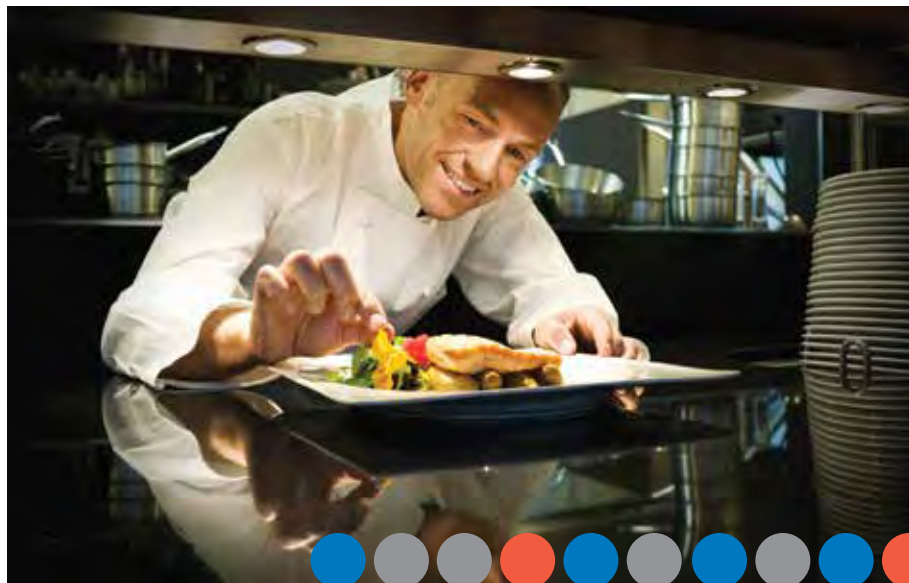
**Tasty Treat, Winner**  
Annie's Baked Goods, Runner Up  
Cupcake Mafia, Runner Up

### BEST DONUTS/PASTRY

**Blue Heron Cafe, Winner**  
2 The Moon Bakery, Runner Up

### BEST FINE DINING

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### BEST FOOD TRUCK

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The Truck Stop, Runner Up

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Cadillac Nutrition, Winner

Roasted Cafe, Runner Up



### BEST ICE CREAM/FROZEN YOGURT

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The Food Mafia's Let's Roll with it  
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## BEST MEXICAN FOOD

**Little Mexico, Winner**

Pancho Villa Mexican Grill, Runner Up

## BEST OUTDOOR DINING

**Lakeside Charlies, Winner**

Rustic Hog Barbecue, Runner Up

## BEST PIZZA

**Pizza Plus, Winner**

G & D Pizza & Party Store, Runner Up

## BEST SERVICE

**Lake City Taphouse, Winner**

The Timbers Restaurant, Runner Up

## BEST SOUP/CHILI

**13th Street Market & Restaurant, Winner**

Lakeside Charlies, Runner Up



## BEST STEAK

**The Timbers Restaurant, Winner**

Lakeside Charlies, Runner Up

## BEST SUB-SANDWICH OR GRINDER

**Pizza Plus, Winner**

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### BEST GOLF COURSE

**Missaukee Golf, Winner**  
Lakewood on the Green, Runner Up

### BEST KID'S ENTERTAINMENT

**Adventure Island, Winner**  
GQT Cadillac, Runner Up

### BEST LIVE MUSIC

**Coyote Crossing Resort, Winner**  
The Venue Event Center, Runner Up

### BEST PLACE FOR DATE NIGHT

**GQT Cadillac, Winner**  
The Timbers Restaurant, Runner Up

### BEST SPORTS BAR

**Cadillac Party Lounge, Winner**  
Lake City Taphouse, Runner Up





# BEST IN FITNESS

## BEST DANCE STUDIO

**Landing Dance Academy, Winner**

Northern Lights Irish Dance and Ballet Academy, Runner Up

## BEST FITNESS CENTER

**Cadillac Area YMCA Dillon**

**Community Center, Winner**

Anytime Fitness, Runner Up

EVOLVE Yoga and Fitness, Runner Up

## BEST YOGA CENTER

**EVOLVE Yoga and Fitness, Winner**

Cadillac Area YMCA Dillon Community Center, Runner Up





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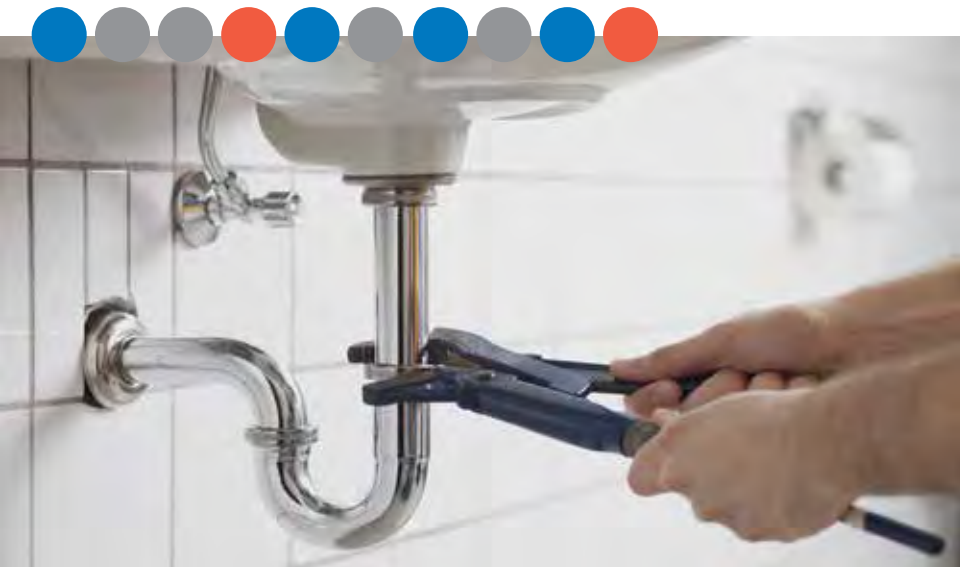


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J. Hoffman Homes, Runner Up

## BEST CARPET CLEANER

**Sunshine Carpet Cleaning, Winner**  
Fibertec, Runner Up

## BEST CLEANING SERVICE

**Two Chicks & A Broomstick, Winner**  
Time 2 Shine Power Washing LLC, Runner Up

## BEST ELECTRICIAN COMPANY

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Taylor Electric Services, Runner Up



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# BEST IN HOME SERVICES CONT.

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## BEST FURNITURE STORE

**Fabulous Furniture Finds And More, Winner**

VanDrie Home Furnishings, Runner Up

## BEST GARDEN STORE/NURSERY

**Walraven's Country Garden**

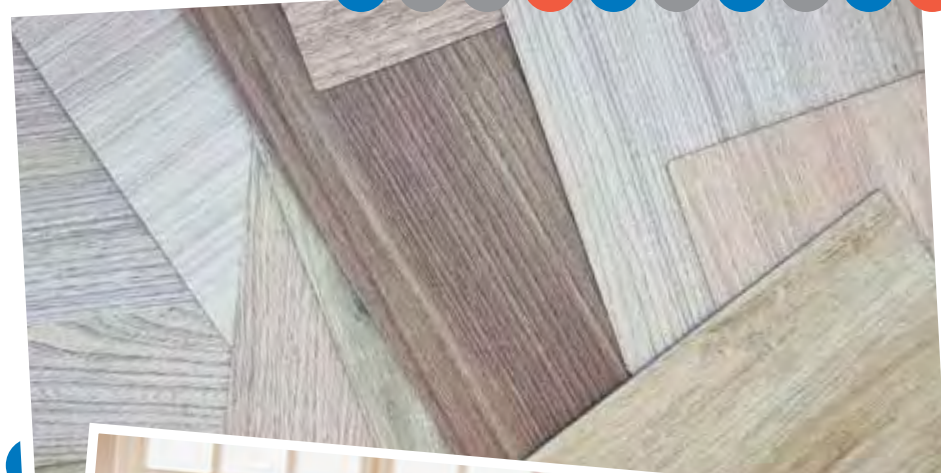
**Fruit Markets, Winner**

Lakeside Produce Farm Market  
and Greenhouse, Runner Up

## BEST HEATING AND COOLING SPECIALIST

**Maveric Mechanical and Plumbing, Winner**

Ebels Heating & Cooling, Runner Up



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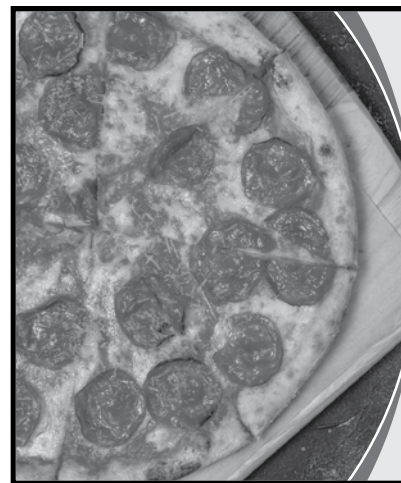
**Grahek's Inc, Winner**

Lakeside Produce Farm Market  
and Greenhouse, Runner Up

### BEST LAWN CARE

**Double J Lawn Care Plus LLC, Winner**

Ill Seasons Lawn Care, Runner Up



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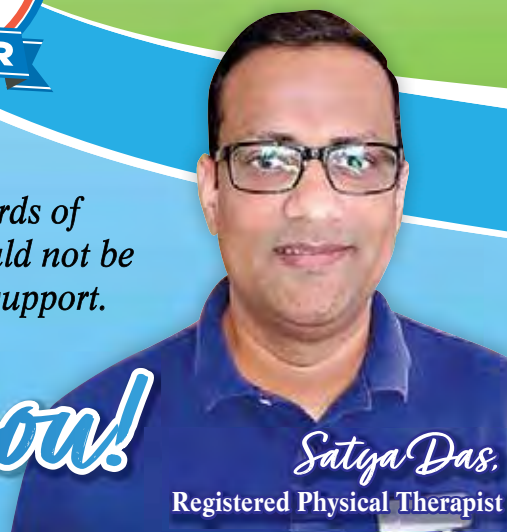
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