



# 16TH ANNUAL EMPORIA GAZETTE READERS' CHOICE AWARDS

The votes have been tabulated and the results are in. The winners of The Gazette's 16th Annual Readers' Choice awards have been selected according to what Gazette readers have chosen as their favorites.

The Readers' Choice results acknowledge specific people and businesses — as chosen by the community — who are great at what they do, and show it.

The results are based solely on the opinions of customers,

and the survey reflects service they've received or experienced with the specific people or businesses.

Readers voted for what they viewed as the "best" in four areas: Goods and Services, Shopping, Food and Drink and Best in the Business.

The votes, which were tallied by the Emporia Senior Center volunteers, are from Gazette



readers in Lyon County as well as from Chase, Morris, Greenwood, Osage and Coffey counties.

The winners for each listing receive a certificate of recognition and can advertise themselves throughout the year as "Emporia Gazette Readers' Choice Winners" in their

specific category.

The survey creates competition and incentives for businesses

and residents to go beyond their expectations and become favorites in the hearts of many residents.

It is used to get the community and surrounding areas involved in recognizing businesses, organizations, events and people who make this area a better place to live, work and play. It may also introduce you to a "best" that you never tried before.

The Gazette congratulates all the winners in this year's edition of Readers' Choice Awards.

## Newman Regional Health Congratulates

Dr. Ryan LaSota and Sarah Fager, RN on receiving 2019 Readers' Choice Awards. Thank you for the passionate, quality care that you provide to so many. Newman Regional Health is lucky to have you as a part of the team as we strive to improve health in our communities by providing high quality care.

### BEST PHYSICIAN



**Dr. Ryan LaSota**  
Newman Regional Health Medical Partners  
Family Medicine

### BEST NURSE





**Sarah Fager, RN** Labor & Delivery/Women's Life  
Newman Regional Health



**NEWMAN**  
REGIONAL HEALTH

Please join us Wednesday, August 14th from 12pm - 1pm in Newman Regional Health's Conference Center, for a congratulatory reception honoring Dr. Lasota and Sarah. Cake and punch will be provided.

Newman Regional Health • 1201 W 12th Ave • Emporia • 620-343-6800  
www.newmanrh.org • @nrhemporia  



# BEST SHOPPING

## ANTIQUÉ STORE

### Poehler Mercantile Antique Mall

301 Commercial St., Emporia  
www.poehlerantiquemall.wixsite.com/emporia  
**OWNER** - Ron Slaymaker  
**THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS** - The Slaymaker family has collected, picked, restored, and resold for generations. The family traits of having an eye for a great discovery continues today. Whether your passion is fine antique or primitives, the options are endless at Poehler. We would also like to thank the staff for their hard work in helping to create a positive shopping experience for everyone. In addition, Poehler would like to thank our dealers and consignors for bringing in new items on a weekly basis.

## BEST STOREFRONT

### Sweet Granada

803 Commercial Street, Emporia  
www.sweetgranada.com  
@sweetgranada  
**OWNER** - Kim Redeker  
**THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS** - Building a really good team that loves the business and work they do. We also work hard to make a visit to The Sweet Granada and the Emporia community a one-of-a-kind experience with friendly staff, high-quality product and a fun, dynamic environment. We are sincerely proud to be a part of the community and love our customers. It's details and authenticity like this that seem to make us successful year after year. Thank you to everyone who supports us!

## CARPET AND FLOOR STORE

### Clark Carpet and Tile

## CLEANEST STORE

### Radius Brewing Company

610 Merchant St., Emporia  
620-208-4677  
www.radiusbrewing.com  
**OWNERS** - Jeremy "JJ" Johns, Justin "Gus" Bays, Chad Swift  
**THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS** - For us, it's all about sticking with the idea behind the name Radius. Eat local, drink local, support local, act local, and most importantly, BE local. This is the idea that we built our business around. And of course so much of our success can be 'attributed' to this amazing community and the support that we

have received since Radius became an idea years ago. That support has motivated us to continue to act and be as local as possible, not only as a restaurant and brewery, but also as active participants in the ongoing growth of the community! Cheers, Emporia, and thank you for your continued support!!

## CLOTHING APPAREL SHOP

### Studio 50-4

504 Commercial Street, Emporia  
Find us on Facebook  
**OWNERS** - Merry Whitham and Husband John  
**THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS** - We are enjoying what we are doing and blessed to be a part of such a wonderful community!

## FURNITURE STORE

### Guions Showcase

2023 W 6th Ave Emporia  
620-342-7469  
www.guionsshowcase.com  
**OWNERS** - Mike & Marie Guion  
**THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS** - Wonderful customers, supportive community, professional staff.

## GIFT SHOP

### Sweet Granada

803 Commercial Street  
www.sweetgranada.com  
@sweetgranada  
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## GROCERY STORE

### Aldi

## HARDWARE STORE

### Bluestem Farm and Ranch Supply

2611 West Highway 50, Emporia  
620-342-5502  
www.bluestemfarmandranch.com  
**OWNERS** - Ann and Ken Bruner  
**THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS** - We are honored and truly privileged to serve such a great community! Providing excellent

# Thank You for Voting Us Best Asian Cuisine!



Ichiban Asian Fusion Bistro  
1430 Industrial Road, Emporia  
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# Thank you for Voting us Best Liquor Store!



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customer service is a goal we strive to achieve each and every day. We have some of the most dedicated and hard-working employees around. We appreciate all the loyalty our customers have shown us through the years!

JEWELRY STORE

**Kari's Diamonds & Bridal**

1015 Industrial Rd Ste. A Emporia  
620-342-3899  
www.karisdiamondsandbridal.com

**OWNER - Kari Stookey**  
**THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS -** Putting our customers first and working hard to make each encounter a memorable experience. Also, community involvement – We love our community and we understand the importance of being a part of growth and change. The community we support, supports us in return. It's a beautiful thing!

LIQUOR STORE

**King Liquor Store**

318 E. 6th St., Emporia  
620-342-1991  
Find us on Facebook

**OWNERS - Mike and Patricia Alingh**  
**THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS -** Large selection of craft beers and great customer service.

LUMBER SUPPLY STORE

**Mark II Lumber**

MUSIC STORE

**Flint Hills Music**

715 Commercial St., Emporia

**OWNERS - Thomas and Amber Silkman**  
**THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS -** The wonderful group of employees we have working for us.

PET SUPPLY STORE

**L&L Pets**

621 Commercial Emporia  
620-343-3398

Facebook is @llpetsemporiaks  
**OWNERS - Jason and Jessica Crumb**  
**THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS -** I get out of the business what I put in. This way of thinking makes me want to always look for the next thing to update or the next cool thing to bring in to stock. Having a great reliable staff also makes a world of difference.

RESALE SHOPS

**Goodwill Industries**

SHOE SHOPS

**Browns Shoe Fit Co.**

603 Commercial St., Emporia  
620-342-5871  
brownsshoefitcompany.com  
Store Manager: Aaron Otto

**SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS -** We strive to give great customer service and to offer the best quality footwear in the area. We also strive to bring the latest in new footwear technology.

SPORTING GOODS

**Dynamic Discs**

912 Commercial St., Emporia  
620-208-3472  
www.Dynamicdiscs.com

**OWNER - Jeremy Rusco**

VAPE STORE

**Juicy's Vapor Lounge Emporia**

**BEST FOOD & DRINK**

ASIAN CUISINE

**Ichiban Asian Fusion Bistro**

1430 Industrial Road, Emporia  
620-208-6888  
www.ichibanasianbistro.com

**THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS -** Wake up every morning with a positive outlook and continue to treat every customer like family.

BAKERY/ DESSERTS

**The Sweet Granada**

803 Commercial Street  
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@sweetgranada

**OWNER - Kim Redeker**  
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BARBECUE

**Bobby D's Merchant St. BBQ**

607 Merchant Emporia  
620-342-1990  
www.bobbyd'sbbq.com  
facebook.com/BobbyDBBQ

**OWNER - Robert Doudican Jr.**  
**THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS -** Keeping quality first and prices at a fair price.

BREAKFAST

**Commercial St. Diner**

614 Commercial St., Emporia  
620-343-9866  
Find us on Facebook

**OWNERS - Dave and Janet Laird**  
**THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS -** Hungry customers! We serve yummy food to people who appreciate it. Nobody leaves hungry if we can help it. Emporia and the surrounding communities have been very good to us over the years and we so appreciate the business. Thanks so much to all our patrons!

BREWERY

**Radius Brewing Company**

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www.radiusbrewing.com

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**VOTED BEST BREAKFAST 9 YEARS IN A ROW**

**And our very own COLE NUESSEN voted BEST WAITER of the year!**

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803 Commercial  
Emporia, KS  
620-342-9600  
www.sweetgranada.com





BUFFET

**Pizza Ranch of Emporia**

3000 W. 18th Ave., Emporia  
602-343-8646

**OWNERS** - Rich and Linda Avery  
**THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS** - Our dedicated staff, and a very supportive Emporia community and surrounding communities as well.

BURGER

**J's Carry Out**

27 Commercial St., Emporia

**OWNERS** - Justin and Darrah Pearson and family  
**THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS** - Amazing customers from Emporia and the surrounding areas is a huge part of our business. We also have great staff that puts their focus on making great food and offering the best customer service possible. Most importantly I am thankful to have such supportive family and friends. Thank you to everyone who comes out and supports us here at J's Carryout.

BUSINESS LUNCH LOCATION

**Radius Brewing Company**

610 Merchant St., Emporia  
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[www.radiusbrewing.com](http://www.radiusbrewing.com)

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COFFEE

**Granada Coffee Company**

809 Commercial Street, Emporia, KS  
620.342.4001

[www.grnadacoffeecompany.com](http://www.grnadacoffeecompany.com)

**OWNER:** Rocky Slaymaker  
**THE SECRET TO SUCCESS:** Our CUSTOMERS, our STAFF, and our BEANS! In addition, the Granada Coffee Company has always focused on and will continue to focus on our customer service, quality products, a warm and clean environment, and drink consistency. The dedication of our staff is undeniable! On top of everything else, we LOVE what we do!

DELI / SANDWICH SHOP

**Amanda's Bakery & Cafe**

702 Commercial Street, Suite 1 F/G, Emporia  
620-340-0620

[www.amandasbakeryandcafe.com](http://www.amandasbakeryandcafe.com)

**THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS** - Good & fresh products, good customer service, good location and lots of loyal customers!

FISH FRY

**Bruff's Bar & Grill**

**OWNERS** - Gary Burgess  
**PRODUCTS / SERVICES OFFERED:** Bruff's features signature burgers, sandwiches, fresh

salads, classic seafood and, of course, steaks. We have a full service bar with eight beers on tap and an ever-evolving wine list. For the sports fanatic, we have twelve 50 in HDTVs, two 102 in HD projection screens and a total of 30 TVs scattered around the restaurant and two pool tables in our game room. Private room available for banquets or meetings, provided with two 42 inch plasmas, 80 inch HD projection screen available for computer presentations. We also provide catering for groups both large and small.

FRESHEST PRODUCE

**Aldi**

FRIED CHICKEN

**Olpe Chicken House**

8 East Highway 99, Olpe

**OWNERS** - Larry and Charlotte Coble  
**THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS** - Listening to the customers, needs whether it is a positive comment or negative, it will help you to know what they want or what to do to make it better, be consistent, always having management around to oversee and to work the business and don't change something that is already working for you and the customers.

ICE CREAM/ YOGURT/ FROZEN TREAT

**Dairy Queen**

1708 West 6th Ave. Emporia  
620-342-5887

**OWNERS** - Russell & Francie Reed  
**THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS** - We at the Dairy Queen are thrilled to have been chosen as the Reader's Choice for Best Ice Cream! It is something we strive for every day and are very grateful to our customers and the readers of the Emporia Gazette for this honor. We feel there are many secrets that set us apart from the pack and setting the stage with new employees would be a major one. On their very first day when we are getting acquainted and oriented I am sure to tell every one of them that I want them to make every treat like they were making it for their very own mother. I feel that makes an impression on them of how I want them to make treats and Blizzards for their career at the store. Thanks again, Dairy Queen of Emporia Smiles and Stories for 71 Years!

KIDS MEAL

**Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers**

1400 W. 6th Ave. Emporia  
620-341-9009

[www.FreddysUSA.com](http://www.FreddysUSA.com)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/freddysUSA/Emporia](https://www.facebook.com/freddysUSA/Emporia)

**OWNERS** - Jason Ingermanson and Courtney Stutesman  
**THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS** - The secret to our success is following out 3 pillars: Quality, cleanliness, and hospitality. We want every guest to leave here feeling like family.

LATINO CUISINE

**Casa Ramos**

MILKSHAKE

**Braum's**

2120 Industrial Rd., Emporia  
620-340-1080

[www.braums.com](http://www.braums.com)

**OWNER** - Drew Braums



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[www.markiilumber.com](http://www.markiilumber.com)





**THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS** - It starts with the best milk for the best ice cream.

PIZZA

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SALAD

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STEAK

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TAKE-OUT FOOD

**Peking Express Chinese**

WINERY

**Twin Rivers Winery & Gourmet Shoppe**

627 Commercial St., Emporia  
620-208-9463  
www.twinriverswine.com  
Find us on Facebook @twinriverswine

**THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS** - The community is our key to success. The locals get behind local businesses and know the importance of having unique places to go. Our staff is also a major key to our success. They are the best around!

WINGS

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**BEST IN THE BUSINESS**

ACCOUNTANT

**Wright CPA Group**

ATTORNEY

**Monte Miller, Miller & Miller, Chtd**

702 Commercial, Suite 2-B, Emporia  
620-343-2650

**OWNERS** - Monte L. Miller & Chase L. Miller  
**THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS** - Providing quality legal services with integrity and efficiency.

AUTO DETAILING PROVIDER

**Longbine Auto Plaza**

3012 W Hwy 50., Emporia  
www.longbineauto.com  
Find us on Facebook

**THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS** - Since 1965 we have served the automobile needs of the Emporia area. Our staff is trained, customer oriented, and well connected throughout our community. We offer all the services that your vehicle may need but we believe that we work in the people business. We live and die by the saying that "if you take care of the customer then the customer will take care of you".

AUTO MECHANIC

**Jesse Shaver, Cliff's Super Service**

115 E 5th Ave, Emporia  
620-342-0525  
www.cliffssuperservice.com

**OWNER** - Jesse Shaver  
**THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS** - High degree of integrity. We take pride in our quality of service. We keep safety in mind as well as your pocketbook. We have a family tradition in super service. I owe my success to my loyal customers, who trust us, my family and my outstanding employee, Michael Milner.

BARBER

**Mark Kraft, Hair Krafters**

1027 Commercial Street, Emporia  
620-342-6172  
www.hairkrafters.com

**OWNER** - Mark Kraft  
**THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS** - Our great clients that we enjoy knowing as friends and building relationships with them.

BARTENDER

**John Deemy, Radius Brewing Company**

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Vanilla Shake  
Made with Hand Dipped Real Ice Cream  
24g PROTEIN

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MORE IN THE CLASSIFIEDS  
OR PET OF THE WEEK.

**THE EMPORIA GAZETTE**



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BRIDAL SHOP

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OWNER - Kari Stookey

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CAR SALESPERSON

**Osiel Garza, John North Ford, Lincoln, Nissan**

3002 W. Hwy 50. Emporia  
620-343-1700  
www.jnford.com

OWNERS - Ron & Jay Carlson

**THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS** - Love what you do! Having a good attitude, everyday. Stay healthy and maintain a good work ethic and everything else will put itself into place. Also, a good management team that can encourage and make you better. Thank you for voting for me.

COACH

**Cade Witte, Chase County Junior High School Basketball Coach**

CHILDCARE PROVIDER

**Emporia Child Care Center**

102 Commercial St. & 1320 C of E Drive, Emporia  
Emporia Child Care is a not for profit child care.

**THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS** - Emporia Child Care strives to provide care and education to children whose parents or guardians are working or in training.

DOG GROOMER

**LeashLife Dog Grooming**

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR

**Gerald Schumann Electric, Inc.**

601 W 6th Ave., Emporia  
620-342-2176

www.geraldschumannelectric.com

OWNERS - Mike Schumann, Dan Schumann,

David Schumann and Gaye Harden  
**THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS** - We rely on our faith and practice the golden rule. We are grateful for the people we serve and humbled by this recognition. Thanks Emporia and the surrounding area we appreciate you!

FINANCIAL ADVISOR

**Fred Harder, ESB**

HAIR STYLIST

**Amy Delgado at Xan-A-Do Salon & Spa**

723 Commercial St., Emporia  
(620) 343-7242

**THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS** - Enjoying everyday, putting clients first!

INSURANCE AGENT - AUTO

**Pete Euler, State Farm Insurance**

920 Commercial St., Emporia  
620 342 6272  
www.PeteEuler.com

OWNERS - Pete & Leslee Euler  
**THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS** - In our office we make the time to listen, make insurance affordable, help people with the daily situations that life presents. Keep things simple. And base decisions on what's best for the need. I have had good staff work for me over the past 36 plus years. Currently Karen Gonzalez manages the front end of my office. She works hard, is bilingual, and is understanding and efficient. State Farm is a great insurance company to work for. State Farm cares about the business we do in the Emporia area. My goal every day is to "Do Good". Be a "Good Neighbor". I've been blessed with the opportunity to do what I do. "Share that Blessing."

INSURANCE AGENT- HOME

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OWNERS - Pete & Leslee Euler  
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**OWNERS** - The Edmonds Family  
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**THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS** - Awesome staff.

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**THE SECRET OF OUR SUCCESS** - We are blessed to serve a community we love and call home ourselves. Taking care of and truly caring about our customers to buy their home, new business or purchase land is always an honor.

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**THE SECRET OF OUR SUCCESS** - Being honest with people and providing the best service possible.

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OWNERS - City of Emporia, managed by Emporia Recreation Commission - Jennifer Wegener, Aquatic Supervisor

**WHAT IS THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS** - We are super excited and honored to receive the award for the Readers' Choice Best Water Recreation. The JAC lifeguard, cashier, and concession teams are the key to our success. Their hard work, dedication, and passion has made the aquatic center a wonderful attraction for the city of Emporia.

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