



Essential Workers

Following are the Best of the Best Contest Winners in the order of their votes.

Best of the Best Doctor

Dr. Stephen Bridgers, Southeastern Health
Dr. Robert Rich, Bladen Medical Associates
Dr. Shaun Hines, Bladen Medical Associates

Best of the Best FNP or PA

Allison Priest, Southeastern Health
Shelley Brown, FNP Bladen Medical
Ashley Marlowe, Bladen Medical Associates

Best of the Best Nurse

Zach Davis, Bladen County Emergency Room
Audra Bateman, Bladen County Hospital
Patricia Smith, Bladen County Hospital

Best of the Best CNA

Yvonne Hall, Lower Cape Fear Life Care
Anna Grace Long, Bladen County Hospital
Gloria McLaughlin, Lower Cape Fear Life Care

Best of the Best Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Worker

Mary Beth Britt, Bladen County EMS
David Howell, Bladen County EMS
Donna Cagle, Bladen County EMS

Best of the Best Dentist

Dr. Charles D. Allen, Jr., Dr. Allen Dentist Office
Dr. Annie Greene, Elizabethtown Family Dentistry
Dr. Tracey Vestal, Vestal Dentistry

Best of the Best Dental Hygienist

Melissa McNeil, Dr. Allen Dentist's Office
Amy Britt, Elizabethtown Family Dentistry
Meredith Brown, Dr. Allen Dentist's Office

Best of the Best Optometrist

Dr. Mollie Glenn, Fairmont Eye
Dr. Mary Ann Masters, Carolina Vision Center
Dr. Eric Schmidt, Bladen Eye Center

Best of the Best Mental Health Services Worker

Jeff Campbell, Southern Professional Counseling
Betty Wilds, Carolina HomeCare
Meredith DuBose, DreamWorks

Best of the Best Pharmacist

Bruce Dickerson Dickerson Pharmacy
Rebecca Hester, Medicine Shoppe
Gena Anderson Peed, Anderson's Drug Store

Best of the Best Healthcare Worker

Stacey Howell, Bladen County Hospital
Tiffany Pait, Bladen County Health Department
Linda Shelton, CapeFear Medical Center

Best of the Best Fitness Trainer

Ulysses Baxley, DreamWorks
Donna Campbell, DreamWorks
Tracy Miller, Bladenboro Primary

Best of the Best Social Services Worker

Debbie Storms, Department of Social Services
Rhonda Cabellero, Department of Social Services
Marian Coe, Bladen County Schools

Best of the Best Veterinarian

Dr. Johanna Parker, Bladen Animal Hospital
Dr. Gensel, Elizabethtown Veterinary Hospital
Dr. Jeff Burroughs, Columbus Veterinary Service



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Best of the Best Transportation Worker

Heather Strickland, DMV Office
Sandra Kemp, Bladen County Division of Aging
Smiley Butler, Emereau: Bladen Charter School

Best of the Best Professional Driver

Stanley Sasser, Reliable
Wesley Brennon, Cape Fear Transport
Lee Starnes, Bladen County School Bus Driver

Best of the Best Teacher

Meredith Dowless, Bladenboro Primary School
Cassie Hancock, Emereau: Bladen Charter School
Gaye Davis, West Bladen High School

Best of the Best Assistant Teacher

Judy Ard, Bladenboro Primary School
Nancy Howell, Bladen Occupational School
Gail Hester, Bladenboro Primary

Best of the Best Coach

Pam Stephens, West Bladen High School
Gaye Davis, West Bladen High School
Patty Evers, East Bladen High School

Best of the Best Librarian

Martha Walters, Bladenboro Primary School
Elizabeth Priest, Plainview Primary School
Shantell Faircloth, Elizabethtown Primary School

Best of the Best Principal

Elizabeth Cole, Emereau Bladen Charter School
Dr. Jason Wray, East Bladen High School
Deborah Guyton, Bladenboro Primary School

Best of the Best Custodian

Lisa Parnell, Bladenboro Primary School
Smiley Butler, Emereau: Bladen Charter School
Greg Sykes, West Bladen High School

Best of the Best Maintenance Worker

Keith Burney, Bladen County Maintenance Department
Charlie Roller, Oak Estates and McLeod Village
Jackie Smith, Elizabethtown Nursing Center

Best of the Best General Contractor

DeVane Builders
Eric Davis Construction
Tony Parrish Developments

Best of the Best Plumber

Bo Pharr, Pharr Plumbing
Eric Bryan, Bryan Plumbing
Vic Shaw, Shaw Plumbing & Electric

Best of the Best HVAC Technician

Daine Smith, Cape Fear Heating & Cooling, LLC
Russell Benson, Benson Air
Timmy Brisson, Carroll's Heating and Air

Best of the Best Electrician

Kevin Robeson, Ellis Robeson Electric Inc.
Blake Rich, Wire Nut Electrical
Alton Johnson, Alton's Electric

Best of the Best Carpenter

Terry Nance, DeVane Builders
Stan Simmons, Still Water
Danny Stanley, Bladenboro



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Following are the Best of the Best Contest Winners in the order of their votes.

Best of the Best Farmer

Dan Ward, Ward Farms
Ryan Young, Young Farms
Harrellson Brothers, Harrellson's Family Farm

Best of the Best Food Service Worker

Patricia Watkins, Elizabethtown Primary School
Paul Boswell, Cape Fear Vineyard
Sarah Benson, Benson's Grill

Best of the Best Agricultural Worker

Shirley A. Britt, USDA, Elizabethtown
Becky Spearman, Bladen County Extension
Casey McQueen, McQueen's Produce

Best of the Best Water/Waste Management Worker

Alan Edge, Bladen County Water
Tom Rigsbee White Lake
Sherry Lanier, Town of Bladenboro

Best of the Best Logger

Mark Woodell, Tar Heel
Kenny Merritt, Merritt Logging
Archie Bordeaux, Taylor Timber

Best of the Best Phone Technician

Gary Brisson, Star Telephone
Terry Dowless, DOWTEC Communications Services
Gordon Strickland, Star Telephone

Best of the Best Chemical Engineer

Scott Fisher
Mark Gillespie
Alex Munroe

Best of the Best Pest Control Technician

Jeremy Dowless, Down East Pest Control
Danny Litner, McDuffie Pest Control
Dallas Hammond, McDuffie Pest Control

Best of the Best Linemen

David Fairecloth, Four County EMC
Anthony Raynor, Four County EMC
Jamie Kinlaw Four County EMC

Best of the Best Wildlife Officer

Garrett German
Kevin Crabtree
Lane Garner

Best of the Best Military Service Member

Anthony Bryan, Army National Guard
Caleb Hatchell, U.S. Marine Corps
Mamie Hill, U.S. Air Force

Best of the Best Judge

Judge Scott Ussery
Judge Douglas Sasser
Judge C. Ashley Gore

Best of the Best Elected Official

Charles Ray Peterson, Bladen County Commissioner
Niki Dennis, Bladen County Clerk of Superior Court
Ray Britt, Bladen County Commissioner

Best of the Best Appointed Official

Rich Glenn, Town of Elizabethtown
Emery White, Bladen County Board Of Elections
Mike Jackson, Bladen County Animal Control Board



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Best of the Best Civil Engineer

Kenneth Clark, Department of Motor Vehicles
Penny Perkins Britt, Bladen County
Mark McLean, Department of Transportation

Best of the Best Telecommunications Worker

Penny Perkins Britt, Bladen County Communications
Patti Yandle, Bladen County Communications
Daniel Duncan, Bladen County Communications

Best of the Best Firefighter

Jackie Coleman, Bladenboro Fire Department
Mike Hinson, North Carolina Forest Service
Nick West, Elizabethtown Fire Department

Best of the Best Law Enforcement Officer

Sheriff Jim McVicker, Bladen County Sheriff's Office
Cpl. Matt Long, Bladen County Sheriff's Office
Cpl. Daniel Miller, Bladen County Sheriff's Office

Best of the Best Probation Officer

Sue Ann Long, Bladen County
Laura Singletary, Bladen County
Justin Suggs, Columbus County

Best of the Best Realtor

Ginger Tatum, Tatum Realty
Steve Cox, Cox Realty Bladenboro
Dean Hilton, Hilton Auction and Realty

Best of the Best Salesperson

Ricky Leinwand, Leinwand's
Amy Johnson, Amy's Boutique
Clint Hester, Clinton Nissan

Best of the Best County Worker

Mark Gillespie, ABC Store
Amanda Wilkins, Bladen County DOA/BARTS
Regina McIntyre, Bladen County Courthouse

Best of the Best Bank Teller

Hope Bullard, First Citizens
Tyler Crilley, First Citizens
Tiffany Melvin, First Bank

Best of the Best Bank Manager

Michael Davis, First Bank
Debbie Earl, United Bank
Jennifer Carroll, First Citizens Bank

Best of the Best Accountant

Bryan Scott, Thompson Price Scott and Adams
Phil Byrd, S. Preston Douglas
Amy Butler McQueen, Till & Butler CPA

Best of the Best Florist

Maurice Williams, Whimsical Florist
Joyce Cain, Leta Belle Designs
Larry Beltz, Whiteville Florist

Best of the Best Retail Store

Leinwand's
Amy's Boutique
Walmart

Best of the Best Business Owner

Ricky Leinwand, Leinwand's
Reynold Hester, Hester's Tires
Bruce Dickerson, Dickerson's Pharmacy



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Following are the Best of the Best Contest Winners in the order of their votes.

Best of the Best Receptionist

Shannon Ventura, Elizabethtown Veterinary Hospital
Sherry Ludlum, Bladen Medical Associates
Karen Pope, Southeast Regional Medical Center

Best of the Best Photographer

Kenneth Armstrong, KenArmPhoto.com
Diane Vitale, Photography By Di
Monica Brooke Photography

Best of the Best Radio Broadcaster

Don Chase, WKML
Sister Debbie, WBLA 1440
Robert Hester, Retired

Best of the Best Municipality Worker

Eddie Madden, Town of Elizabethtown
Ashley Matthews, Town of Dublin
Lee Cain, Town of White Lake

Best of the Best Reporter

Charlotte Smith, Bladen Online
Frances Weller, WECT News
Joy Warren, Bladen Online

Best of the Best Television Broadcaster

Frances Weller, WECT
John Evans, WECT
Ashley Kosikowski, WECT

Best of the Best Personal Care Business

Dennis Hawes, Bridgers Barber Shop
Danielle Bordeaux, Joseph D Salon
Denise Everette, New Attitudes

Best of the Best Local Manufacturer

Taylor Manufacturing, Elizabethtown
Delton, Elizabethtown
Gildan, Clarkton

Best of the Best Hardware Store

Bladen Hardware
Bladen Builders Supply
Big Blue Store

Best of the Best Best Auto Parts Store

NAPA Auto Parts, Elizabethtown
Peterson Auto Parts, Clarkton
O'Reilly Auto Parts, Elizabethtown

Best of the Best Cashier

Jackie Lesane, BC Clerk of Superior Court Office
Bertha Washington, Walmart
Rusty Kelly, Walmart

Best of the Best Restaurant

Georgio's Restaurant & Pizza
San Jose Restaurant
Cape Fear Vineyard & Winery

Best of the Best Auto Mechanic

Scott Gordon, Bladen Off-Road
Harold Smith, Cape Fear Tire
Steve Roy, Hester Tire

Best of the Best Small Engine Mechanic

William Thompson, Thompson Small Engine
Mike Melvin, Melvin Automotive
Scott Gordon, Bladen Off-Road



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Following are the Best of the Best Contest Winners in the order of their votes.

Best of the Best Pastor

Pastor Charleston Guyton, Butters Baptist Church
Pastor Warren Hill, Bethel Baptist Church
Pastor Dr. Louie Boykin, Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church

Best of the Best Sunday School Teacher

Randy Sykes, Butters Baptist Church
Russell Benson, Northside Baptist Church
Ray Sheppard, Dublin First Baptist Church

Best of the Best Choir Member

John McDougald, Clarkton Presbyterian Church
Mt. Olive AME Zion Church Choir
Melanie Wholford, Elizabethtown Methodist Church

Best of the Best Financial Planner

John Taylor, CLC Financial Services
Mary Jo Walter, Edward Jones
Landon Bordeaux, CLC Financial Services

Best of the Best Furniture Store

Kinlaw Furniture
Ray's Furniture
Badcock Furniture

Best of the Best Non-Profit

Bladen We Care
Boost the Boro
A Shelter Friend