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Assist in Comma Towing's beginnings provided big boost

By Ken Sury

Comma Towing in West assists motorists throughout a three-county area and beyond, but it was the assist by friends and family in carrying the business through a challenging start that remains an inspiration.

Owner Justin Perry grew up in the wrecker business, riding in tow trucks with his uncles and father throughout my childhood.

"I began working for my uncle in Hill County when I was 16, working in the shop and riding along," he said. "Once I turned 18 and could obtain my license to operate the wreckers I began running calls on my own. I knew I eventually wanted to open and grow my own service from the ground up.

"After many long discussions with my wife, we used the last bit of our savings to buy our first wrecker and began the process of opening a business."

Comma Towing opened in March 2023. The first year was difficult, both in business and personally, Perry said.

"Shortly after we opened my wife and I learned that we had our second child on the way," he said. Darcy was born in January 2024 with a critical congenital heart defect called pulmonary atresia with an intact ventricular septum, essentially meaning her heart was unable to provide her lungs oxygenated blood.

"She was flown to Cook Children's within three hours of being born," he said. Wife Meagan had to remain in Waco while he went with their daughter to Fort Worth.

"Family and friends supported

the business where they could and without them, Comma probably would not have made it through that season of our life."

After Meagan was released from the hospital, Justin drove back to West to run the business to provide for the family while Darcy was in the hospital.

"I went up to Fort Worth when I could," he said. "Once we all got home the business really began to take off, leading up to where we are today with two locations. This involved changing from just myself handling the calls, billing and back-end work. Now we have incredible employees who are just as passionate about providing

quality service as I am."

Comma Towing provides light-through heavy-duty towing and recovery, accident cleanups that include skid steer usage, lockouts, 24-hour emergency response for accidents, winch-outs, and is preparing to add a mobile tire service truck.

The business is now thriving, as is his family with oldest daughter Kaisley, 6, Darcy is now 2, and they are expecting a son in November.

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"This job is 24/7, and majority of the time if you call our number, you are talking to me directly," he said. "My wife will answer phones occasionally, as well as our lead driver Charlie."

Because Interstate 35 has plenty of motorists needing their services from beyond the West area, Perry often explains the Comma Towing name.

"We have to explain the name often, even to those in Central Texas," he said. "Many not local to West, do not understand the name Comma. The locals here refer to West as 'The Comma,' even having the name on our varsity jerseys."

"People unfamiliar with the area often confuse West with the direction West Texas. So locals are typically in the habit of saying West 'comma' Texas. The community of West has stood behind us from the beginning, both in business and personally. They have trusted Comma Towing to provide quality services and to take care of their family members, sometimes on the worst day of their lives."

Comma Towing acknowledges the Perrys' challenging time at the start of the business with a congenital heart defect-branded awareness truck.

The CHD truck has a "warrior list" on it, he explained, listing children in

Central Texas and beyond to honor their fight.

"This includes children who continue to fight like our daughter and children who were taken too soon," he said. "There is no cure or way to prevent children from being born; there are only surgeries that support their heart in working as closely to normal as possible in combination with medications."

"If anyone would like to add their warrior to the list, please let us know. We want to bring awareness to the condition and the battles the families and children face."

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This Award-Winning Couple Keeps Waco Glowing and Healthy

By Tonya Warren

It's exciting to see your dream become reality after two years of planning, travel and training and in 2008 that's exactly what happened for Amy Peper when she proudly opened NuGenesis Medical Spa and Vein Care. Her husband, Dr. William Peper, is a board certified thoracic, vascular and vein surgeon who has years of patient care experience, and they share a history of being recognized for award winning service and patient care.

A personalized approach to each patient's needs is paramount in serving the public. Patients speak to a real person when calling the office or they can utilize the online booking option and secure messaging. Ease of communication with staff is a hallmark of NuGenesis, as well as Dr. Peper's vein and vascular surgery office.

Feeling a bit shy starting a skin care regimen? No need to worry about being a newbie. Amy and her staff invite you to settle into their office tucked away from traffic and other outside noise. Soft lighting and comfortable sitting are noted throughout the spacious office, while an uncluttered space allows for increased relaxation as the staff refreshes you with needed self-care time.

Advances in skincare technology, the influence of social media platforms such as Instagram and TikTok along with increased lifespans have all contributed to more emphasis on the many sides of skin care. No need to think you must have your skin plan plotted out when you walk through the door. Offering reassurance, Amy said, "We help navigate medical

beauty treatments in a time where new ideas are popping up everywhere."

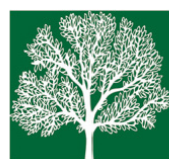
Assessing things like skin tone, length of treatment plan, invasive or noninvasive treatment and patient goals are all taken into consideration when formulating each specific patient's plan. "We give advice and education on skincare and aesthetic treatment options," said Amy.

Patients enjoy a wide range of services such as Botox™, injectables, advanced laser treatments, Diamond Glow™, facials, weight loss and support and much more. "Botox™ is our best loved service," said Amy. She also noted they have patients ranging in age from childhood to 103. "We see almost the same name number of men as women," said Amy. "While men prefer laser hair removal, vein care, Botox™, fillers, and weight loss, women do everything we offer," she added.

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Pignetti's Restaurant: Fun name with Italian Favorites

By Tonya Warren

Cozy vibe or comfy vibe? Want the energy of downtown Waco or want a bit more relaxed place for that next great meal? At Pignetti's, all the above are available for both the lunch and dinner crowds. Need to unwind after a long day? Stop by Pignetti's, leave the worries of the day at the door, and enjoy a nice cool adult beverage in the Lounge Bar.

Owners Clinton Harwell and Donnie Johnson both have numerous years of restaurant success, and the locals around Temple for 24 years have been on the receiving end of their success. Waco folks made the trek to Temple Pignetti's for years and became hungry for their tasty cuisine closer to their own zip code. These patrons let it be known Waco had grown up now and wanted their own Pignetti's. Understanding the assignment, Harwell and Johnson got busy and Pignetti's Waco opened in September 2022.

Waco has shown great love and appreciation for Pignetti's by voting them the favorite wine bar and best place to work. This year, the restaurant won the "Best Of" in 13 different categories. Being a couple of local guys, Harwell and Johnson can keep their fingers on the pulse of their restaurant, such as keeping customers happy and satisfied with quality driven food and drink, friendly and professional service, and hospitable atmosphere. One visit to Pignetti's explains their being voted best in both the locally owned and overall favorite restaurant in the city.

Delectable appetizers include bruschetta, calamari, lasagna rolls and more. A nice serving of fettuccini can be capped off with alfredo,

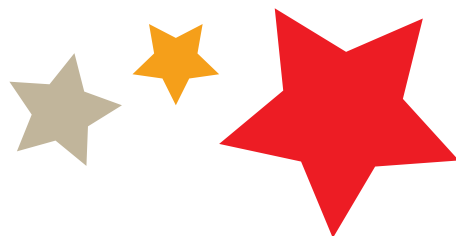
chicken, shrimp, salmon, or steak. Dishes like lasagna, meatballs, lobster ravioli and more classics are always a hit. Various salads, soup, pork chops and steak are also tasty options. Mom always said to eat your vegetables, and Pignetti's doesn't disappoint with offerings such as broccolini, green beans, and brussel sprouts. If green isn't your veggie color, other side options are also available.

There are inherent changes to running a restaurant, so owners must be sensitive and ready to pivot as needed. Johnson said, "the biggest change over the years seems to be people go out to lunch less often." Remote work surely plays a part in this change as well as rising food prices. "We feature \$10 lunch specials through the week," said Johnson. "While we have a steady lunch business, it's still a challenge to keep consistent lunchtime business."

With a selection of over 150 wines from various countries, specialty cocktails such as Up All Night, Lover's Leap 75, Margarita Spritz, and more, patrons are sure to find their favorite.

Harwell and Johnson proudly source from local vendors and farmer's markets when possible. They also proudly support all first responders, police, firefighters and veterans with discounts.

Johnson said they do not take special moments with customers for granted and they love making special moments and memories for their guests. "I'm extremely honored when someone chooses to spend a special occasion with us," said Johnson. "We do our best to make it memorable for them, and nothing beats a guest's appreciation for making a lasting special memory."



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Best Appetizer



Pignetti's Waco
Winner
George's Restaurant Bar & Catering
Favorite

Casa Do Brasil
Favorite

Best Asian Restaurant



The Blasian Asian
Winner
Clay Pot Restaurant
Favorite

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Favorite

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Winner

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Fillin Station Bar & Grill
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Pignetti's Waco
Winner

Baris
Favorite

Di Camplis Italian Ristorante
Favorite

Best Kolaches



Slovacek's West
Winner

Gerik's Ole Czech Bakery
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Best Mexican Restaurant



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Favorite

Best Private High School



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Favorite

Best Private Middle School



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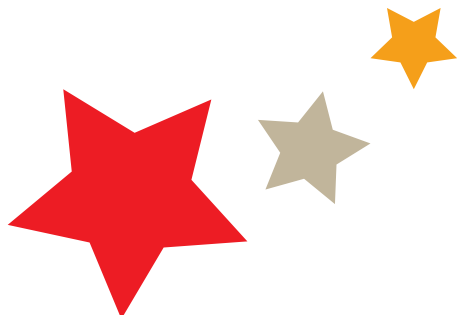
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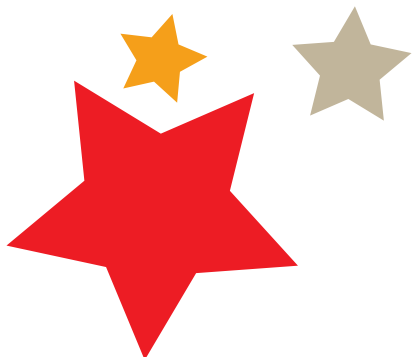
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(2025-2026)

Senior Apartments
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Senior Housing
(2025-2026)



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Salty Dog Bar & Grill

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Best Live Music Venue



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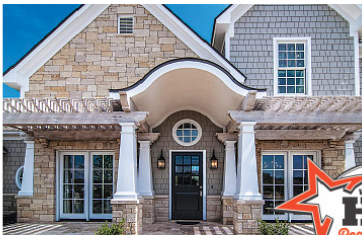
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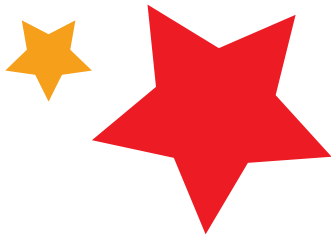
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Uptown Cheapskate Waco
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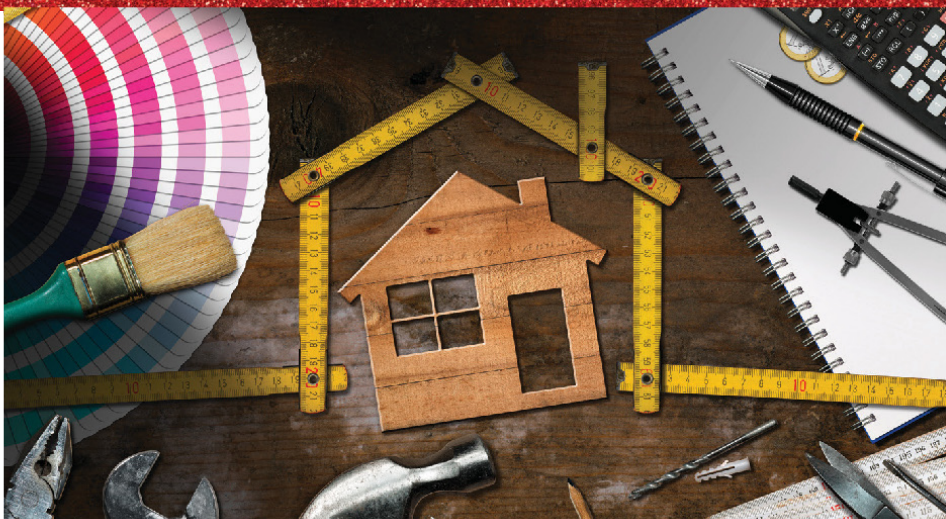
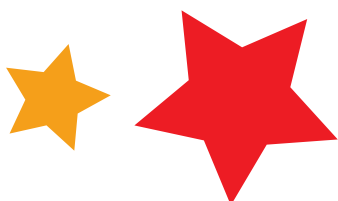


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ForeverLawn Central Texas offers synthetic turf option

By Ken Sury

For Austin and Brooke Cook of ForeverLawn Central Texas, professional landscaping is more than just trees, shrubs, flower beds and natural grass.

“To us, professional landscaping is about creating outdoor environments that are beautiful, functional, safe, and built to last,” Brook Cook said. “Whether those environments are created with natural materials or premium synthetic turf, the same principles of thoughtful design, engineering, craftsmanship, and attention to detail apply.”

ForeverLawn Central Texas is family-owned and operated by the Cooks. “As co-owners, we built this business with a shared vision of specializing in premium synthetic turf while providing an experience rooted in integrity, exceptional craftsmanship, and genuine relationships,” Brooke said.

“Although we each have different responsibilities, every major decision is made together, and every project reflects our family’s name and reputation. For us, this business has never been just about installing synthetic turf. It’s about building trust, serving our community, and creating outdoor spaces that enhance the way people live, work, play and gather.”

Austin leads the business’ estimating, project planning, quality control, and installation operations. He’s personally involved throughout every project — from the initial consultation and site evaluation to overseeing installation and completing the final walkthrough.

Austin often says, “Quality isn’t something you inspect at the end of

a project — it’s something that’s built into every step along the way.”

Brooke oversees the business operations, customer experience, finance, marketing and customer communications. “One of my favorite parts of the business is telling our story through professional photography, project videos, drone footage, social media, our website, and our Google Business Profile,” she said.

Sales and project manager Randal Bolen is Brooke’s uncle and has been an integral part of helping build ForeverLawn Central Texas. Randal works closely with homeowners, business owners, schools, municipalities, architects, builders and contractors from the first conversation through project completion.

Receiving the Waco Tribune-Herald Readers’ Choice Award for Best Professional Landscaping is especially meaningful to them, Brooke said.

“We believe professional landscaping isn’t defined by the material you install — it’s defined

by the vision, planning, engineering, craftsmanship, and care that go into creating an outdoor space people will enjoy for years to come,” she said.

“One of the reasons we partnered with ForeverLawn is because they share that same philosophy. Rather than offering one type of turf for every application, ForeverLawn has developed purpose-engineered systems designed specifically for the way each space will be used.”

One of the biggest misconceptions is that all artificial turf is the same, Brooke said. “Different applications require different solutions. A putting green, a playground, an athletic field, a residential lawn, and a yard designed specifically for dogs all have very different performance requirements.

“That’s one of the reasons we chose to partner with ForeverLawn. Rather than offering one turf product for every application, each ForeverLawn system is purpose-engineered for the way that space will actually be used.”

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"We don't believe in one-size-fits-all designs, and we don't believe in high-pressure sales," she said. "Our role is to educate our customers, understand their goals, and help them make the best decision for their home, business, school, or community. We believe honesty, education, and transparency build trust, and trust is the foundation of every lasting relationship."

Some homeowners choose to transform their entire lawn because they want to enjoy a beautiful, green yard year-round without the ongoing maintenance challenges of natural grass, she said. Others are looking to solve a specific problem on their property, and that's where ForeverLawn helps them design the right solution.

"Many of our residential projects focus on the spaces families use the most — backyards where children play, pet areas, around swimming pools, custom putting greens, side yards, courtyards, outdoor living spaces, and other high-traffic areas where natural grass often struggles to thrive," she said. "Sometimes replacing just a portion of the landscape creates the biggest impact while preserving the natural beauty of the rest of the property."

"We also work with customers who want to conserve water, reduce routine

landscape maintenance, improve drainage, or create outdoor spaces that are safer, cleaner, and more accessible for their families, employees, students, or visitors. Every property has unique goals, which is why there isn't a one-size-fits-all solution."

Brooke said what makes them proudest isn't necessarily the size of the project or even the awards we've received. "It's hearing from customers months or even years later who tell us how much they still love their investment, how much easier life has become, or how much time they're spending outdoors with their family and friends," she said.

"At the end of the day, we're not simply installing synthetic turf — we're helping create the places where families gather, children play, pets run, golfers practice, athletes compete, businesses welcome customers, and communities come together."



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By Edna (E.J) Gambardella

A home is the largest and most important investment most people will ever make. The time and monetary investment are considerable and making the right choice in a construction company is vitally important. HSH CONSTRUCTION owner, Jesús Garnica, says that creating a bond with his clients helps ensure a cohesive work environment and often turns clients into lifelong friendships.

HSH Construction, a licensed and insured construction company began in 2020 when Jesús decided to take a leap of faith and take his building experience to the next level. What began as side jobs while going to college, he quickly realized remodeling and building was something he enjoyed and was really good at doing. In a short time of working the side jobs, Jesús became Project Manager for a local construction company, this meant the “side jobs” became a full-time job.

Needless to say, taking a leap of faith was exactly what helped him through the first year of business, especially with the added stress of a national pandemic happening across the country. Jobs were scarce but his quality work, his personality with his clients and his passion for helping people, built a strong following and referral-based business. Over the years HSH Construction has grown and he has put together a business plan that has carried him through the past 26 years. He says, “treat people with respect plus the way you want to be treated along with good quality craftsmanship, and you have a foundation for a successful construction business.”

HSH Construction specializes in

custom built homes but also has a strong business base in remodeling homes, and home restoration from water and fire damage. Jesús gets to know the client before they even talk about their project, they will be putting in his hands to complete. In doing this, he establishes and builds a relationship with each client. This has helped him understand what they like, especially putting a personal touch to the details of each job. He pays close attention and listens to the wants and needs for their project. Jesús makes suggestions, shows his portfolio of his previous work, along with references – he indicates this usually brings a sigh of relief to the client once they view his work. A plan for the project is put together which includes a timeline, the cost, details lined out, up to completion time for the project. This allows no surprises for the customer or to HSH Construction. During each project, HSH Construction works on a strict deadline, paying close attention to the details and the customer's wish list. “Each project is an individual project and treated as such,” Jesús

says. He makes sure he finishes each job on time. Jesús suggest, “anyone looking for a contractor to ask for references, look at their portfolio of past projects and meet with the contractor to see if everything is a good fit for your project.”

In working with each customer Jesús indicates that he doesn't see them as just a customer, he makes it personal with each one and not only builds a beautiful home or remodel but usually builds a beautiful lifelong friendship. He says, “I don't just finish a project and walk away, I build a personal relationship and enjoy friendships that were created during the project.

Jesús understands the importance of each project to each client, furthermore and more importantly, he understands the importance of the investment each client is making, both time and monetary. Treating each client as he would want to be treated and building their trust has made HSH Construction a very successful business. Transforming new builds, remodels and lasting friendships.

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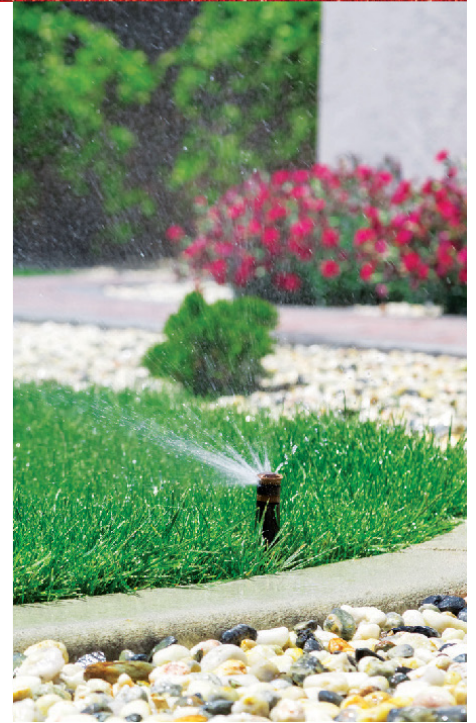
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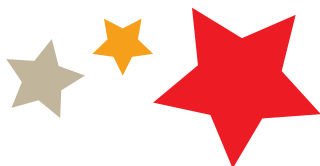
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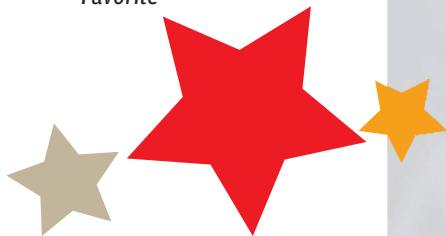
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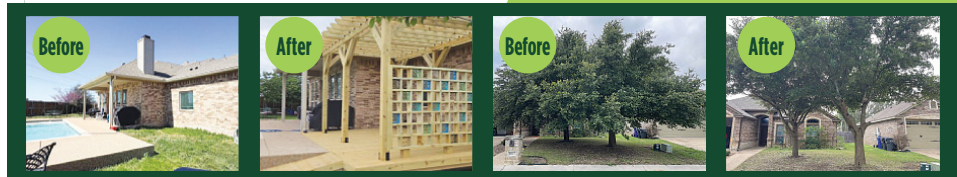
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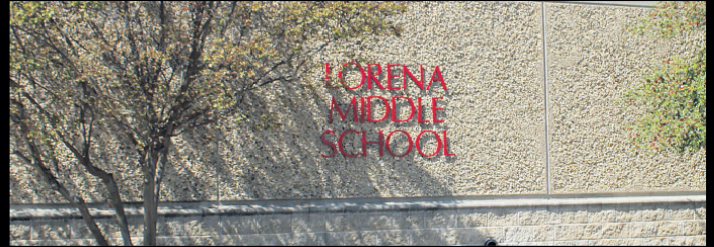


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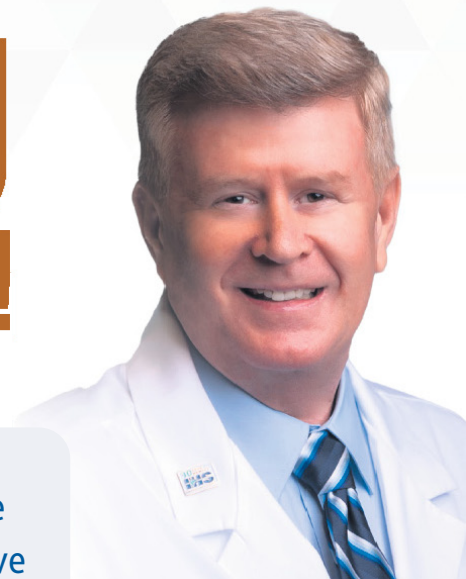


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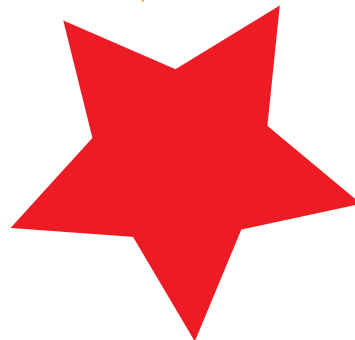
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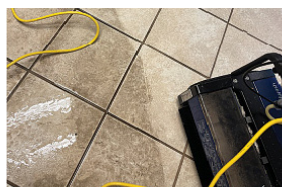
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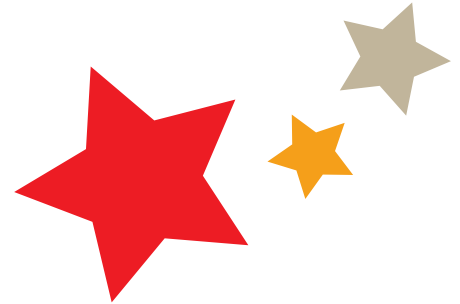
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Winner

Keith Ace Hardware
Favorite

West True Value
Favorite

Best Flooring

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Favorite

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Baylor Flowers
Favorite

Best Furniture



Furniture Center/Casual Shop
Winner

Style House Home Furnishings
Favorite

DuBois Furniture
Favorite

Best Garden Center



Westview Nursery and Landscape
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Barrera's Nursery and Landscaping
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Greenlife Nursery
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Frames, Etc.
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Favorite

Spice Village

Favorite

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Winner

Firewater Liquor

Favorite

Ward's Liquor

Favorite

Best Locally Owned Grocer



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Favorite

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Best Nursery



Westview Nursery and Landscape
Winner

Greenlife Nursery
Favorite

Barrera's Nursery and Landscaping
Favorite



Best Paint Supply Store



Sherwin Williams Paint Store
Winner

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Favorite

West True Value
Favorite

Best Pawn Shop



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Winner

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Favorite

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RETAIL

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Favorite

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Art has always been at the heart of everything they do. Every tattoo tells a story, and they take pride in creating custom designs that are as unique as the people who wear them. Award-winning artists are committed to delivering exceptional artwork, whether it's your first tattoo or your next masterpiece. They also offer professional body piercings at both of our locations.

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Adam says, "Being voted the #1 Tattoo Studio is an honor that means the world to us. It's more than an award—it's a reflection of the relationships we've built, the trust our clients place in us, and the love this community has shown our family-owned business."

From our family to yours, thank you for supporting our dream. Whether you're looking for a custom tattoo, a professional piercing, or simply a place where you'll feel welcome, we're honored to be part of your journey. We can't wait to create something unforgettable with you.



SERVICES

Best Cemetery



Oakwood Cemetery
Winner

Waco Memorial Funeral Home,
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St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery
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Best Commercial Roofing Company



Cen-Tex Roof Systems
Winner

Parsons Commercial Roofing
Favorite

Johnson Roofing
Favorite

Best Concrete Contractor



TexMex Concrete Construction
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Brazos Contracting LLC
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Best Concrete Repair



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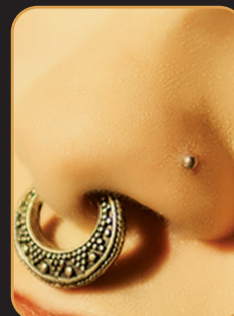
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Westview Nursery and Landscape
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Wild Birds Unlimited
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Best Dance Center



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Favorite

Dance by Emily
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Best Drywall Contractors



PatchMaster Waco & Temple
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Best License to Carry Training



Republic Gun Club
Winner

Big Iron Handgun License Training
Favorite

Best Living Assistance/Caregiving Services (Non-Medical)



Halcyon Home Care
Winner

Visiting Angels Senior Home Care
Favorite

One You Love Homecare
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St Louis Catholic Church
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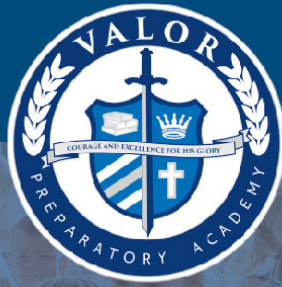
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