

# WINNER



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## Arts & Entertainment

Best Live Club or Party DJ – TIE: Thirsty Hippo  
211 North Main Suite A  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401  
(601) 583-9188  
www.thirstyhippo.com

and Shuckers  
6409 US Hwy 98  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402  
(601) 271-7896

Best Party of the Year – Southern Miss Arts Gala

Best Performing Artist – Cary Hudson  
www.myspace.com/caryhudson

Best Place To Dance – Ropers  
6428 Hwy 49 North  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401  
(601) 543-0987

Best Place To See Local Art – Downtown Hattiesburg  
www.downtownhattiesburg.com

Best Scenester/Mover & Shaker – Chalie Ray

Best Visual Artist –Kym Garraway  
www.kymgarraway.com

## Kids

Best Birthday Cakes – Pastry Garden  
129 Walnut St  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401  
(601) 271-2540

Best Clothing – Duds for Doodlebugs  
www.dudsfordoodlebugs.com

Haircut – The Gallery  
6414 Hwy 98 West, Suite 20  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402  
(601) 336-5672

Best Party Place – Diddy Bops  
6140 Hwy 98 West  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402  
(601) 261-5640

Best Summer Camp – Midsummer Musical Theatre Experience  
Jennifer Shank or Robin Carr (601) 266-4994

## Media

Best Local TV News Program – WDAM  
www.wdam.com

Best Local TV Personality – Kelly Bryant  
www.wdam.com

Best Local News Website – WDAM.com  
www.wdam.com

Best Local Non-'Signature' Publication – The Lamar Times  
www.hubcityspokes.com

Best Radio Station – Rock 104  
www.rock104.com

Best Radio Music DeeJay – The Breakfast Club at B95  
www.b95country.com

## Outdoors & Recreation

Best Annual Event – Hubfest  
www.theadp.com/hubhome.htm

Best Baseball Diamond – Pete Taylor Park at Southern Miss

Best Basketball Court – Payne Center at Southern Miss  
118 College Drive #5155  
Hattiesburg, MS 39406  
(601) 266-4021  
www.usm.edu/recsports

Best Bike Ride – Long Leaf Trace  
2895 West 4th Street  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401  
(601) 450-5247  
www.mylongleaftrace.com

Best Bowling Alley – Hub Bowling Lanes  
7022 U S Highway 49  
Hattiesburg, MS  
(601) 268-2101

Best Fitness Classes – The Yoga Room  
2118 Oak Grove Road  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402-1572  
(601) 264-1485  
www.theyogaroom-ms.com

Best Football Stadium – The Rock at Southern Miss  
www.usm.edu/athletics/gameday-rock

Best Day Trip – Dry – New Orleans  
www.neworleanscvb.com

Best Day Trip – Wet – Gulfport  
www.gulfcoast.org

Best Place to Play Golf – Hattiesburg Country Club  
61 Classic Drive  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402  
(601) 264-5076  
www.hattiesburgcountryclub.com

Best Place To Camp – Paul B. Johnson State Park  
319 Geiger Lake Road  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401  
(601) 582-7721  
www.stateparks.com/paul\_b\_johnson.html

Best Scenic View – Rose Garden at Southern Miss

Best Secret Romantic Hideaway – Gazebo at Canebrake Lake

Best Place to Play Tennis – Hattiesburg Country Club  
(See above)

## Politics & Personalities

Best Non-Profit Organization – USM Symphony Orchestra  
www.usm.edu/symphony

Best Volunteer – Father Tommy  
www.stthomas-usm.org/father

Best Hattiesburg Icon (person)- Aubrey Lucas

Best City Official – Dave Ware

Best Council Member – Kim Bradley

Best Elected Official – Dave Ware

Best Unsung Behind-the-Scenester – Mike Lopinto  
www.consultM.net

## Services

Best Auto Service/Repair - Philip's Car Care Center  
80 Rawls Springs Loop Road  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402  
(601) 264-8805

Best Barbershop/Hair Salon – Downtown Tonsorial Parlor  
119 East Pine Street  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401  
(601) 544-8616

Best Car Wash – Rainforest Car Wash  
5026 Hardy Street  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402  
(601) 264-3987  
www.rainforestclean.com

Best Dry Cleaner - Westgate Cleaners  
108 South 37th Avenue  
Hattiesburg, MS  
(601) 264-4900

5289 Old Highway 11  
Hattiesburg, MS  
(601) 268-0150

Best Florist – Blooms  
127 Buschman St.  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401  
(601) 584.9200

Best Landscape Services –Brooks Luke Lawncare  
(601) 606-4160

Best Pedicure/Manicure –Nails2  
61 Twin Lake Crossing  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401  
(601) 544-4405

Best Pet Groomer- Canine Country Club  
306 Cox Avenue  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402  
(601) 268-1999  
http://caninecountryclub.yolasite.com

Best Photographer-Ramona Lisa Photography  
(314) 369-4080  
www.ramonalisaphotography.com

Best Printer/Copies –Bourne Brothers  
5276 Highway 42  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401  
(601) 582-1808  
www.bournebrothers.com

Best Spa – Therapeutic Kneads Day Spa  
(see above)

Best Tattoo Artist – Robbie Wilson  
Lady Luck Tattoos and Body Piercing  
6230 US Highway 49  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402  
(601) 584-6488

Best Veterinarian – Dr. Christine Gibson  
Panther Pet Hospital  
743 Mississippi 42  
Petal, MS 39465-3670  
(601) 544-3290

## Shopping

Best Antiques/Collectibles-Poly Esther's Closet  
6202 U S Highway 49  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401-4748  
(601) 554-0887

Best Car Dealership – Petro Automotive  
6248 US Hwy 98 W  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402  
(601) 264-4411  
www.petronissan.com

Best Clothing- John White. Ltd.  
215 S 40th Ave  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402-1604  
(601) 264-2720

Best Computer Store- Best Buy  
4600 Hardy St.  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402-1349  
(601) 296-1922  
www.Bestbuy.com

Best Convenience Store – Junior Food Mart  
Multiple locations

Best Drugstore/Pharmacy – Walnut Square Pharmacy  
124 Walnut St Ste 4  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401-3501  
(601) 543-0111  
www.walnutsquarepharmacy.com

Best Home Furnishings – Ashley Home Furnishings  
6143 U S Highway 98 Ste 110  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402-4405  
(601) 602-0200  
www.Ashleyfurniturehomestore.com

Best Gardening Store- Lowe's  
Multiple locations  
www.lowes.com

Best Liquor Store – 27th Avenue Package Store  
119 S 27th Ave  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401-7157  
(601) 264-6756

Best Bookstore – Main Street Books  
210 N Main St  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401-2238  
(601) 584-6960  
www.visitmainstreetbooks.com

Best Hardware Store – Economy Supply  
200 E 2nd St  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401  
(601) 582-1941  
www.economysupply.org

Best Pet Store – Pet Super Store  
2609 Lincoln Rd  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402  
(601) 261-2545  
www.petsuperstoreofhattiesburg.com

Best Record/CD Store - TBones  
2101 Hardy St  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401-5963  
(601) 583-0099  
www.tbonescafe.com

Best Shoe Selection – Shoe Carnival  
5044 Hardy St  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402-1307  
(601) 579-7452  
www.shoecarnival.com

Best Thrift Store – Hudson's Treasure Hunt  
5912 U S Highway 49  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401-7584  
(601)545-2088  
www.ilovetresurehunt.com

Best Unique Find – Sacks Outdoors  
200 East Pine Street  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401-2139  
(601) 582-8111

## Lodging/Dining

Best Hotel – TIE - Hilton Garden Inn  
133 Plaza Dr  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402-1350  
(601) 261-3770  
www.hiltongardeninn.hilton.com

and Courtyard Marriott  
119 Grand Dr  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401-6604  
(601) 268-3050  
www.marriott.com

Best Restaurant Overall – Purple Parrott Café  
3810 Hardy Street  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402-1539  
(601) 264-0656  
www.nsrq.com/purpleparrotcafe

Best Bar Ambience – Purple Parrott Bar  
(See above)

Best Bar Staff – Purple Parrott Bar  
(See above)

Best Beer Selection – Keg and Barrel  
1315 Hardy St  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401-4902  
(601) 582-7148  
www.kegandbarrel.com

Best Brunch – 206 Front  
206 W Front St  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401-3801  
(601) 545-5677  
www.206front.net

Best Buffet – Movie Star Restaurant  
5213 Old Highway 11  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402-8859  
(601) 264-0606

Best Cheap Date – Papito's  
6140 U S Highway 98  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402-8781  
(601) 336-6680

Best Farmers' Market – Pine Belt Farmer's Market  
www.pinebeltfarmersmarket.net

Best Fast Food – Newk's Express Café  
4700 Hardy St  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402-1300  
(601) 602-0189  
www.newkscafe.com

Best Food Event – Pine Belt Farmer's Market  
(see above)

Best Full-Service Bakery – The Pastry Garden  
129 Walnut St  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401-3543  
(601) 271-2540

Best Grocery – Corner Market  
Multiple locations  
www.Cornermarketms.com

Best Happy Hour/Free or Cheap Deal – Keg and Barrel  
(See above)

Best Intimate Dining – Purple Parrot Café  
(See above)

Best Late Night/All-Night – Grill and Grocery  
121 East Pine Street  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401-3425  
(601) 336-7986  
www.grillandgrocery.com

Best Local Cocktail – Martini at Martini Spot  
120 Westover Dr  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402-1598  
(601) 450-1041  
www.themartinispot.com

Best Bartender – Terry at the Purple Parrott  
(See above)

Best Neighborhood/Dive Bar – Keg and Barrel  
(See above)

Best New Restaurant – The Shed  
126 Mobile St  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401  
(601) 336-6755  
www.theshedbbq.com

Best Outdoor Dining – The Mahogany Bar  
3810 Hardy St  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402  
(601) 264-0656  
www.mahoganybar.net

Best Place To Take a First Date – The Shed  
(See above)

Best Restaurant Décor – The Purple Parrott Café  
(See above)

Best Restaurant to Take Kids – Chuck E. Cheese  
1000 Turtle Creek Dr # A9  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402-1171  
(601) 261-2668  
www.chuckecheese.com

Best Restaurant to Take Parents – Crescent City Grill  
3810 Hardy Street  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402-1539  
(601) 264-0656

Best Restaurant within 60 Miles – The Backdoor Café  
705 Main Street  
Columbia, MS 39429  
(601) 736-1490  
www.Backdoorrestaurant.com

Best Restaurant We Wish Were Still Open – TIE – Chesterfield's and Rocket City Diner

Best Romantic Restaurant – Purple Parrot Café  
(See above)

Best Service/Waitstaff – Purple Parrot Café  
(See above)

Best Takeout – Jutamas  
910 Timothy Lane  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401-6349  
(601) 584-8583

Best Wine Selection (not restaurants) – 27th Avenue Package Store  
119 S 27th Ave  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401-7157  
(601) 264-6756

## Best Specific Food

Appetizer - Baked Brie at 206 Front  
206 W Front St  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401-3801  
(601) 545-5677  
www.206front.net

Barbeque – Leatha's  
6374 U.S. Highway 98 West, Ste 3  
Hattiesburg, MS  
(601) 271-6003

Hamburger – Mugshots  
Currently relocating  
www.Mugshotsgrillandbar.com

Steak – Longhorn  
4503 Hardy Street  
Hattiesburg, MS 39403  
(601) 296-9279  
www.longhornsteakhouse.com

Comfort Food – Fish and Chips at Keg and Barrel  
1315 Hardy St  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401-4902  
(601) 582-7148  
www.kegandbarrel.com

French Fries – Baker's Burgers  
6154 U.S. 49  
Hattiesburg, MS  
(601) 336-5042  
www.bakersburger.com

Hot Dog – Big Herb's New York Style Hot Dogs  
Mobile cart, multiple locations downtown

Chips and Salsa – Mama Alma's  
5096 Old Highway 42, Hattiesburg - (601) 336-7763  
www.mamaalmaskitchen.com

Taco – Enchilada Taco at Mama Alma's  
(See above)

Soup – Tomato Basil at The Depot Coffee House and Bistro  
127 Buschman Street  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401  
(601) 602-4040

Salad/Dressing – Sensation Salad at Purple Parrot Café and Crescent City Grill  
(See above)

Seafood Dish – Zesty Sashimi Tuna at Brownstone's  
103 East Front Street  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401  
(601) 545-2250  
www.brownstones.com

Sushi – Wasabi  
6101 U S Highway 49  
Hattiesburg, MS  
(601) 296-9686  
www.wasabisushims.com

Breakfast – Lake Serene Grocery  
Multiple locations

Sandwich – Turkey and Avocado at Southbound Bagel  
217 East Front Street  
Hattiesburg  
(601) 583-8001

Bread – The Pastry Garden  
129 Walnut Street  
Hattiesburg, MS  
(601) 271-2540  
www.thepastrygarden.net

Desserts – White Chocolate Bread Pudding at The Purple Parrot Café  
(See above)

Ice Cream – Marble Slab  
5040 Hardy St # 20  
Hattiesburg, MS  
(601) 264-1006  
www.marbleslab.com

Coffee – Seattle Drip  
4400 Hardy Street  
Hattiesburg, MS  
(601) 296-9522  
www.seattledrip.com

Pizza – Bianchi's  
128 East Front Street  
Hattiesburg, MS  
(601) 450-1263  
www.bianchispizzeria.com

Mexican – Mamma Alma's  
5096 Hwy. 42  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401  
601.336.7763

Italian – Tabella  
3720 Hardy Street  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402  
(601) 255-5488.

Chinese – China Buffet  
4600 Hardy St # 22  
Hattiesburg, MS  
(601) 264-0688  
www.chinabuffethattiesburg.com

## Best Thing We Missed

While we try to cover every topic, we knew we would miss something. You did a great job of telling us categories you'd like to see included next year – Barista – and things we should definitely recognize this year. That list included Home Care- Deaconess Home Care; Coach- Soccer Coach Luis Perdomo; Disc Golf Course- Desert Fox Golf Course; Weight Loss- Anatomies Weight Loss Program; and Theater- Just Over the Rainbow Theater. There was one clear winner of the things we missed – Forrest General Hospital.

Best Thing We Missed - Hospital-Forrest General  
6051 US Highway 49  
Hattiesburg, MS  
(601) 288-7000

Though so many people responded, no clear winners were able to be decided in some categories. Next year, make sure your favorites in the following get recognized.

## Kids

Best Afterschool Activity/Program  
Best Daycare  
Best Teen Hangout  
Best Sports/Rec Program

## Lodging/Dining

Best Bed & Breakfast

## Shopping

Best Vintage

**FestivalSouth** and **Signature Magazine** teamed up to give our area an opportunity to voice their opinion on their favorite people, places and things in the Pine Belt. With over 35,000 votes in just over two months, the first Best of the Pine Belt was a landmark success.

**Be certain to show your love for our area next year. The contest starts again February 14, 2012!**