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*of* **PARIS,**  
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# *And the winner is...*

Thank you for picking up a copy of BEST of PARIS!

We couldn't have been more pleased with the response from our readers who ultimately decided who was deserving of the title of "BEST" in Lamar County.

After several months of preparation, voting and counting ballots, the 2019 Best of Paris winners are in and congratulations are certainly in order.

Starting in June 2019, we published Best of Paris ballots for four consecutive weeks in The Shopper and on our website [dseshopper.com](http://dseshopper.com).

The ballots consisted of 150 categories including places to shop, services, food and drink and people in our county. The response was overwhelming with over 600 ballots submitted by the August deadline.

Best of Paris voters were given an opportunity to submit one ballot per person and had to vote for a minimum of 10 categories. Our goal was to make sure the contest was fair and managed in a way where ballots could be screened and validated. Random calls were placed to readers submitting ballots to ensure they were in fact the ones submitting the ballot. Duplicate ballots were taken out and all ballots throughout the counting process were checked for anything we felt would compromise the outcome of the contest.

Congratulations to all our winners and we hope you will enjoy a full year of this great distinction as THE BEST in Lamar County. Award winners will receive a certificate for display at their home or business and the right to use the Best of Paris logo.

Thank you again to all who participated.

*Linda Garrison*

# Culbertson Fountain



In the Center of the Square. A gift to the city by Paris businessman/ philanthropist J. J. Culbertson, this Italian marble fountain was meant to commemorate the city's rebirth after the 1916 fire that destroyed most of the city. Designed by St. Louis architect J. L. Wees, it is said that it was inspired by fountains the Culbertson family had seen while in Italy. The fountain took three years to assemble (1924-1927).

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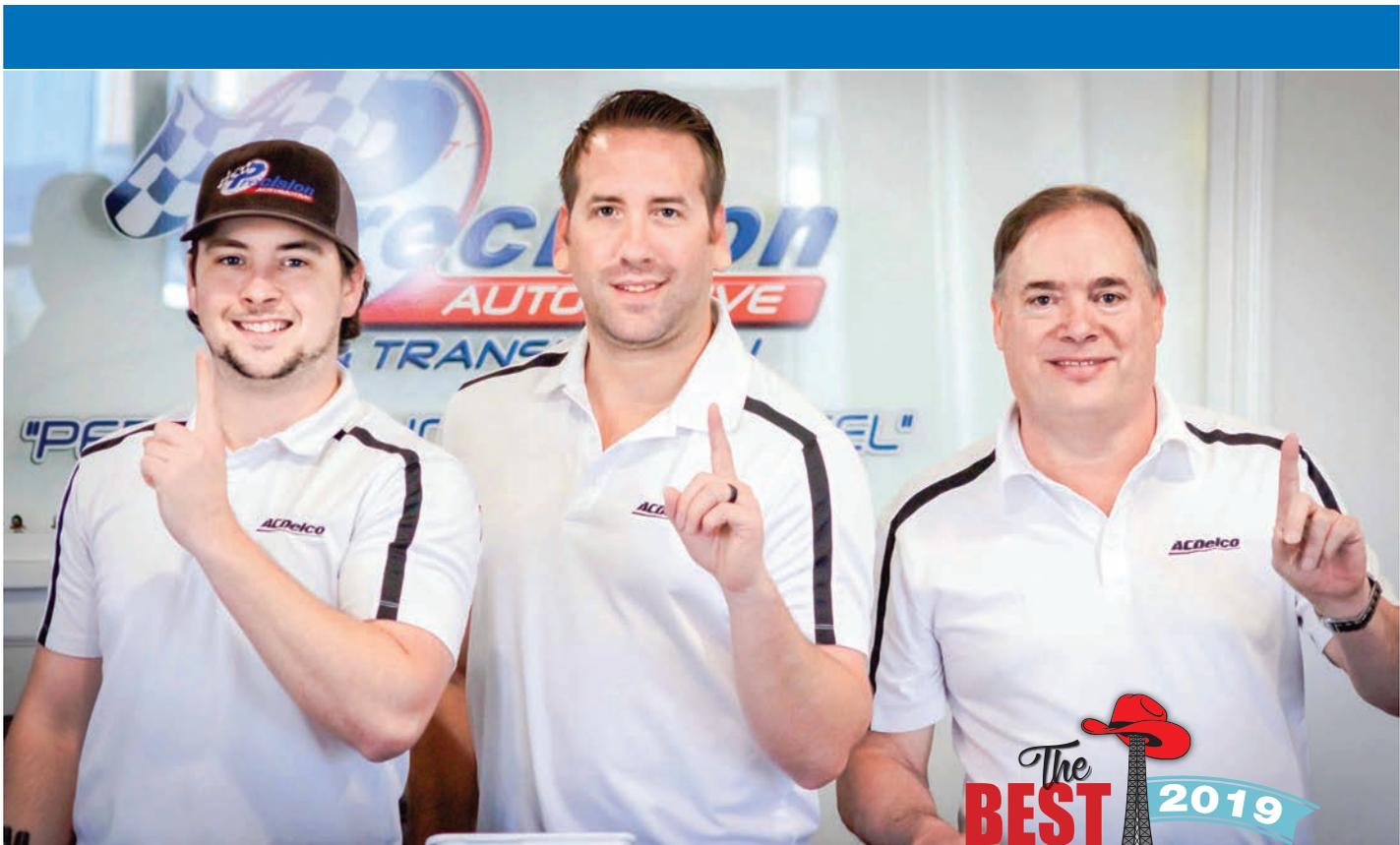
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Approximately 40,000 graves in Evergreen Cemetery, and the headstone of a small-town furniture maker gets all the attention. Word of mouth brings people from near and far just to find the grave they've heard so much about. They don't know who's buried there, they just know what's supposed to be standing over him. They want to know if the rumors are true. They want to see the Jesus in the cowboy boots.



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# Sam Bell Maxey House



The Sam Bell Maxey House is a historic house in Paris, Lamar County, Texas. Samuel Bell Maxey, a prominent local attorney and later two-term U.S. senator, built the large two-story house after serving as a major general in the Confederate Army. It is built in the High Victorian Italianate style.

From 1868 to 1966, the house was the home of Samuel B. Maxey and his family. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places listings in Lamar County, Texas on March 18, 1971. The house was designated a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark in 1962. Restoration was completed September 1, 1980, and it was opened to

the public on a tour basis. On January 1, 2008, the house was transferred from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to the Texas Historical Commission and is now operated at the Sam Bell Maxey House State Historic Site.

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Texas' Eiffel Tower is a landmark in the city of Paris, Texas. The tower was constructed in 1993. It is a model of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France.

This replica was built in 1993, the same year as another one in the United States, the Eiffel Tower in Paris, Tennessee. Original plans made the construction five feet taller than the one in Tennessee and a cowboy hat added to the top, in a competitive spirit, made the total height 65 feet.

It was built by members of the local welders' union and is less than one tenth the height of the 1,063-foot original. A shiny red cowboy hat was added to the top of the spindle in 1998.



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# Red River Valley Veterans Memorial



This impressive memorial is located in Paris, Texas next to the Eiffel Tower at the Love Civic Center. The Memorial's centerpiece is the Ring of Honor, an elevated ring of granite walls containing the names of all men and women from the five county Red River Valley area who made the ultimate sacrifice in a combat zone while in service to our country. The Red River Valley Veterans Memorial will be a place for reflection, remembrance and gratitude. It is our hope that this will also be a place to educate present and future generations of the sacrifice made by a member of their own family and their community to secure the freedoms we all enjoy. And may it be a reminder that "Freedom Is Not Free."



*Thanks for voting us*

***Best Taco***  
***Best Iced Tea***



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# Lamar County Museum



The Lamar County Historical Society preserves artifacts and historic sites within the county; its museum exhibits uniforms used during the Civil War, replicas of pioneer homes, a blacksmith shop and shoes. Museum admission is free, but the society appreciates donations.

## Coston & Son Ready Mix delivering quality product for 60 years

Coston & son Ready Mix was founded in 1959 by W.A. “pud” Coston and his son, Travis Coston. The company is still family owned and operated at its original location. Travis and Jean Coston worked side by side for over 20 years and left a legacy of honesty and integrity for their children. Travis retired in 1992 after 33 years in the business, but Jean continues in an active role. The concrete plant is now managed by their children, Bubba Coston, Trava Drake, and Gency Fortenberry, and their grandson, Kyle Coston, who is the fourth generation of Costons’ producing concrete.

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In November of 2016, Coston & Son Ready Mix was proud to be named a Texas Treasure. Our family takes great pride in the work we have accomplished for 60 years and we are acutely aware that our customers

have made this business what it is today. We certainly want to take this opportunity to say “Thank You” to Paris and the surrounding area for their continued patronage. We look forward to providing concrete for many more dreams in the future.



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# Chisum Grave

John S. Chisum [1824-1884] was a Texas and New Mexico cattle baron. He was born in Paris, Texas and was known for his participation in the Lincoln County War in New Mexico and his friendship with Billy the Kid. A noted Texas historical figure, he is often confused with the famous Texas cattleman Jesse Chisholm, namesake of the Chisholm Trail. Before his death in Arkansas, John Chisum requested to be buried back in Paris and this small memorial park southwest of downtown is the site of the family cemetery. A nice grave memorial rests here with simple landscaping, a curved drive, and a Texas Historical Marker. An interesting stop for Texas History buffs.



*Thanks to all of our great customers for voting Paul Green Best Mechanic in Paris!*



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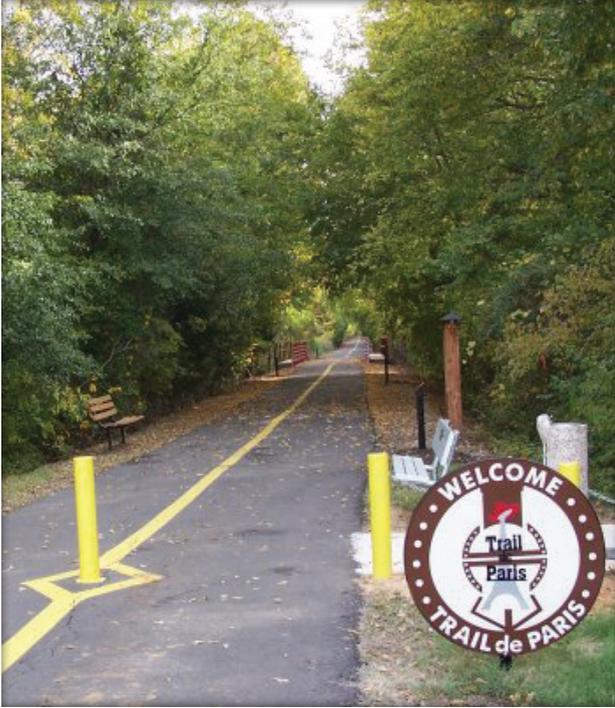
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On its eastern end, it connects to the Reno Rail-Trail, which extends the ride another five miles. Both trails are part of the growing Northeast Texas Trail, which will stretch 132 miles across seven counties from New Boston to Farmersville. Other trails in the system include the Chaparral Rail Trail and DeKalb Trace.



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Congratulations to  
our \$100 Winner!



James Parson from Paris, Texas is our big \$100 winner in the 2019 Readers' Choice ballot drawing. Mr. Parson's winning ballot was randomly drawn from over 600 ballots submitted by our readers.





We are proud to announce  
the winners of  
Best of Paris, Texas 2019!

Nominations were made by the residents of Paris, Texas. Voting was done by ballot and online at [www.BestofParisTexas.com](http://www.BestofParisTexas.com). Every winner is listed in the print and online directory for free so that the whole county knows who's the best of the best!

Check out the following pages to see all the winners...

# And the winner is...



**Best Community Festival or Event**  
Pumpkin Festival

**Best Counseling**  
Dr. Tim Reger - Paris Counseling Center

**Best Elementary School**  
Blossom Elementary

**Best Principal**  
Leslie Martin - Blossom Elementary

**Best Family Entertainment**  
Movies 8

**Best Funeral Services**  
Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home

**Best Golf Course**  
Pine Ridge Golf Course

**Best High School**  
North Lamar

**Best Middle School**  
North Lamar

**Best High School Band**  
North Lamar

**Best School Teacher**  
Amanda King - North Lamar

**Best Public School**  
North Lamar

**Best Kid's Birthday Party Venue**  
Celebrate It

**Best Martial Arts Instruction**  
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**Best Martial Arts Instructor**  
Paris ATA - Jocelyn Herndon

**Best Monuments**  
Paris Monuments

**Best Place to Take a Guest**  
107

**Best Dining Atmosphere**  
107

**Best Private School**  
Trinity Christian Academy

**Best Radio Station**  
The River 104.3 FM

**Best Wedding Venue**  
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**Best Wine Selection**  
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**Best Place to buy Beer or Wine**  
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**Best Place to buy Office Supplies**  
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**Best Place To Get Copies**  
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**Best Place to Buy a Computer**  
Office Depot

**Best American Food Place**  
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**Best Hamburger**  
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**Best BBQ**  
Scholl Bros Bar-B-Que

**Best Biscuits**  
Popeyes

**Best Chicken**  
Popeyes

**Best Breakfast**  
McKee's 24 Hour Family Restaurant

**Best Food for the Dollar**  
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**Best Business Lunch**  
Magel's Grill

**Best Rolls**  
Magel's Grill

**Best Buffet**  
China Star

**Best Oriental Food**  
China Star

**Best Catfish**  
The Fish Fry

**Best Seafood**  
The Fish Fry

**Best Chicken Fried Steak**  
Borderline Cafe

**Best Steaks**  
Borderline Cafe

**Best Chili**  
Chili's Grill & Bar

**Best Cup of Coffee**  
Paris Coffee Company

**Best Desserts**  
A Piece of Cake

**Best Baker**  
Treva Brunson - A Piece of Cake

**Best Donuts**  
Daylight Donuts

**Best Food Truck**  
Gallaghan's Wicked Kitchen

**Best Health Food Store**  
Wellness Center

# And the winner is...



**Best Fresh Meat**  
David's Meat Market

**Best Butcher**  
David Denison - David's Meat Market

**Best Tacos**  
Taco Delite

**Best Glass of Iced Tea**  
Taco Delite

**Best Hot Sauce**  
Dos Marias

**Best Mexican Food Place**  
Dos Marias

**Best Ice Cream**  
Braum's Ice Cream & Burger Restaurant

**Best Milk Shakes**  
Braum's Ice Cream & Burger Restaurant

**Best Waiter or Waitress**  
Sandi - Capizzi's Italian Kitchen

**Best Italian Food**  
Capizzi's Italian Kitchen

**Best Pizza**  
Capizzi's Italian Kitchen

**Best Restaurant For Friendly Service**  
Capizzi's Italian Kitchen

**Best Lunch**  
Aunt Mary's Cafe

**Best Restaurant For Home Cooking**  
Aunt Mary's Cafe

**Best Cook**  
Charlie - Aunt Mary's Cafe

**Best Ribs**  
Phat Phil's BBQ

**Best Salad Bar**  
Sirloin Stockade

**Best Sandwiches**  
Sandwich Etc.

**Best Soft Drink**  
Sonic Drive-In

**Best Auto Insurance Agent**  
Vicki Ballard - Ballard Insurance

**Best Insurance Agency**  
Ballard Insurance

**Best Home Insurance Agent**  
Vicki Ballard - Ballard Insurance

**Best Auto Mechanic**  
Paul Green - Paul Green's Complete Auto Repair

**Best Bail Bondsman**  
Barham Bail Bonds

**Best Bank Teller**  
Susan Bristow - First Federal Bank

**Best Bank**  
First Federal Bank

**Best Barber**  
Shawn - Hamilton's Barber Shop

**Best Bartender**  
Joel Cannon - Buffalo Joe's Pub

**Best Beautician**  
Pam Boswell - Eclipse

**Best Boss**  
Greg Wilson - Lamar National Bank

**Best Loan Officer**  
Casi Burchinal - Lamar National Bank

**Best Mortgage Company**  
Lamar National Bank

**Best Chiropractor**  
Dr. Ballard Boren

**Best Builder/Contractor**  
Larry Slagle Construction

**Best Carpet Cleaner**  
Wayne Kerby - Kerby's Carpet Care

**Best Choir Director**  
Jan Blize - Paris High School

**Best Coach**  
Steve Coker

**Best Cardiologist**  
Dr. Shafiq

**Best Day Care Worker**  
Ty Hayden - His Kids Learning Center

**Best Dental Hygienist**  
Autumn Porter - Easlon Dental

**Best Dentist**  
Dr. Regina Easlon - Easlon Dental

**Best Dermatologist**  
Ashley Chappell - U.S. Dermatology Partners Paris

**Best Electrician**  
David Hanson - Hanson Electric

**Best Insurance Agent**  
Lindsay Walton - Farm Bureau

**Best Pet Groomer**  
Felicia - Pam's Pet Grooming

**Best Law Enforcement Officer**  
Sgt. Michael Bankston - Paris Police Office

**Best Life Insurance Agent**  
Brad Crosswhite - Brad Crosswhite Insurance

*And the winner is...*



**Best Nurse**

April Brumley - On Call Home Health

**Best Home Health Care**

On Call Home Health

**Best Hospice**

On Call Home Health

**Best Car Salesperson**

Ty Gray

**Best Mail Carrier**

Rod Ellis - USPS

**Best Nurse Practitioner**

Kendra Proctor RN - Paris Family Physicians

**Best Orthodontist**

Clay Spencer - Spencer Orthodontics

**Best Paralegal**

Barbara Shelby (Retired) - Moore Law Firm

**Best Personal Trainer**

Amanda Brandon - Paris Fitness & Aquatics

**Best Pharmacist**

Darryl Haage - Kroger Pharmacy

**Best Photographer**

Kristin LaRue

**Best Physician**

Dr. Chad Trammell - Paris Family Physicians

**Best Plumber**

Alton Hess - Alton Hess Plumbing

**Best Radio Personality**

Barry Diamond - K95.5 FM

**Best Secretary**

Rena Wright @ 1st Baptist Church

**Best Social Worker**

Candace Cannon - Texas Health and Human Services

**Best Surgeon**

Dr. Drew Temple - Paris Orthopedic Clinic

**Best Veterinarian**

Wally Kraft - Animal Health Center

**Best Antique Store**

Whitehouse Antiques

**Best Apartment Complex**

Tanglewood Square

**Best Assisted Living Facility**

Spring Lake

**Best Auto Body Shop**

Paris Body Works

**Best Auto Detail Shop**

Pine Bluff Auto Detail

**Best Auto Service Center**

Precision Automotive & Transmission

**Best Bargains**

Dollar Tree

**Best Cabinetry**

Lunar Cabinet

**Best Car Wash**

Wash Masters

**Best Check Cashing Service**

Ace Cash Express

**Best Chiropractic Center**

The Rub Club

**Best Place to Get a Massage**

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**Best Concrete Company**

Coston & Sons

**Best Consignment Shop**

Back on the Rack

**Best Convenience Store**

Cefco on Collegiate St.

**Best Credit Union**

Red River Credit Union

**Best Dance Studio**

Brittany's Stepping Out

**Best Day Care Center**

Little Ark Learning Center

**Best Decorated Store Windows**

The Wicked Apple

**Best Dry Cleaners**

Convenient Cleaners

**Best Exercise Facility**

Anytime Fitness

**Best Gym**

Anytime Fitness

**Best Feed Store**

Valley Feed Mill

**Best Fences**

Emerson Fence Co.

**Best Finance Company**

Adkins United Finance Co.

**Best Florist**

Paris Florist

**Best Auto Glass Shop**

Tri-State Auto Glass

**Best Home Glass Shop**

Paris Glass and Mirror

**Best Gymnastics Place**

Texas Tumbling

# And the winner is...



**Best Hair Salon**  
Plaza Salon

**Best Heat & Air Service**  
Jamar Contractors, Inc.

**Best Hearing Center**  
Brooks Hearing Clinic

**Best Hotel**  
Holiday Inn Express

**Best Industrial Business**  
Campbell Soup Company

**Best iPhone Repair**  
iParis Cellphone Repair

**Best Lawn Care Service**  
Steven Leonard

**Best Lumber Yard**  
Paris Lumber & Building Center

**Best Motel**  
Days Inn

**Best Nursery**  
Bratcher's Nursery & Landscaping

**Best Nursing Home**  
Paris Healthcare

**Best Pawn Shop**  
EZPawn

**Best Pediatrician Clinic**  
Primary Care Associates - PCA

**Best Pediatrician**  
Aubrey Gibbs - Primary Care Associates

**Best Pest Control**  
Paris Pest Control

**Best Pharmacy**  
Brookshire's

**Best Plumbing Co.**  
Exum Plumbing

**Best Printer**  
Pickle Printing

**Best Rehab Facility**  
Xzact Therapy and Aquatics

**Best Storage Facility**  
Advantage Storage

**Best Real Estate Agency**  
Century 21 Harvey Properties

**Best Real Estate Agent**  
Tonya Cannon - Century 21 Harvey Properties

**Best Security System**  
Advance Alarm & Electronics

**Best Spa**  
Best Kept Secret

**Best Temp Agency**  
CorTech

**Best Title Company**  
Stone Title Company

**Best Tractor Store**  
Cunningham Equipment

**Best Place to Buy a Tractor**  
Cunningham Equipment

**Best Farm Equipment**  
Paris Farm & Ranch

**Best Tree Service**  
Rozell Tree Service

**Best Veterinarian Clinic**  
Lamar Veterinary Clinic

**Best Weight Loss**  
Hayes Clinic

**Best Wheel Aligner**  
Hicks Tire & Muffler Shop

**Best Place to Buy Mufflers**  
Hicks Tire & Muffler Shop

**Best Place to Buy Tires**  
Hicks Tire & Muffler Shop

**Best Wrecker Service**  
Whitaker Towing

**Best Place to Buy Auto Parts**  
ABC Auto Parts

**Best Place to Buy Auto Accessories**  
ABC Auto Parts

**Best Place to Buy Baby Gifts**  
Paris Baby

**Best Place to Buy Carpet**  
Smith Carpet

**Best Place to Buy Children's Clothing**  
Walmart

**Best Place to Buy Groceries**  
Walmart

**Best Place to Buy Fabric**  
Hobby Lobby

**Best Place to Buy Furniture**  
Texas Furniture

**Best Eye Doctor**  
Katie Wicks, OD - Paris Optical

**Best Place to Buy Glasses**  
Paris Optical

**Best Place to Buy Hardware**  
Bob Swaim Hardware

*And the winner is...*



**Best Place to Buy Jewelry**

David House Jewelry

**Best Place to Buy Men's Clothing**

Tony's Tuxes

**Best Place to A Tux**

Tony's Tuxes

**Best Place to Buy Propane**

Cooper Propane

**Best Place to Buy Shoes**

Shoe Dept.

**Best Place to Buy Sporting Goods**

Williams' Sporting Goods

**Best Place to Buy Western Wear**

Crazy House Western Wear

**Best Place to Buy Women's Clothing**

Factory Connection

**Best Place to Buy a 4-Wheeler**

Langdon Outdoors

**Best Place to Buy a Mattress**

Mattress Factory Outlet

**Best Retail Sales Clerk**

Samm Brown - Mattress Factory Outlet

**Best Place to Buy a Metal Building**

Chisum Portable Buildings

**Best Place to Buy a Motorcycle**

South Main Iron

**Best Place to Buy a Mower**

82 Lawn & Equipment

**Best Place to Buy a Musical Instrument**

Rockin' L Music

**Best Place to Buy a New Appliance**

The Home Depot

**Best Place to Buy a Pool or Spa**

Pools and More

**Best Place to Buy a Used Car or Truck**

Morrell Auto Group

**Best Place to Buy a New Car or Truck**

Paris Chevrolet

**Best Place to Buy a Wedding Gift**

Spangler's

**Best Place to Buy an RV**

Camper Dan's

**Best Place to Get Your Taxes Prepared**

Billy Mike Smith Bookkeeping and Tax Service

**Best Place to Rent Anything**

Rent-A-Center



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Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote in The Best of Paris, Texas poll.



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