



CLAY COUNTY

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Local Food Establishments Excel in Food Safety

**LIBERTY, Mo. – April 5, 2017**– In Clay County, 49 of the more than 650 food establishments are being recognized for outstanding efforts in food safety, based on 2016 food establishment inspections conducted by the Clay County Public Health Center.

“Restaurant owners are essential public health partners, ensuring safe food for our community,” said Becky Steiner, section chief, environmental health protection at the Clay County Public Health Center. “We’re pleased that the vast majority of food establishments in Clay County regularly meet high food safety standards. These Food Safety Excellence award recipients set themselves apart by making a commitment to having a certified food safety manager present at all times, ensuring all food employees received necessary training on safe handling of food, and had excellent inspection results consistently throughout 2016. This equates to a safe and enjoyable dining experience for Clay County residents and guests.”

The award recognizes each of the establishments for maintaining substantial compliance with the Clay County Food Code, exhibiting outstanding food safety and sanitation practices and for achieving exceptional inspection results during the calendar year.

Environmental Health Protection conducted more than 1,100 routine food establishment inspections, 230 temporary food events, and investigated 92 food-related complaints in 2016, ensuring that the public is protected from foodborne illnesses.

Congratulations to this year’s Food Excellence Award winners:

ABC 123 Child Learning Center - Smithville  
Antioch Middle School - Gladstone  
Burlington Head Start - NKC  
City Hall Kitchen - Mosby  
Classy Chocolate - Liberty  
El Sombrero Mexican Restaurant - Claycomo  
Epic Elementary - Liberty  
Excelsior Springs Job Corp Center Culinary Arts - Ex Springs  
Fun Run - Liberty  
Guardian Angels Care Center - Kearney  
Hand In Hand - Kearney  
Hard Core Café - Gladstone

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Harrah's - Mardi Gras Liquor Outlet - NKC  
Harrah's Casino Banquet Kitchen - NKC  
Hawthorne Elementary School - Kearney  
Heritage Middle School - Liberty  
Hy-Vee (Starbucks) - Gladstone  
Hy-Vee Food & Drugstore (Meat, Seafood) - Gladstone  
Hy-Vee Food & Drugstore (Salad, Produce) - Gladstone  
Inn on Crescent Lake - Ex Springs  
KC Trapshooters Association Gun Club - Smithville  
Kearney Middle School - Kearney  
Koala T-Care Learning Center - Liberty  
Landmark Christian Daycare Center - Smithville  
Liberty Christian Church Early Education Center - Liberty  
Liberty Middle School - Liberty  
Lillian Schumacher Elementary School - Liberty  
Linden West Elementary School - Gladstone  
Manor Hill Elementary School - Liberty  
Meadowbrook Elementary School - Gladstone  
Oakwood Manor Elementary School - Gladstone  
Price Chopper (Store, Storeroom, Meat) - Ex Springs  
Price Chopper 36 (Meat) - Gladstone  
Quik Trip #181 - Gladstone  
Quik Trip #213 - Smithville  
Quik Trip #237 - Gladstone  
Ridgeview Elementary School - Liberty  
Rock Stop - Gladstone  
Seasons Express - NKC  
Smithville High School & Inside Concession - Smithville  
Smithville Primary Elementary School - Smithville  
Smithville Upper Elementary School - Smithville  
St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church - Gladstone  
Starbucks Coffee Company #2416 - Gladstone  
Subway - Liberty  
Victoria's Learning Center - Liberty  
Wal-Mart Supercenter #195 (Bakery) - Ex Springs  
Wal-Mart Supercenter #195 (Deli) - Ex Springs  
Willow Spring Mercantile - Ex Springs

***About Clay County Public Health Center***

*Created in 1953, the Clay County Public Health Center is a nationally accredited local public health department protecting the health of all people in the county by implementing population based prevention programs and services. This community approach to wellness not only prevents the spread of disease but also provides wellness education to empower people to make healthy choices. To learn more, visit [www.clayhealth.com](http://www.clayhealth.com).*

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