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RUNNER UP
RESULTS



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Asian/Chinese Food

WINNER
Tokyo House
RUNNER UP
Sushi Yoshi

Bakery

WINNER
Jones' Donuts & Bakery
RUNNER UP
Dellveneri's Bakery

Beverage Distributor

WINNER
Farrell's Distributing
RUNNER UP
Baker's Distributing

Beverage Store

WINNER
Olivia's Market
RUNNER UP
Terrill Street Discount Beverage

Breakfast

WINNER
Sugar & Spice
RUNNER UP
Johnny Boys Pancake House

Burger

WINNER
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Welcome to the annual Rutland Herald Best of the Best Readers' Choice Awards special section — where you can find out the people, businesses and places that make Rutland County and Vermont a great place to live. There were some upsets, and some mainstays kept their position at the top of the heap, but all in all these awards are really about what's great in the area.

These awards are a chance for people to find out what they might not have known, or might have had in front of them all along without really appreciating. Many of the award winners are local icons or long-time favorites, but some of them might not have had as much time in the public eye. We hope you find out for yourselves what makes these businesses and people special enough to be the Best. A big thank you goes out to the readers — once again you took the time and care to help us out, and we appreciate it and we heard you loud and clear.

So hang on to this guide, and when you're wondering where to get the best help on buying a car, where to grab a bite to eat, where to get help when looking for a service professional or what's the best place to shop local, glance through and see the advice of hundreds who know what's truly best about the Rutland region.



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Kelly's Snack Shack
RUNNER UP
Village Snack Bar

Dinner

WINNER
Southside Steakhouse
RUNNER UP
Sweet Caroline's

Farm Stand

WINNER
Vermont Farmers' Market
RUNNER UP
Brown's Orchard & Farmstand

Food Truck or Snack Stand

WINNER
Kelly's Snack Shack
RUNNER UP
Roxies

French Fries

WINNER
Roxie's Fries
RUNNER UP
Five Guys

Indian Food

WINNER
Little Haveli
RUNNER UP
Masala Corner

Italian Food

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Nonna's Italian Ristorante
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The Garlic

Lunch

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Maxies Deli

Seafood

WINNER
Tozier's Restaurant
RUNNER UP
Tokyo House

Steak

WINNER
Southside Steakhouse
RUNNER UP
Fire & Ice

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Dr. Eric Marsh

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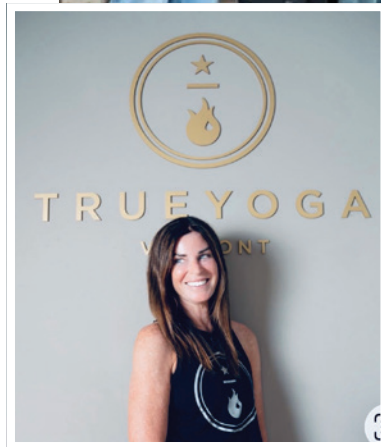
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FOSTERing WELLNESS

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Bayada



Vermont Sports Medicine Center

Hospital or Medical Center

WINNER
Rutland Regional Medical Center

RUNNER UP
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center

Massage Therapy

WINNER
Five Elements
RUNNER UP
Signature Day Spa

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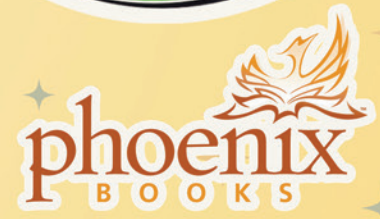


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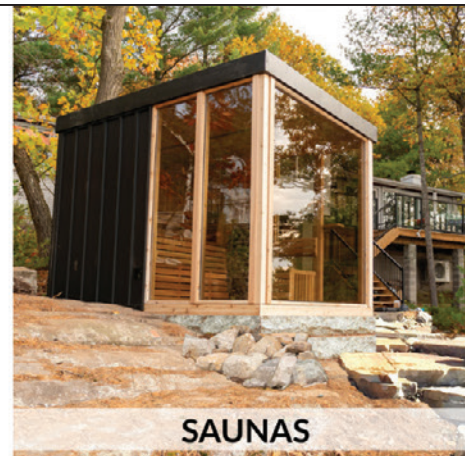


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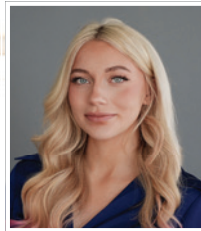
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RUNNER UP
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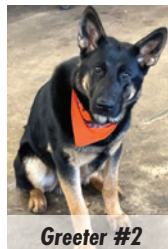
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