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Dream Wedding Location

WINNER
Mountain Top Inn & Resort
RUNNER UP
Killington Grand Resort

Golf Course

WINNER
Rutland Country Club
RUNNER UP
Proctor Pittsford Country Club

Gym or Fitness Center

WINNER
Vermont Sport & Fitness
RUNNER UP
The Gymnasium

Hotel, Inn or B&B

WINNER
Mountain Top Inn & Resort
RUNNER UP
Killington Grand Resort

Summer Camp

WINNER
Rutland Parks and Recreation
RUNNER UP
Kehoe Conservation Camp

The Best all over

Over 15 thousand nominations and 80 thousand votes in this twelveth edition of the Rutland Herald Readers' Choice Awards. Voters shared their voice and opinion on what constitutes the better, brighter side of Rutland as a place to live, work and do business. There were many repeat winners, but also several first-timers and upsets.

During the time of a pandemic you will still find the businesses and people in these pages reflecting the truth that the strength of locally-owned and locally-operated businesses lies in the people who connect them to the customers and the community. Time and again what stands out among the winners and runners up is the strong service and helpful touch provided at the person-to-person level.

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WINNER
**Mark Woodbury - Ashcroft
Chiropractic**
RUNNER UP
**Patrick Cooley - Cooley
Chiropractic**



Dentist

WINNER
Family Dental Associates
RUNNER UP
Cornerstone Dentistry

Doctor

WINNER
Dr. Michael Robertello
RUNNER UP
Dr. Lisa Hogenkamp

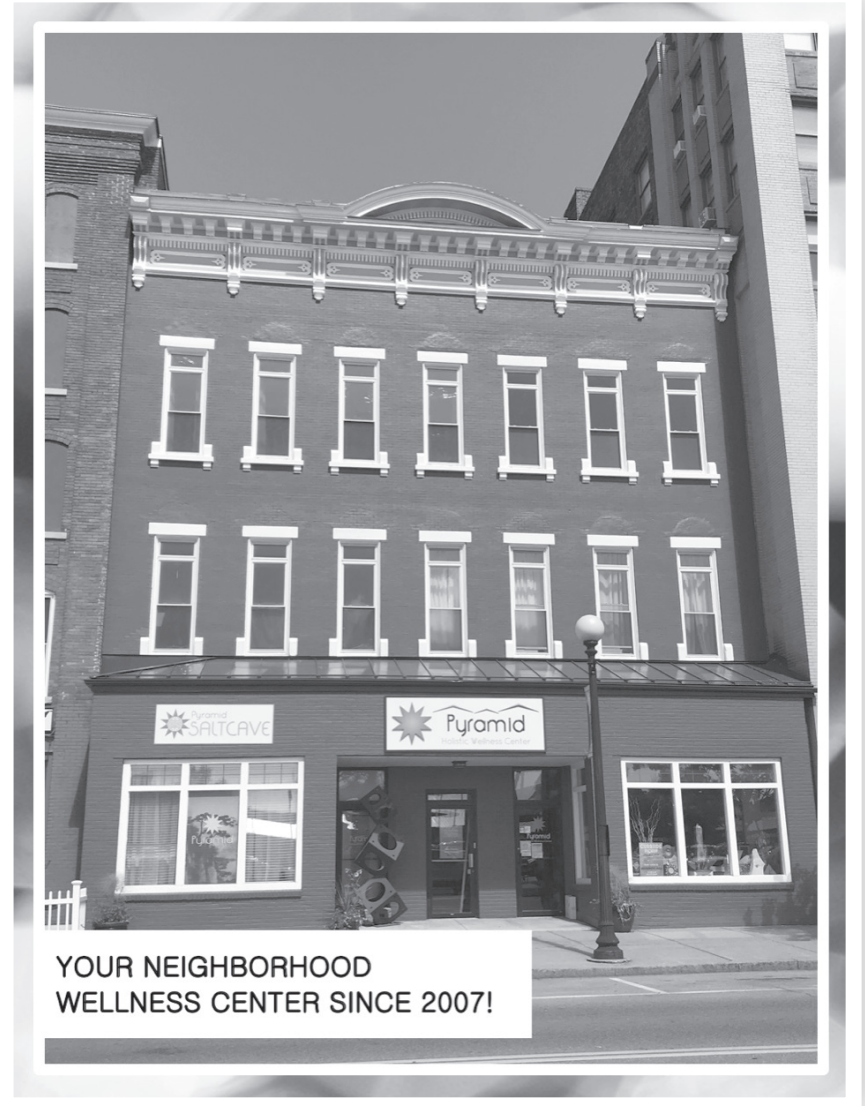


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Pyramid Holistic Wellness Center.

Holistic Healer

WINNER
**Pyramid Holistic
Wellness Center**
RUNNER UP
**The Village Community
Acupuncture**

Hospital or Medical Center

WINNER
**Rutland Regional
Medical Center**
RUNNER UP
**Dartmouth-Hitchcock
Medical Center**

HEALTH & WELLNESS



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The Maples Senior Living Community.

Nurse

WINNER
Amy Pfenning
RUNNER UP
Ann Robertello

Optometrist

WINNER
Douglas Wilson, O.D.
RUNNER UP
Praveen Keshava, M.D.

Pharmacy

WINNER
Rutland Pharmacy
RUNNER UP
CVS

Physical Therapy

WINNER
**Vermont Sports Medicine
Center (Rutland)**
RUNNER UP
**Back on Track Physical Ther-
apy**

Senior Living Center

WINNER
The Maples
RUNNER UP
The Pines

Veterinary Clinic

WINNER
Eastwood Animal Clinic
RUNNER UP
**Rutland Veterinary Clinic
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Amy Pfenning of Community Health Centers of the Rutland Region.

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Bakery

WINNER
Jones Donuts & Bakery
RUNNER UP
The Bakery

Beverage Store

WINNER
Terrill St. Discount Beverage
RUNNER UP
Kamuda's Country Market

Breakfast

WINNER
Sugar & Spice
RUNNER UP
Johnny Boy's Pancake House

Burger

WINNER
Table 24
RUNNER UP
The Maple Angus

Caterer

WINNER
Gill's Delicatessen
RUNNER UP
Avellino's



Sugar & Spice Restaurant & Gift Shop.

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Chinese Food

WINNER
Ginger China
RUNNER UP
East Asian Cuisine

Coffee Shop

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Speakeasy Cafe
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The Bakery



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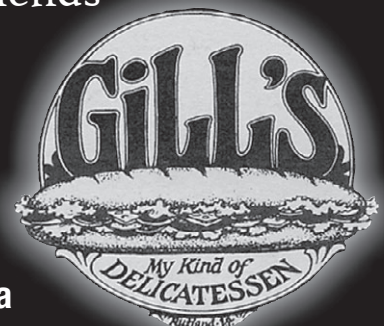
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Convenience Store/Market

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Kamuda's Country Market
RUNNER UP
Olivia's Market

Creemee Stand

WINNER
Village Snack Bar
RUNNER UP
The Maple Angus

Dinner

WINNER
Roots the Restaurant
RUNNER UP
Table 24

French Fries

WINNER
Roxie's Fries
RUNNER UP
Five Guys Burgers & Fries

Hot Dog or Snack Stand

WINNER
Village Snack Bar
RUNNER UP
The Maple Angus

Italian Food

WINNER
The Palms
RUNNER UP
Paisano's Italian Kitchen

Lunch

WINNER
Gill's Delicatessen
RUNNER UP
The Sandwich Shoppe

Pizza

WINNER
Ramunto's
RUNNER UP
Ted's Pizza Shop

Place to eat for under \$10

WINNER
Gill's Delicatessen
RUNNER UP
Maxie's Deli

Place to eat with your Family

WINNER
Sweet Caroline's
RUNNER UP
99 Restaurant

Restaurant

WINNER
Table 24
RUNNER UP
Sweet Caroline's

Sandwich

WINNER
Gill's Delicatessen
RUNNER UP
Maxie's Deli

Seafood

WINNER
Fair Haven Inn
RUNNER UP
The Lake House

Steak

WINNER
Southside Steakhouse
RUNNER UP
Fire & Ice

Super Market

WINNER
Hannaford Supermarket
RUNNER UP
Price Chopper

Vermont Brewery

WINNER
**Rutland Beerworks/
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RUNNER UP
Long Trail Brewing

SERVICES

The service category contains the people who do the work to make everything else run smoothly, along with two winners that transcend the category – Best Place to Work and Best Customer Service. These companies have strong ties to the local community, and have built reputations for dependability and durability – they are here when you need them. From bankers to plumbers, accountants to electricians, graphics to landscaping, this category spans a wide range of local businesses.



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Accountant

WINNER

**O'Brien, Reynolds,
Shortle & Sabotka**

RUNNER UP

Seward & Associates PLC

Bank

WINNER

TD Bank

RUNNER UP

People's United Bank

Best Place To Work

WINNER

Casella Waste Systems

RUNNER UP

**Rutland Regional
Medical Center**

Credit Union

WINNER

Heritage Family Credit Union

RUNNER UP

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Customer Service (Any Business)

WINNER

Hannoush Jewelers

RUNNER UP

Kamuda's Country Market

Electrician

WINNER

Rob Stubbins Electrical

RUNNER UP

Matt Voity

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Awesome Graphics

RUNNER UP

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Heating/AC Contractor

WINNER

**Bill Lohsen Plumbing
& Heating**

RUNNER UP

Paquette Plumbing

Insurance Agency/Agent

WINNER

Allstate-Bill Vien

RUNNER UP

**Liberty Mutual-Jennifer
Goeke**

Landscaper

WINNER

**Pratico's Landscaping
& Fence**

RUNNER UP

Carpenter & Costin

Law Firm

WINNER

Facey Goss & McPhee P.C.

RUNNER UP

McClallen & Associates P.C.

Local Stove Dealer

WINNER

The Stove Depot

RUNNER UP

Rutland Stove and Fireplace

Men's Hair Care (Barbershop)

WINNER

Star Barber Shop

RUNNER UP

Pip's Barber Shop



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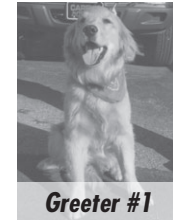
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**Head to Tail Professional
Pet Grooming**
RUNNER UP
Eastwood Animal Clinic

Plumber

WINNER
**Bill Lohsen Plumbing
& Heating**
RUNNER UP
Paquette Plumbing

Pool and Spa Dealer

WINNER
Allen Pools and Spas
RUNNER UP
Poultney Pools

Real Estate Agency

WINNER
**Four Seasons Sotheby's
International Realty**
RUNNER UP
**Alison McCullough
Real Estate**

Realtor

WINNER
Nancy Greenwood
RUNNER UP
Alison McCullough

Spa

WINNER
Five Elements Salon & Day Spa
RUNNER UP
A Signature Day Spa

Tattoo Parlor

WINNER
Long Trail Tattoo & Piercing
RUNNER UP
Black Cat Custom Tattoo

Women's Hair Care (Salon)

WINNER
Avanti Unisex Hair Salon
RUNNER UP
Rossi Hair Design



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Bill Lohsen Plumbing & Heating.



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ATV & Motorcycle Dealer

WINNER
Central VT Motorcycles
RUNNER UP
Procycle

Auto Body Shop

WINNER
Parker's Classic Autoworks
RUNNER UP
Wayne's Body Shop



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Brandon RV.

Auto Parts Store

WINNER
O'Reilly Auto Parts
RUNNER UP
NAPA Allied Auto Parts

Auto Repair

WINNER
Parker's Classic Autoworks
RUNNER UP
Greg's Auto

Boat Dealer

WINNER
Woodard Marine
RUNNER UP
Saba Marine

Car Wash

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WINNER
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Mountainview Equipment

Mechanic

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ARTS

*Arts Exhibition Venue/
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WINNER
Paramount Theatre
RUNNER UP
Art in the Park

Museum

WINNER
Wonderfeet Kids' Museum
RUNNER UP
Shelburne Museum

Music/Arts School

WINNER
Stafford Tech Center
RUNNER UP
**Miss Jackie's Studio
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Bar or Pub

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RUNNER UP
Vermont Tap House

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RUNNER UP
Ashley Guyette

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Center Street Alley

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WINNER
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RUNNER UP
Willie Clark

Live Music Venue

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Paramount Theatre
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Celebration Rentals

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Awesome Graphics

Bike Shop

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Kids Clothing Store

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Unlimited Potential

Florist

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Price Chopper Central Market Florist

Jeweler

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Hannoush Jewelers
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Local Book Store

WINNER
Phoenix Books Rutland
RUNNER UP
Northshire Bookstore

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Local Camera Store

WINNER
Phototec Inc.
RUNNER UP
Staples

Local Clothing Store

WINNER
Carl Durfee's Store
RUNNER UP
McNeil & Reedy

Local Coin Shop

WINNER
Puro's Coins, Jewelry and Antiques

Local Furniture Store

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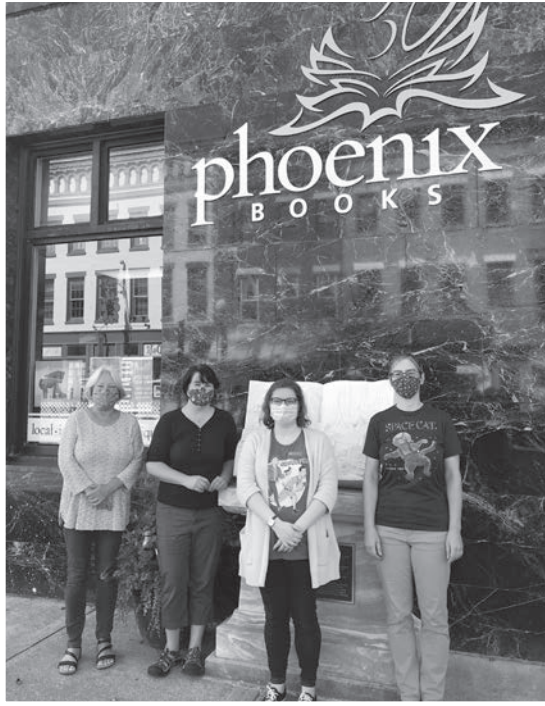


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Local Garden Center

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Garland's Farm & Garden
 RUNNER UP
Mr. Twitter's Garden & Gift

Local Hardware Store

WINNER
Noble Ace Hardware
 RUNNER UP
LaValley Building Supply

Local Mattress Store

WINNER
Vermont Bedrooms Bed Express
 RUNNER UP
Bennington Furniture & Mattress

Local Pet Supply Store

WINNER
The Pet Cage
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Petco

Local Photography Studio

WINNER
Forget Me Not Photography
 RUNNER UP
Vibe Portrait Art

Local Shoe Store

WINNER
Sensible Shoe
 RUNNER UP
Carl Durfee's Store

Outdoors/Sporting Goods Store

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