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Bar or Pub

WINNER
Hop'n Moose
RUNNER UP
Vermont Tap House

Best Bartender

WINNER
Karri Barrett Tomasi
RUNNER UP
Ashley Guyette

Disc Jockey

WINNER
Willie Clark
RUNNER UP
Terry Jay

Local band

WINNER
Satin and Steel
RUNNER UP
Aaron Audet

Performance/Live Music Venue

WINNER
Paramount Theatre
RUNNER UP
Center Street Alley

The Best all over

Over 14 thousand nominations and 75 thousand votes in this thirteenth 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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- Mark Woodbury
RUNNER UP
Cooley Chiropractic
- Patrick Cooley

Home Care

WINNER
VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region
RUNNER UP
Bayada

Hospital or Medical Center

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

Dentist

WINNER
Family Dental Associates
RUNNER UP
Cornerstone Dentistry
- Dr. Sonja Yau

Nurse

WINNER
Amy Pfenning
- Community Health Center
RUNNER UP
Theresa Reynolds
- Drs Hogenkamp

Doctor

WINNER
Dr. Lisa Hogenkamp
RUNNER UP
Dr. Anna McCloy

Holistic Healer

WINNER
Pyramid Holistic Wellness Center
RUNNER UP
Dalite Sancic

Optometrist

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RUNNER UP
Dr. Praveen Keshava

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Rutland Pharmacy (Rutland)
 RUNNER UP
CVS (Rutland)

Physical Therapy clinic

WINNER
Vermont Sports Medicine Center
 RUNNER UP
Back On Track Physical Therapy

Physician's Assistant

WINNER
Christopher Masillo, PA - Community Health Center

RUNNER UP
Patty Thornton - All Dimensions Primary Care

Senior Living Center

WINNER
The Maples
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The Meadows at East Mountain

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Bakery

WINNER
Jones' Donuts & Bakery
RUNNER UP
DellVeneri Bakery

Beverage Store

WINNER
Terrill Street Discount Beverage
RUNNER UP
Kamuda's Country Market

Breakfast

WINNER
Sugar & Spice
RUNNER UP
Johnny Boys Pancake House

Burger

WINNER
The Maple Angus
RUNNER UP
Southside Steakhouse

Caterer

WINNER
Gill's Delicatessen
RUNNER UP
Kamuda's Country Market

Chinese Food

WINNER
Ginger China
RUNNER UP
East Asian Cuisine

Coffee Shop

WINNER
Speakeasy Cafe
RUNNER UP
The Bakery

Convenience Store / Market

WINNER
Kamuda's Country Market
RUNNER UP
Olivia's Market

Creemee Stand

WINNER
Maple Angus
WINNER
Village Snack Bar

Dinner

WINNER
Southside Steakhouse
RUNNER UP
Sweet Caroline's

French Fries

WINNER
Roxie's Fries
Runner Up
FIVE GUYS

Hot Dog or Snack Stand

WINNER
Maple Angus
RUNNER UP
Village Snack Bar

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 Brick Oven Pizza
RUNNER UP
Ted's Pizza Shop

Place to eat for under \$10

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Gill's Delicatessen
RUNNER UP
Maxie's Deli

Place to eat out with your family

WINNER
Sweet Caroline's
RUNNER UP
99 Restaurant

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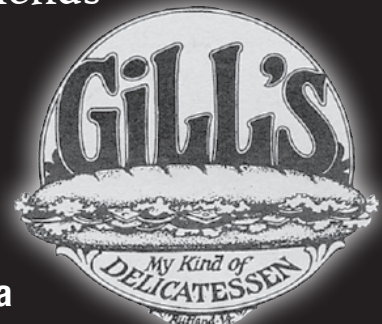
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Southside Steakhouse

Sandwich

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Gill's Delicatessen
RUNNER UP
Maxie's Deli

Seafood

WINNER
Toziers Restaurant
RUNNER UP
Fair Haven Inn Restaurant

Steak

WINNER
Southside Steakhouse
RUNNER UP
Fire & Ice

Super Market

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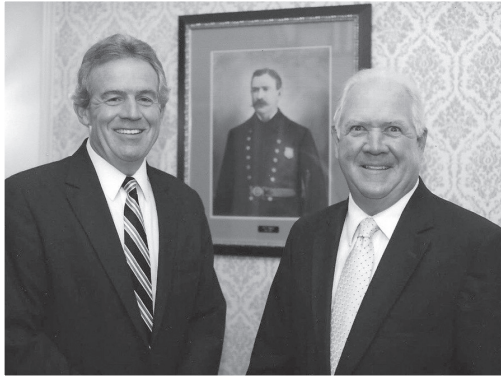


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The service category contains the people who do the work to make everything else run smoothly, along with two winners that transcend the category – Best Place to Work and Best Customer Service. These companies have strong ties to the local community, 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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Liberty Mutual Insurance - Jennifer Goeke



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Long Trail Tattoo.



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Accountancy

WINNER
Seward & Associates PLC
RUNNER UP
O'Brien Shortle Reynolds Sabotka

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
VSECU

Customer Service

WINNER
Kamuda's Country Market
RUNNER UP
Noble Ace Hardware

Electrician

WINNER
Rob Stubbins Electrical
RUNNER UP
Paquette Plumbing

Fuel Dealer

WINNER
Marcell Oil Company
RUNNER UP
Gecha Fuels

Funeral Home

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Clifford Funeral Home
RUNNER UP
Aldous Funeral Home

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Heating / AC contractor

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Bill Lohsen Plumbing & Heating
RUNNER UP
Paquette Plumbing, LLC.

Home Inspector

WINNER
State of Vermont Division of Fire Safety (Rutland Office)
RUNNER UP
Morgan Home Inspection - Jay Morgan

Insurance Agency / Agent

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Frank Webb Home
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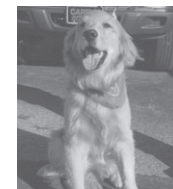
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Museum

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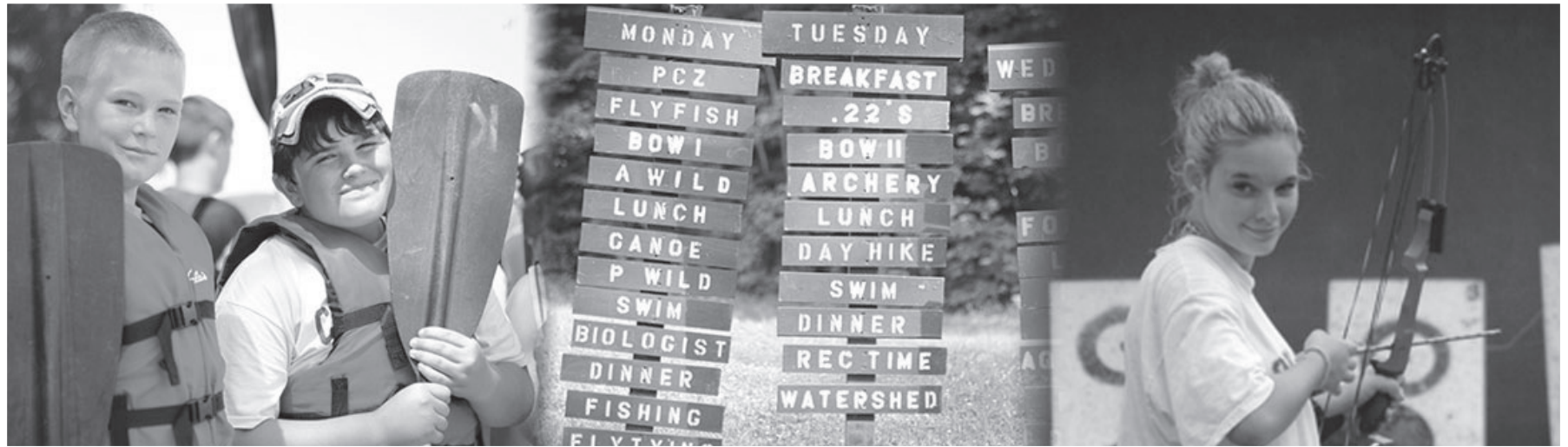


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T.J. Maxx
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Unlimited Potential Consignment Boutique

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Blossoms 'n More Florist
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Jeweler

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Northshire Bookstore

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RUNNER UP
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Local Toy Store

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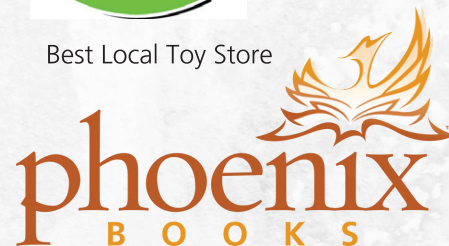


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