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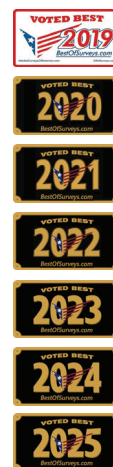


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These awards are a chance for people to find out what they might not have known, or might have had in front of them all along without really appreciating. Many of the award winners are local icons or long-time favorites, but some of them might not 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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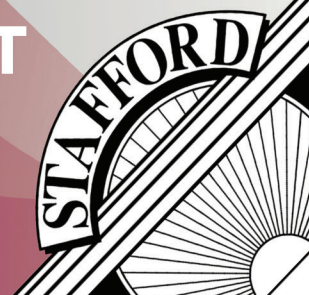
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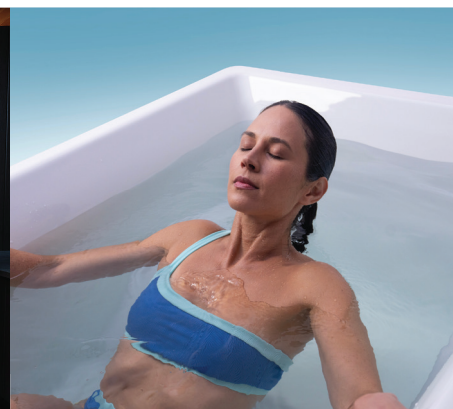
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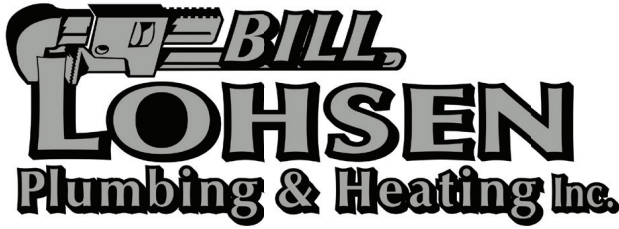

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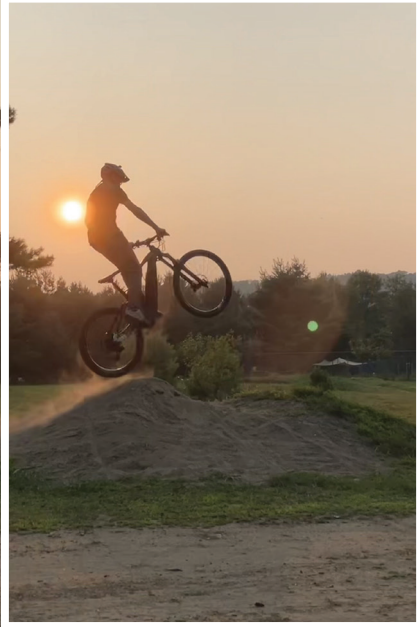
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