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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.

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, who 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 thousands who know what's truly best about the region.



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T. W. Wood Children and Adult Arts Programs

Dance School

WINNER
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RUNNER UP
Contemporary Dance and Fitness Studio

Gallery

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Studio Place Arts
RUNNER UP
T. W. Wood Gallery

Museum

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RUNNER UP
Calmont Beverage

Beverage Store

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RUNNER UP
Crossroads Beverage & Deli

Breakfast

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Wayside Restaurant
RUNNER UP
Tasty Bites

Burger

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Cornerstone Pub & Kitchen

Caterer

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RUNNER UP
Taste of VT

Chinese Food

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RUNNER UP
China Moon Buffet

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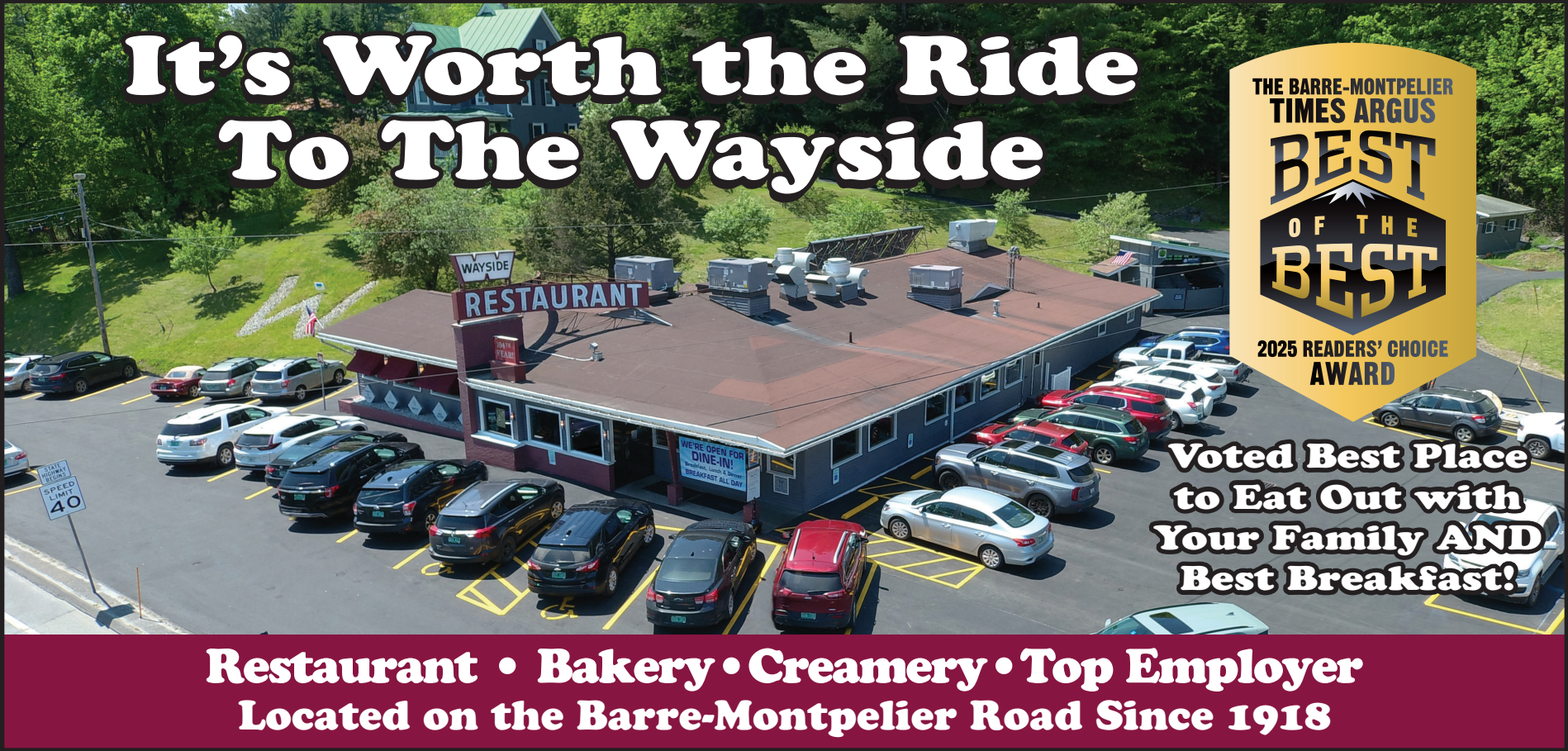
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The Meltdown Grilled Cheese and Tap Room

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Sarducci's
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Wayside Restaurant

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