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Welcome to our First Annual Kennebec Journal Best of the Best Reader’s Choice Awards section.

We would like to congratulate all of the area businesses who are recognized as first, second and third place finishers in our approximately 70 categories. And special thanks to our readers who took the time to complete our ballots, published in the Kennebec Journal and on centralmaine.com. Your votes made it possible for us to feature the businesses whose services you enjoy in this special format.

What better recognition for a business than to be nominated as the Best of the Best for their particular category? It is special for customers to take the time to complete a nomination – a chance to thank the multiple businesses they come in contact with on a daily basis – truly our **reader’s** choices.

Once the ballots were tabulated, we determined the three top finishers in each category, to be featured in this Kennebec Journal Best of the Best Results Section. First place finishers will receive a plaque and participate in a Best of the Best Reception. Second and third place businesses will receive a certificate of recognition.

Please take the time to review your selections, and to read the ads that some of the businesses have placed, thanking you for your confidence in them. The central Maine area is fortunate to have some of the finest businesses and service providers in the State. And, while this section does not cover all of the possible categories, we’ve certainly addressed quite a few.

In October, we will roll out the same balloting process for the second time in the Waterville area, with a ballot section inserted in the Morning Sentinel and included on centralmaine.com. Once again, readers will be invited to vote for their favorites in each category. Then, in January, we will publish a Morning Sentinel Results section similar to this one, with the selections in our Morning Sentinel towns.

We would also like to sincerely thank the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce for their assistance in getting the word out and promoting our balloting process.

Please be sure to watch for our 2nd Annual Best of the Best Ballot Section appearing in the Morning Sentinel and online in October, 2018.

Our sincere appreciation to our business partners, and to our readers for your participation.

Best,

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Winthrop Veterinary Clinic in Winthrop.



Vintage Collectibles in Winthrop

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1. Knight's Farm Supply, Augusta
2. Paris Farmers Union, Winthrop
3. R.T. Farms, Winthrop

VETERINARY CLINIC:

1. Winthrop Veterinary Hospital, Winthrop
2. At Home Veterinary Care, Gardiner
3. Pine Tree Veterinary Hospital, Augusta

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1. Vintage Collectibles, Winthrop
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The Barn at Silver Oaks Estate in Winthrop.



Charlie's Motor Mall in Augusta.



Fast Eddie's in Winthrop

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ORGANIZATION:**

1. The Barn at Silver Oaks Estate, Winthrop
2. Theater at Monmouth, Monmouth
3. Augusta Civic Center, Augusta

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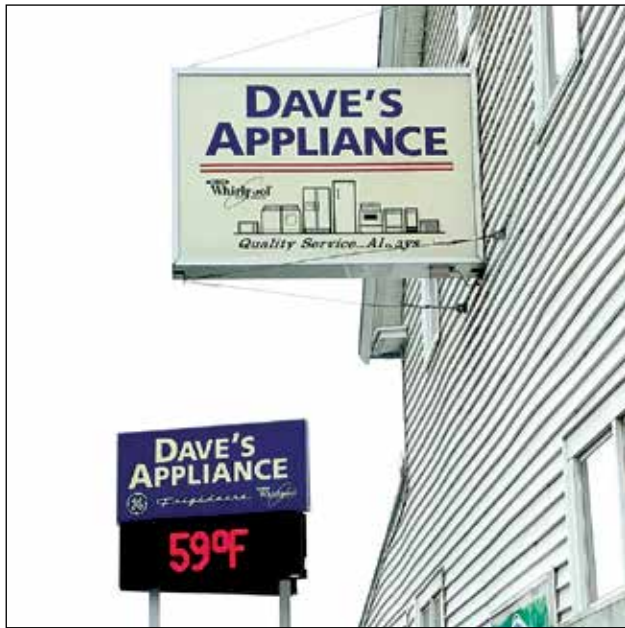
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Dave's Appliance in Winthrop.



MacPage, LLC in Augusta.



Kennebec Savings Bank in Augusta.

APPLIANCE STORE:

1. Dave's Appliance, Winthrop
2. Major's Appliance, Farmingdale

ACCOUNTING FIRM/FINANCIAL CONSULTANT:

1. MacPage, LLC, Augusta
2. Gibson LeClair, LLC, Augusta
2. Jack Skehan and Associates, Gardiner
3. Dunklee & Nott, Hallowell

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1. Kennebec Savings Bank, Augusta, Winthrop, Farmingdale
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1. Maine State Credit Union, Augusta
2. Winthrop Area Federal Credit Union, Winthrop
3. Cport Credit Union, Augusta



LaJoie Brothers in Augusta.

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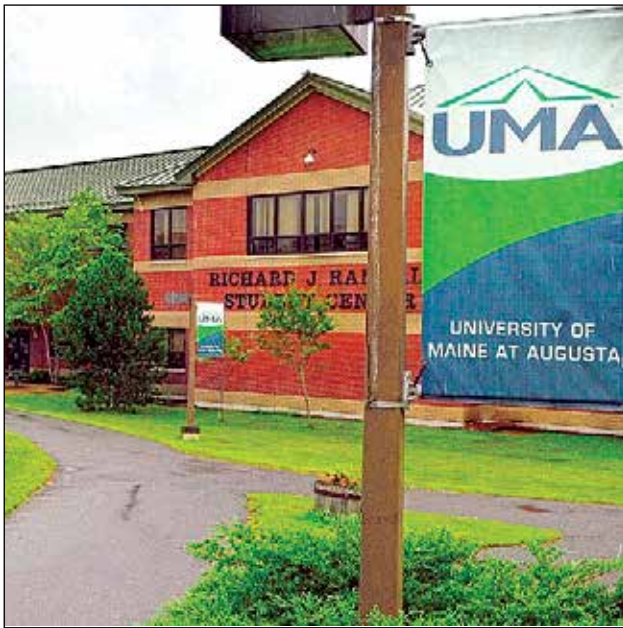
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University of Maine in Augusta.



Mattson's Flooring & Window Treatments in Augusta.



Longfellow's Greenhouse in Manchester.

EDUCATION INSTITUTION:

1. University of Maine at Augusta, Augusta
2. Kaplan/Purdue University Global, Augusta

FLOORING STORE:

1. Mattson's Flooring & Window Treatments, Augusta
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Northern Mattress & Furniture in Augusta.



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Audette's Ace Hardware in Winthrop.

FURNITURE/MATTRESS STORE:

1. Northern Mattress & Furniture, Augusta
2. The Furniture Gallery, Augusta
3. Polkki Furniture, Monmouth

GARBAGE/DISPOSAL SERVICE:

1. Riverside Disposal, Augusta, Chelsea, Randolph

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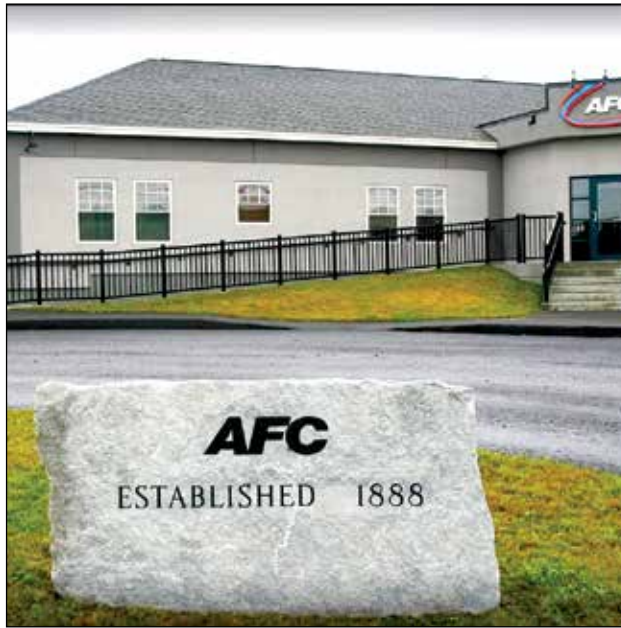


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Millsy's Cleaning Service in Augusta.



AFC-Augusta Fuel Company in Augusta.



Seacoast Security in Augusta.

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1. Millsy's Cleaning Services, Augusta
2. SERVPRO of Augusta, Augusta

HOME HEATING FUEL & SUPPLIES:

1. AFC - Augusta Fuel Company, Augusta
2. Winthrop Fuel, Winthrop
3. Dead River Co., Hallowell

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Clark Marine in Manchester, Monmouth and Belgrade.

INSURANCE AGENCY:

1. Macomber, Farr & Whitten, Augusta
2. Cross Insurance, Augusta
2. Gosline-Murchie Agency, Gardiner
3. Liberty Mutual, Augusta

LAW FIRM:

1. Lipman & Katz, Augusta
2. Farris Law, Gardiner
3. McKee Law, Augusta

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Augusta Road Self-Storage in Augusta.



Rocky's Stove Shoppe in Augusta.

REAL ESTATE AGENCY:

1. Sprague & Curtis Real Estate, Augusta
2. Brookwood Realty, Manchester
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Wonder Awhile Nursery School in Winthrop.



Slates Bakery in Hallowell.



Cushnoc Brewing Company in Augusta.

CHILD CARE/PRESCHOOL:

1. Wonder Awhile Nursery School, Winthrop
2. KV YMCA, Augusta
3. The Children's Place, Gardiner

BAKERY:

1. Slates Bakery, Hallowell
2. Vickery Café, Augusta
2. Hello Good Pie, Belgrade
2. The Apple Shed, Readfield

BREWERY/PUB:

1. Cushnoc Brewing Co., Augusta
2. Liberal Cup, Hallowell
3. The Depot, Gardiner



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Cafe 130 Mixology & Catering in Augusta.



Downtown Diner in Augusta.



Sweet Chilli Thai Restaurant in Augusta.

CATERER:

1. Café 130 Mixology & Catering, Augusta
2. Lisa's Catering, Augusta
3. Fat Cat's Café, Augusta

COFFEE/BREAKFAST SHOP:

1. Downtown Diner, Augusta
2. Bagel Maine, Augusta
3. Anabella's , Richmond

ETHNIC RESTAURANT:

1. Sweet Chilli Thai Restaurant, Augusta
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The Red Barn in Augusta.



College Carry-Out in Augusta.



The Red Barn in Augusta.

FAMILY RESTAURANT:

1. The Red Barn, Augusta
2. Downtown Diner, Augusta
3. Lisa's Restaurant, Augusta

PIZZA/SANDWICH/SUB SHOP:

1. College Carry-Out, Augusta
2. Damon's, Augusta
3. Cushnoc Brewing Company, Augusta

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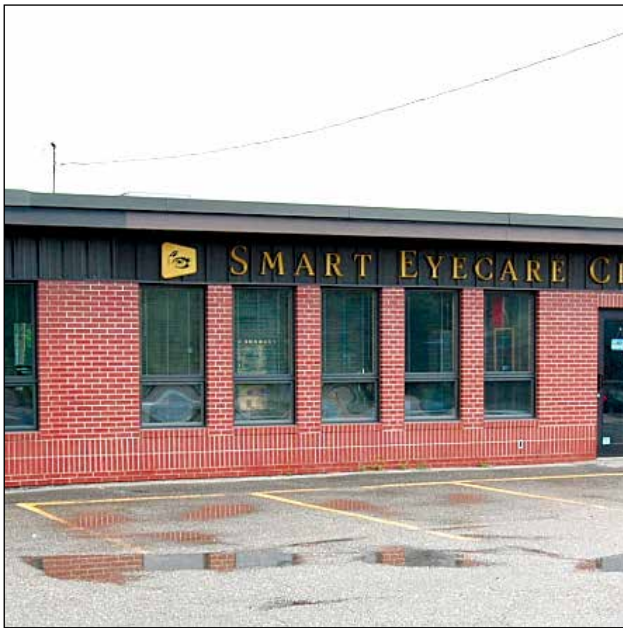


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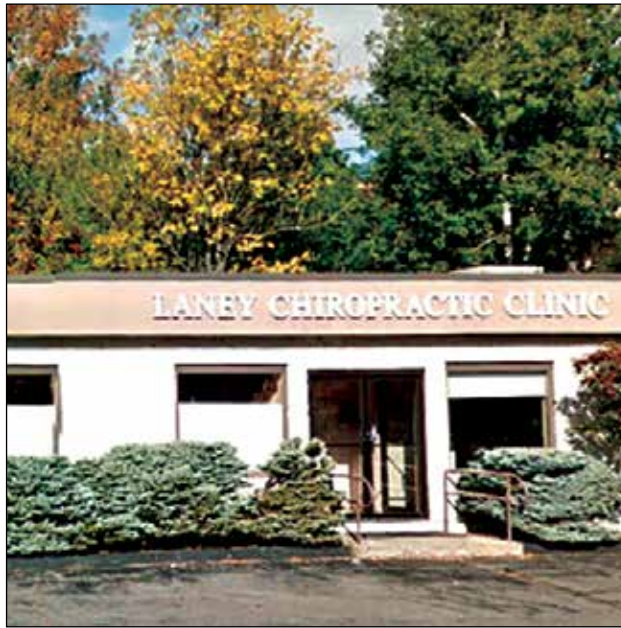
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Smart Eye Care in Augusta, Farmingdale and Belgrade.



Laney Chiropractic Clinic in Augusta.



Kennebec Behavioral Health in Winthrop.

EYE CARE:

1. Smart EyeCare Center, Augusta, Farmingdale, Belgrade
2. Atlee Gleaton Eye Care, Augusta
3. Rodrigue Eye Care, Augusta

CHIROPRACTORS OFFICE:

1. Laney Chiropractic Clinic, Augusta
2. Gardiner Family Chiropractic, Gardiner
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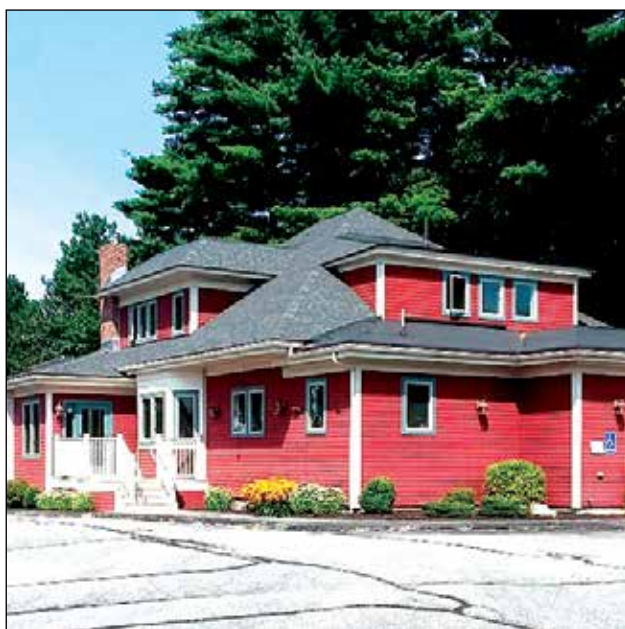
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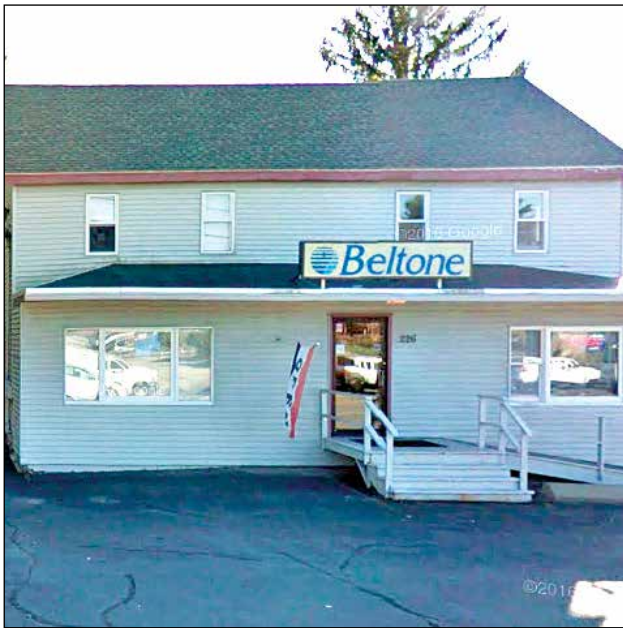
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2. Goodwill, Augusta
3. Augusta Food Bank, Augusta

CIVIC/FRATERNAL:

1. Augusta Elks Lodge #964, Augusta
2. Lions Club, Manchester
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