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Results Edition

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A message from the Advertising Director:



Welcome to our Second Annual Kennebec Journal Best of the Best Readers' 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 **readers'** 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 third 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 3rd Annual Best of the Best Ballot Section appearing in the Morning Sentinel and online in October, 2019.

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

Best,

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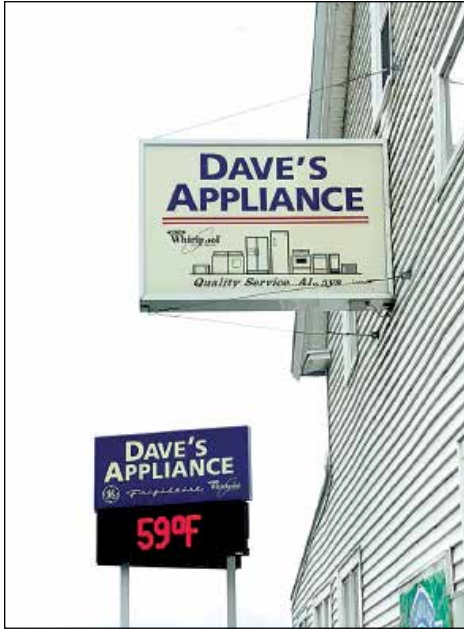


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3. TD BANK, N.A.



CREDIT UNION

1. MAINE STATE CREDIT UNION
2. WINTHROP AREA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
3. GARDINER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

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1. SEACOAST SECURITY
2. ADT SECURITY



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2. MACOMBER, FARR & WHITTEN
3. LIBERTY MUTUAL

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2. SLATES RESTAURANT



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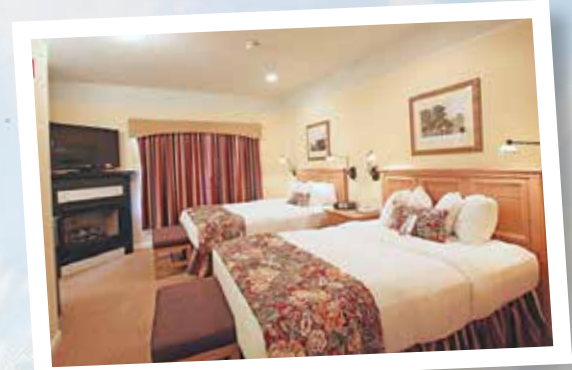
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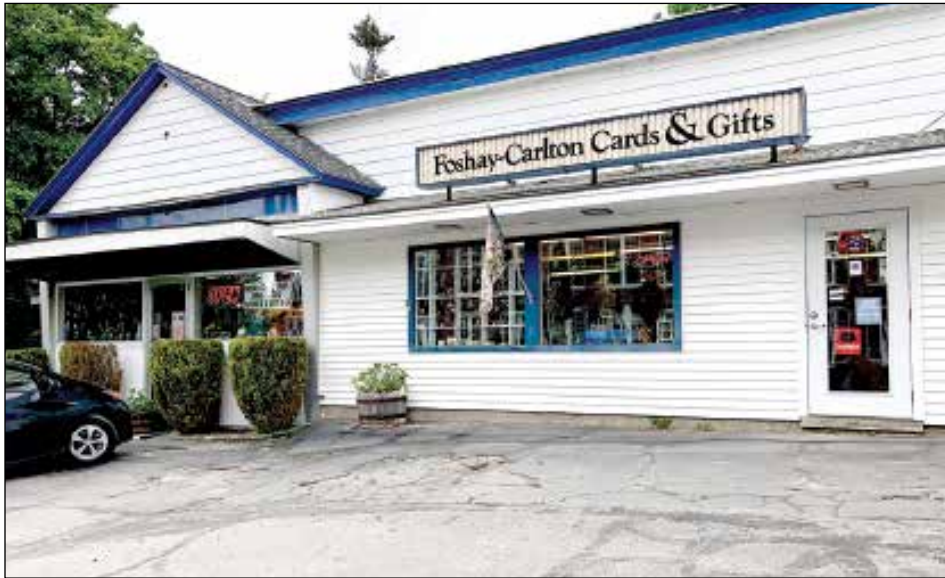
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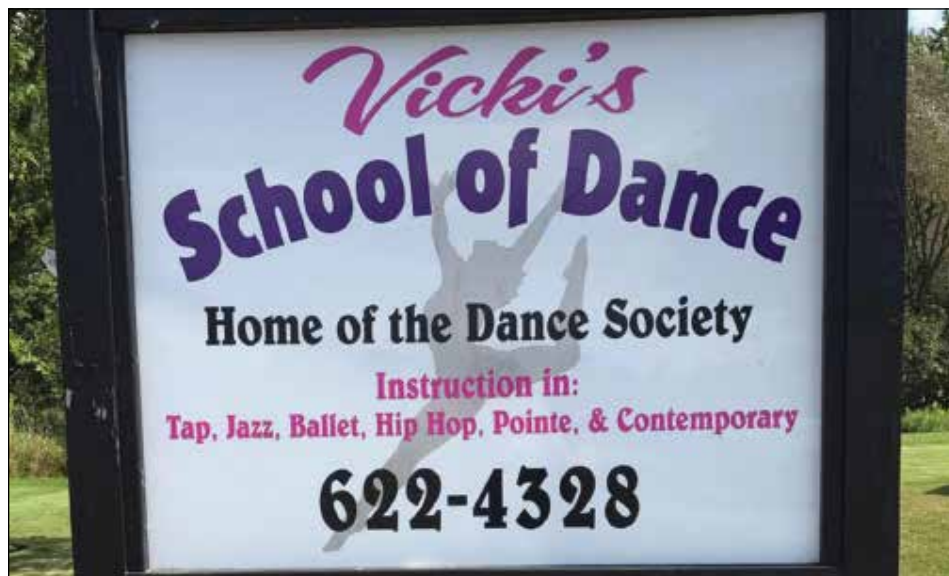
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