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## Welcome To The 2025 Best of Monadnock Readers' Choice Awards Favorites

We're excited to reveal this year's winners, selected by you, the readers of *The Monadnock Shopper News*. Your votes have once again highlighted the outstanding people, businesses, and organizations that make our region shine.

A heartfelt congratulations to all who earned a spot on this list! Your commitment to quality and service has clearly made a lasting impression. These awards aren't just trophies; they represent the trust, support, and appreciation of the community. You've set a high standard, and we celebrate your continued success.

As your local newspaper, we're proud to shine a spotlight on the businesses and individuals that matter most to our readers. Some winners have been recognized since our very first poll in 2006, while others are exciting new additions. It's a joy to watch long-time favorites maintain their top spots and to welcome newcomers into the fold.

Inside this magazine, you'll find a full list of this year's honorees. In categories with close results, we've listed all top vote-getters, no tie-breakers here. We hope you enjoy browsing the results and discovering the many ways our community continues to thrive.

All valid online ballots were entered into a drawing for restaurant gift certificates. The winners are Valentina Farias, Carla Press, Matt Zinicola, Melissa French, and David Ganio.

**On The Cover:** This year, we dedicate the cover to the winners in the Best Mural/Public Art category.

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# The Poll

## Community

### Attraction/event

(23 different events received votes)

**Gold:** Cheshire Fair pg. 16  
247 Monadnock Highway Swanzey, NH 03446  
www.cheshirefair.org • (603) 357-4740

**Silver:** Keene Pumpkin Festival

**Bronze:** Keene Ice & Snow Festival

### Business that you miss (gone more than 10 years)

(79 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Henry David's

**Silver:** Martino's

**Bronze:** Armadillo's

### Charitable contributor

(43 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Fenton Family Dealerships pg. 53  
591 Monadnock Hwy., Swanzey, NH 03446  
www.fentondealerships.com • (888) 278-0447

**Silver:** Savings Bank of Walpole pg. 35  
400 West St., Keene, NH 03431  
www.walpolebank.com • (877) 925-7653

**Bronze:** C&S Wholesale Grocers

### Company to work for

(37 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Keeney pg. 60  
75 Plumb Pak Dr., Winchester, NH 03470-2518  
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**Silver:** Ganio Land Management pg. 17  
20 Depot Rd., Keene, NH 03431  
www.ganioland.com • (603) 357-4561

**Bronze:** Savings Bank of Walpole pg. 35  
400 West St., Keene, NH 03431  
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### Dog-friendly business

(69 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Cheshire Horse pg. 51  
8 Whittemore Farm Rd., Swanzey, NH 03446  
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**Silver:** Dogs on Depot pg. 31  
20 Depot St., Peterborough, NH 03458  
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**GOLD** Best of Monadnock 2025 Readers' Choice Awards

## Community

### Event for charity

(39 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Hair Ball Gala - Monadnock Humane Society pg. 28  
101 W Swanzey Rd., Swanzey, NH 03446  
mayor.keenenh.gov • (603) 352-9011

**Silver:** Lights, Camera, Keene pg. 31  
40 Roxbury St., Keene, NH 03431  
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**Bronze:** Wyman Tavern Brew Fest

### Fine Artist

(49 different artists received votes)

**Gold:** Mary Iselin

**Silver:** Alicia Drakiotes

**Bronze:** (tie) Tim Campbell

**Bronze:** (tie) Jeanne Maguire Thieme

### Monadnock Shopper News Columnist

(14 different people received votes)

**Gold:** Lori Cook

**Silver:** Nancy Adams

**Bronze:** Jen Risley

### Mural/public art

(23 different murals received votes)

**Gold:** Jennie B. Powers Mural (Walldogs)

**Silver:** Abenaki Mural (Walldogs)

**Bronze:** Parrish Shoes

### New Business (2024-2025)

(25 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Birdie's

**Silver:** Madame Sherri's

**Bronze:** Blue Seal

### Non-profit organization

(40 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Monadnock Humane Society pg. 28  
101 W Swanzey Rd., Swanzey, NH 03446  
www.monadnockhumane.org • (603) 352-9011

**Silver:** Feeding Tiny Tummies

**Bronze:** MoCo Arts pg. 31  
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**Silver:** Donovan Fenton

**Bronze:** Randy Filiault

### Store window display

(25 different places received votes)

**Ted's Shoe and Sport** pg. 3  
115 Main St., Keene, NH 03431  
www.tedsports.com • (603) 357-8337

**Silver:** Soul Emporium and Tea Lounge

**Bronze:** Hannah Grimes Marketplace pg. 10  
42 Main St., Keene, NH 03431  
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### Teacher

(79 different teachers received votes)

**Gold:** Mark Giordano, Steve DeMasco's Shaolin Studios

**Silver:** John Bass, Symonds School, Keene

**Bronze:** Sean Driscoll, South Meadow School, Peterborough

## Food

### Appetizers

(47 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Lee and Mt. Fuji pg. 34  
314 Main St., Marlborough, NH 03455  
www.leeandmtfuji.com • (603) 876-3388

**Silver:** Granita Enoteca pg. 12  
51 Railroad St., Keene, NH 03431  
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**Bronze:** The Stage

### Bagels

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**Gold:** Bagel Mill

**Silver:** Optimist Cafe

**Bronze:** The Works Cafe

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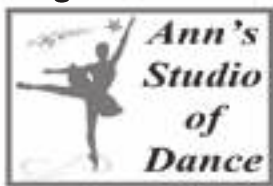


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Silver: B Bakes Deli and Cakes

Bronze: Eat More Cake

### Barbecue

(16 different places received votes)

Gold: Smokehaus BBQ

Silver: Guerilla Grill

Bronze: CC&D's Kitchen

### Beers

(34 different places received votes)

Gold: Modestman Brewery

Silver: Frogg Brewing

Bronze: Elm City Brew Pub

### Breakfast

(45 different places received votes)

Gold: The Pub pg. 54

131 Winchester St., Keene, NH 03431

www.thepubrestaurant.com • (603) 352-3135

Silver: Dinner Table

Bronze: Lindy's Diner

### Buffet

(10 different places received votes)

Gold: Papagallos pg. 18

9 Monadnock Hwy., Swanzey, NH 03446

www.papagallos.com • 603-352-9400

Silver: Monadnock Food Coop pg. 22

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### Children's menu

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- Silver:** **The Pub** pg. 54  
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[www.thepubrestaurant.com](http://www.thepubrestaurant.com) • (603) 352-3135
- Bronze:** **Lee and Mt. Fuji** pg. 34  
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[www.leeandmtfuji.com](http://www.leeandmtfuji.com) • (603) 876-3388

### Coffeehouse/café

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- Gold:** **Prime Roast** pg. 23  
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[www.primeroastcoffee.com](http://www.primeroastcoffee.com) • (603) 352-7874
- Silver:** **Parker's Coffee House**
- Bronze:** **Brewbakers**

### Deli

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- Gold:** **Jenna's Market**
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- Bronze:** **B Bakes Deli and Cakes**

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IN THE CATEGORIES OF  
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**Silver:** B Bakes Deli and Cakes

**Bronze:** Eat More Cake

### Family

(67 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Papagallos pg. 18  
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**Silver:** Cheshire Village Pizza pg. 25  
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**Bronze:** Tempesta's pg. 26  
401 Winchester St., Keene, NH 03431  
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### Food truck

(22 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Doug's Dogs pg. 28  
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**Silver:** Voodoo Box

**Bronze:** Salt and Lime

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Bronze: Local Burger pg. 55  
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### Hamburgers

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Gold: Local Burger pg. 55

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Silver: Five Guys

Bronze: The Stage

### Health food

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Gold: Monadnock Food Co-op pg. 22

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Silver: The Works Cafe

Bronze: Nature's Green Grocer



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**Silver:** Wooo Doggie pg. 39  
Route 10, West Swanzey, NH  
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**Bronze:** Local Burger pg. 55  
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### Ice cream

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**Silver:** Piazza

**Bronze:** Frisky Cow Gelato

### Lunch

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**Silver:** The Works

**Bronze:** The Dinner Table



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- Silver:** The Stage Restaurant
- Bronze:** Jenna's Market

### Pizza

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- Gold:** Cheshire Village Pizza pg. 25  
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- Silver:** Pizza Pi
- Bronze:** Pizza Down Under

### Restaurant

(72 different places received votes)

- Gold:** Papagallos pg. 18  
 9 Monadnock Hwy., Swanzey, NH 03446  
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- Silver:** Granita Enoteca pg. 12  
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- Bronze:** Tempestas pg. 26  
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### Restaurant, Chinese

(24 different places received votes)

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- Silver:** Marco Polo
- Bronze:** Cherry Garden

### Restaurant, ethnic

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- Silver:** Royal Spice
- Bronze:** Kurama Omakase



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**Bronze:** Del Rossi's Trattoria

### Restaurant, Mexican/Latin

(10 different places received votes)

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[www.mijaliscosnh.com](http://www.mijaliscosnh.com) • (603) 354-3123

**Silver:** Mexica pg. 7  
21 Route 12 South, Fitzwilliam NH 03447  
[www.mexicanh.com](http://www.mexicanh.com) • 603-585-2201

**Bronze:** La Piñata

### Restaurant, new

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**Bronze:** Fireworks

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**Bronze:** **Dinner Table**

### Sunday brunch

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**Silver:** **Dinner Table**

**Bronze:** **21 Bar and Grill**

### Sushi

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[www.leeandmtfuji.com](http://www.leeandmtfuji.com) • (603) 876-3388

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**Bronze:** **Kogetsu**

### Wines

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**Bronze:** **Cabana Falls**

### Wings

(41 different places received votes)

**Gold:** **Brickhouse**

**Silver:** **Elm City Brewery**

**Bronze:** **Dublin Tap Room**

## Lifestyle

### Alternative health care provider

(46 different places received votes)

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**Bronze:** **Wondrous Roots**

### Art gallery

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**Gold:** **Hannah Grimes Fine Art Gallery** pg. 10  
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**Silver:** **MAAA Gallery at Syd's** pg. 46  
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[www.sydsofkeene.com](http://www.sydsofkeene.com) • (603) 352-4315

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### Concert/live theater

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Bronze: Park Theatre

### Concert series

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Bronze: Keene Axe House

### Fun place, kids

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Silver: Cheshire Childrens Museum

Bronze: Keene Family YMCA pg. 41  
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### Gym/health club

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Silver: Blue Star Fitness

Bronze: Planet Fitness

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**Silver:** Madame Sherri's

**Bronze:** Bender's Bar and Grill

### Power Sports

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**Silver:** Troy Powersports

**Bronze:** Gary's Power pg. 8  
15 Warwick Rd., Winchester, NH 03470  
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(9 different places received votes)

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**Silver:** RiverMead

**Bronze:** Spring Village at Summerhill pg. 8  
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Silver: Area 52 Tattoo

Bronze: Creative Ink

### Yoga teacher

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Silver: Ashley Nesbitt-Hart

Bronze: Jackie Spencer

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[www.hrblock.com](http://www.hrblock.com) • (603) 352-4102

Silver: Anderson and Gilbert pg. 6

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### Architectural firm

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**Silver:** Michael Petrovick pg. 52

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### Audiology

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**Silver:** Leon's Auto Center/J&L Auto Body

**Bronze:** Keene Auto Body

### Auto detailing

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**Silver:** Mean Bead Detailing

**Bronze:** KD Prestige Detailing

### Auto mechanic

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**Bronze:** (tie) Service Federal Credit Union  
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### Banquet/reception facility

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**Gold:** Keene Country Club

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**Bronze:** Hidden Hills

### Bartender

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**Silver:** Becca Paine

**Bronze:** Denise Barlow

### Brakes/muffler shop

(19 different places received votes)

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- Silver:** K&J Dean Builders pg. 20  
www.kandjbuilders.com • 603-252-9530
- Bronze:** Finley Construction pg. 30  
www.finleyconstruction.us • 603-903-9218

### Business coach

(8 different places received votes)

- Gold:** Ann Connor
- Silver:** Jeff Saari
- Bronze:** Hannah Grimes Center for Entrepreneurship pg. 10  
25 Roxbury St., Keene, NH 03431 • 603-352-5063

### Car wash

(8 different places received votes)

- Gold:** Mint Car Wash
- Silver:** Key Road Car Wash
- Bronze:** Peterborough Car Wash

### Carpet/flooring installation

(12 different places received votes)

- Gold:** Syd's pg. 46  
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Bronze: Hidden Hills

### Cell phone service

(8 different places received votes)

Gold: Wireless Zone Keene

Silver: US Cellular Keene

Bronze: T-Mobile Keene

### Chimney sweep

(9 different places received votes)

Gold: Tri-State Chimney Sweep pg. 21

[www.tristatechimney.com](http://www.tristatechimney.com) • (800) 530-6639

Silver: The Chimney Cricket

Bronze: Westover Chimney

### Chiropractor

(20 different places received votes)

Gold: Cheshire Wellness Center pg. 13

103 Roxbury St., suite 103, Keene, NH 03431

[cheshirewellnesscenter.com](http://cheshirewellnesscenter.com) • (603) 357-5700

Silver: Rob League

Bronze: Jeb Thurmond



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### Cleaning, carpets

(7 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Granite State Carpet Care pg. 34  
6 Kingsbury St., Keene, NH 03431  
www.granitestatecarpetcare.com • 603-358-3457

**Silver:** Cheshire Cleaning pg. 26  
217 Old Homestead Hwy H, Swanzey, NH 03446  
www.cheshirecleaning.com • 603-209-9735

**Bronze:** Servpro

### Cleaning, general

(19 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Cheshire Cleaning pg. 26  
217 Old Homestead Hwy H, Swanzey, NH 03446  
www.cheshirecleaning.com • 603-209-9735

**Silver:** Dust to Shine

**Bronze:** Tri-State Restoration

### Dance school

(9 different places received votes)

**Gold:** MoCo Arts pg. 31  
40 Roxbury St., Keene, NH 03431  
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**Silver:** Ann's School of Dance pg. 8  
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Bronze: Keene Family YMCA pg. 41  
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### Dentist

(32 different places received votes)

Gold: Our Town Dental pg. 23

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www.ourtowndentist.com • (603) 567-4955

Silver: Perry Family Dental

Bronze: Welnak Dental

### Dental Hygienist

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Silver: Cortney Eneguess, Our Town Dental pg. 23  
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### Jay Kahn ~ The Face Of The City



Mayor Jay Kahn placed first for "Politician" in the 2025 Reader's Choice Awards. This is Kahn's seventh award in the category of Politician in this annual poll.

Kahn stepped into the role of mayor of Keene in 2024 to preside over the city government and ensure its efficient operations after serving six years as the region's state senator. Since then, this public servant has worked with high school principal Cindy Gallagher to form the Keene High School Youth Council for 10th to 12th graders to see that students' perspectives are incorporated into city services and plans for a thriving future.

Kahn has put his energy behind economic development by leading the Keene Area Manufacturers Consortium, which fosters collaborations among local businesses and education institutions and enhances the recognition of manufacturing in Southwest New Hampshire. The mayor convenes the consortium and meets with its at-

tendees regularly to learn about business trends and needs. His partner in these efforts is Steve Fortier, Rural Economic Developer for NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs – an agency dedicated to enhancing the economic vitality of the state and promoting the Monadnock Region as a destination to live, work, and visit.

Revitalization for Kahn is part of the Vision Keene 20-Forward initiative, which aims to develop a new community vision and master plan that will guide decision-making looking to 2040.

Housing is a top priority for this Keene mayor. "We have over 150 new units under construction and there is good potential to see additional housing proposals in the next year," he says.

Besides being the face of the city, Kahn is a husband, father, and grandfather. He enjoys walking, biking, kayaking, discovering NH parks and lakes, and partaking in entertainment opportunities in the region.

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Silver: **Dana's Container Service** pg. 26  
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Bronze: **Casella Waste**

### Dog training

(9 different places received votes)

Gold: **Monadnock Humane Society** pg. 28  
101 W Swanzey Rd., Swanzey, NH 03446  
www.monadnockhumanesociety.org (603) 352-9011

Silver: **Pups at Play**

Bronze: **Green Mountain K-9**

### Dog/cat groomer

(13 different places received votes)

Gold: **Dog Gone Beautiful**

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**Bronze:** Pups at Play

### Dry cleaner

(7 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Targett Cleaners pg. 28  
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www.targettcleaners.com • (603) 357-8487

**Silver:** Liberty Laundry & Dry Cleaning pg. 20  
19 Wilton Rd., Peterborough, NH 03458  
www.libertylaundrynh.com • (603) 924-6020

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**Silver:** Kathleen Ohlson, Monadnock Medical & Aesthetics

**Bronze:** European Esthetics

### Eye doctor/optical shop

(11 different places received votes)

**Gold:** EyeWorks pg. 44  
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**Silver:** Keene Eye Care pg. 38  
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**Bronze:** Dr. Lawrence J. Jaeger

### Garage Door Company

(9 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Keene Door

**Silver:** Champion Overhead Door pg. 43  
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**Bronze:** Elm City Garage Door

### Glass company

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**Gold:** Northeast Glass pg. 7  
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[www.northeastglassllc.com](http://www.northeastglassllc.com)

**Silver:** Granite State Glass

**Bronze:** Cheshire Glass

### Hair salon

(25 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Mia Capelli Salon pg. 11  
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**Silver:** Style Lounge Salon pg. 28  
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**Bronze:** Studio H

### Hair stylist (person)

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**Bronze:** Lila Masterson

### Hair, men's/boy's

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**Silver:** Davis Oil

**Bronze:** Cota & Cota

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**Bronze:** Davis Oil

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- Silver:** Maple Hill Nursery pg. 25  
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- Bronze:** Local Legends Landscaping

### Laundromat

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- Bronze:** Troy Laundromat

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- Bronze:** Steve Bragdon

### Limo Service

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- Bronze:** Cheshire Coach

### Massage practice

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- Silver:** Keene Massage Therapy
- Bronze:** Mudita Massage & Wellness

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(31 different places received votes)

- Gold:** Heather Spaulding, Deep Roots pg. 33  
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[www.joannemeadvoice.com](http://www.joannemeadvoice.com) • (603) 352-5018

**Silver:** Rousseau's

**Bronze:** Tad Dreis

### Nail salon

(10 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Helen's Nail Salon pg. 35  
204 Winchester St., Keene, NH 03431  
[www.helensnailsalon.com](http://www.helensnailsalon.com) • (603) 903-0443

**Silver:** Crabtree and Company

**Bronze:** Beauty Nails

### Nursing home/assisted living

(11 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Spring Village at Summerhill pg. 8  
183 Old Dublin Rd., Peterborough, NH 03458  
[www.springvillagesummerhill.com](http://www.springvillagesummerhill.com) • (603) 924-6238

**Silver:** Maplewood

**Bronze:** Covenant Living of Keene pg. 30  
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**Bronze:** Dube's Tire Center pg. 56

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**Gold:** CM Minkler Painting pg. 32

www.thinkminkpavingandpainting.com • (603) 414-7997

**Silver:** Stebbins Spectacular

**Bronze:** S&S Painting

### Pet sitter

(13 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Dogs on Depot pg. 31

20 Depot St., Peterborough, NH 03458  
www.woofwagon.com • (978) 386-0992

**Silver:** Monadnock Humane Society pg. 28

101 W Swanzey Rd., Swanzey, NH 03446  
www.monadnockhumanesociety.org • (603) 352-9011

**Bronze:** Diane's Critter Sitters

### Plumber

(15 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Pinney Plumbing pg. 27

217 Old Homestead Hwy., Swanzey, NH 03446  
www.pinneyplumbing.com • (603) 357-0944

**Silver:** Lawrence Brothers

**Bronze:** Keating Plumbing & Heating

### Private school

(14 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Saint Joseph Regional School

**Silver:** Dublin School

**Bronze:** Trinity Christian School

### Real estate agency

(47 different places received votes)

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**Silver:** Ryan Goodell

**Bronze:** Josh Greenwald

### Roofer

(11 different places received votes)

**Gold:** The Melanson Company

**Silver:** Guyer & Son pg. 51  
49 Granite St. Marlborough, NH 03455  
www.guyerroofing.com • (603) 928-7011

**Bronze:** Al Johnson and Sons pg. 48  
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### Screen printer

(8 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Beeze Tees

**Silver:** Gemini Screenprinting

**Bronze:** Bulldog Design

### Sewing professional/alterations

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**Gold:** Liberty Laundry and Dry Cleaning pg. 20  
19 Wilton Rd., Peterborough, NH 03458  
www.libertylaundrynh.com • (603) 924-6020

**Silver:** Clothes Doctor

**Bronze:** TLC Alterations

### Septic

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**Gold:** Stone Septic

**Silver:** Septic Pro pg. 48  
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www.thesepticpro.com • (603) 357-1300

**Bronze:** Bell Septic

### Service/staff (not restaurant)

(93 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Cheshire Wellness Center pg. 13  
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cheshirewellnesscenter.com • (603) 357-5700

**Silver:** Monadnock Ford pg. 2  
119 Monadnock Hwy., Swanzey, NH 03446  
www.monadnockford.com • (603) 283-5900

**Bronze:** Deep Roots Massage and Bodyworks pg. 33  
99 Main St. R, Keene, NH 03431  
www.deeprootsmb.com • 603-352-0734

### Service/staff (restaurant)

(33 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Granita Enoteca pg. 12  
51 Railroad St., Keene, NH 03431  
www.granitakeene.com • (603) 355-5242

**Silver:** Thai Garden pg. 55  
118 Main St., Keene, NH 03431 • (603) 357-4567

**Bronze:** Papagallos pg. 18  
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**Silver:** Gary's Power Equipment pg. 8  
15 Warwick Rd., Winchester, NH 03470  
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**Bronze:** Jacks Hardware pg. 21  
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**Gold:** Joe Durell, RBC Wealth Management pg. 45  
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www.joedurell.com • (603) 924-3306

**Silver:** Dave Therrien  
**Bronze:** Annie Colombie

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**Gold:** Store-It pg. 52  
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www.storeitofkeene.com • (800) 352-5251

**Silver:** Keene Mini Storage  
**Bronze:** Airport Storage

### Summer kids' camp

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**Gold:** MoCo Arts pg. 31  
40 Roxbury St., Keene, NH 03431  
www.moco.org • (603) 357-2100

**Silver:** Camp Squanto  
**Bronze:** Keene Family YMCA pg. 41  
200 Summit Rd., Keene, NH 03431  
www.keeneymca.org • (603) 352-6002

### Tax preparer

(22 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Talon pg. 47  
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www.talonrs.com • 603-876-5041

**Silver:** Jackson Hewitt pg. 47  
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www.jacksonhewitt.com • (603) 876-6410

**Bronze:** H&R Block pg. 43  
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### Taxi Cab Service

(7 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Adventure  
**Silver:** Sunshine Taxi  
**Bronze:** Tony's Taxi

### Towing

(12 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Emerson's Towing pg. 21  
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www.emersonstowing.com • (603) 357-1028

**Silver:** Gauthier Auto Service pg. 16  
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**Silver:** HCS City Express

**Bronze:** Community Volunteer Transportation Company

### Travel agency

(6 different places received votes)

**Gold:** AAA

**Silver:** Fitzgerald Travel

**Bronze:** Wheelock Travel

### Tree service

(14 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Phil's Tree Service pg. 29  
34 Dale Drive, Keene, NH 03431  
[www.philstreeservices.com](http://www.philstreeservices.com) • (603) 352-0202

**Silver:** Wilcox Tree Service pg. 33  
923 NH-12, Westmoreland, NH 03467  
[www.wilcoxtreeservice.com](http://www.wilcoxtreeservice.com) • (603) 363-8197

**Bronze:** McClure's Tree Service pg. 50  
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**Silver:** Cheshire Animal Hospital pg. 40

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**Bronze:** Park Place Veterinary Hospital

### Website developer

(7 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Charles Works pg. 59

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**Silver:** Freitag Marketing

**Bronze:** Matthew Sebert Design

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**Gold:** Charles Works pg. 59

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**Silver:** Paragon Digital Marketing

**Bronze:** Freitag Marketing

### Window/screen sales & service

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**Gold:** Northeast Glass pg. 7

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**Silver:** Carbone's

**Bronze:** Hamshaw pg. 29

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### Antiques

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**Gold:** Hidden Treasures

**Silver:** Fairgrounds Antiques

### Appliances

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**Gold:** Korvin Appliance pg. 41

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**Silver:** Monadnock Appliance pg. 49

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### Auctions

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**Gold:** Keene Auctions pg. 32

96 Dunbar St., Keene, NH 03431  
www.auctionzip.com/NH-Auctioneers/1378.html  
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**Silver:** Peterborough Auctions

**Bronze:** Winney Auction & Appraisal



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**Gold:** Monadnock Ford pg. 2

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**Silver:** Fenton Family Dealerships pg. 53

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**Bronze:** Fairfield's Buick GMC

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**Silver:** Monadnock Ford pg. 2

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**Silver:** Daves Automotive pg. 36  
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**Bronze:** Turnpike Auto

### Bargain shopping

(23 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Salvation Army

**Silver:** Hidden Treasures

**Bronze:** More Than A Thrift Store

### Bicycles

(9 different places received votes)

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62 Martell Ct., Keene, NH 03431  
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**Silver:** Alpine Bikes

**Bronze:** 365 Cycles

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**Gold:** The Toadstool Bookshop pg. 14  
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**Silver:** Pamela Moore

**Bronze:** Modern Bride & Formal Shop

## Building supplies

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**Silver:** Home Depot

**Bronze:** Belletetes

## Cameras

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## Candy

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**Gold:** Ye Goodie Shoppe

**Silver:** Ava Marie's

**Bronze:** Life is Sweet

## Cell phone store

(6 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Wireless Zone Keene

**Silver:** US Cellular

**Bronze:** Spectrum

## Children's toys

(18 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Toy City pg. 15  
133 Key Rd., Keene, NH 03431  
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**Silver:** Cholly and Waldos

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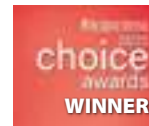
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Cheshire Fair is an offspring of a successful Farmers Field Day in 1935 that was held at Wheelock Park in Keene. This event included horse and ox pulling and ended up being a success.

The following year, exhibits of livestock, farm product, handiwork, food, canning, poultry, and the 4H were added and "the fair" as it was now being called was held at Safford Park Fairgrounds (now Cheshire Fairgrounds) at 247 Monadnock Highway, Route 12 South in Swanzey.

"Things have evolved over the years into what we have today," says Michael Plante, president of the Cheshire Fair

Association – the organization behind the Cheshire Fair. "There used to be horse racing years ago. There also used to be a 'cattle-cade' parade every year."



Today, the Cheshire Fair reportedly draws nearly 25,000 people each year. This event includes amusement rides for all ages; lots of food vendors; farm, garden, and home vendors; music by regional acts; a demolition derby; 4-H livestock shows; horse pulls; 4x4 truck pulls; a horse show; and so much more.

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**Silver:** Howard's Leather pg. 55

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www.howardsleathernh.com • (603) 363-4325

**Bronze:** Sam's Outdoor Outfitters

## Clothing, women's

(16 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Synergy

**Silver:** Hubert's pg. 40

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**Bronze:** Maurices

## Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)

(9 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Dog Days Farm

**Silver:** Whittaker's Homestead

**Bronze:** Hillside springs farm

## Computers

(7 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Brown Computer Solutions

**Silver:** Staples

**Bronze:** Walmart

## Consignments

(18 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Urban Exchange

**Silver:** Turning Leaf pg. 56

140 Monadnock Hwy., Swanzey, NH 03446  
www.facebook.com/turningleafconsignment  
(603) 354-3768

**Bronze:** Hidden Treasures

## Cool gifts

(61 different places received votes)

**Gold:** Hannah Grimes Marketplace pg. 10

42 Main St., Keene, NH 03431  
www.hannahgrimesmarketplace.com • (603) 352-6862

**Silver:** Shadow and Soul Emporium

**Bronze:** Toy City pg. 15

133 Key Rd., Keene, NH 03431  
www.toycityonline.com • (603) 352-3131

## Fabric store

(5 different places received votes)

**Gold:** New England Fabrics

**Silver:** Michaels

**Bronze:** Walmart

## Farm stand/market

(14 different places received votes)

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- Gold:** **Monadnock Firearms** pg. 38  
10 NH-12, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447  
www.monadnockfirearms.com • (603) 585-3494
- Silver:** **Q & A Armory** pg. 27  
6 Brakehill Rd., Gilsum, NH 03448  
www.qandaarmory.com • (603) 439-0155
- Bronze:** **Old Glory**

### Florist

(21 different places received votes)

- Gold:** **In the Company of Flowers**
- Silver:** **603 Floristry**
- Bronze:** **Vera Flora Farm**

### Footwear

(29 different places received votes)

- Gold:** **Ted's Shoe & Sport** pg. 3  
115 Main St., Keene, NH 03431  
www.tedsports.com • (603) 357-8337
- Silver:** **Bootleggers** pg. 54  
425 West St., Keene, NH 03431  
www.bootleggersfootwear.com • (603) 439-0155
- Bronze:** **Huberts** pg. 40  
19 Wilton Road, Peterborough, NH  
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### Furniture, new

(8 different places received votes)

- Gold:** **Frazier and Sons** pg. 43  
233 Old Homestead Hwy., Swanzey, NH 03446  
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- Silver:** **Aumands**
- Bronze:** **Andy's of Keene**

### Furniture, pre-owned

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- Gold:** **Turning Leaf** pg. 56  
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- Silver:** **Endless Treasures** pg. 39  
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- Silver:** **Cheshire Floral Farm** pg. 3  
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- Bronze:** **Blue Seal**

### Gourmet food

(22 different places received votes)

- Gold:** **Monadnock Oil & Vinegar**
- Silver:** **Jenna's Market**
- Bronze:** **Keene International Market** pg. 46  
162 Emerald St., Keene, NH 03431  
www.keeneinternationalmarket.com • (603) 338-0060

### Hardware

(13 different places received votes)

- Gold:** **Jacks Hardware** pg. 21  
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- Silver:** **Hamshaw** pg. 29  
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www.hamshawlumber.com • 603-352-6506
- Bronze:** **Aubuchon Hardware**

### Jellies/jams

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- Gold:** **Cheshire Garden**
- Silver:** **Hannah Grimes** pg. 10  
42 Main St., Keene, NH 03431  
www.hannahgrimesmarketplace.com • (603) 352-6862
- Bronze:** **Monadnock Food Co-Op** pg. 22  
34 Cypress St., Keene, NH 03431  
www.monadnockfood.coop • (603) 355-8008

### Jewelry, new

(18 different places received votes)

- Gold:** **Cheshire Jewelers** pg. 7  
149 Emerald St., Keene, NH 03431  
www.cheshirejewelers.com • (603) 358-6543
- Silver:** **Stoneman Custom Jewelry** pg. 49  
82 Washington St., Keene, NH 03431  
www.stonemancustomjewelers.com • (603) 352-0811
- Bronze:** **Mon Amie Fine Jewelry**

### Jewelry, pre-owned

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- Gold:** **Good Fortune** pg. 51  
110 Main St., Keene, NH 03431  
www.goodfortunejewelry.com • (603) 357-7500
- Silver:** **Cheshire Jewelers** pg. 7  
149 Emerald St., Keene, NH 03431  
www.cheshirejewelers.com • (603) 358-6543
- Bronze:** **Hobbs Jewelers**

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- Gold:** **Howard's Leather** pg. 55  
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- Silver:** **AW Harness Shop**
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115 Main St., Keene, NH 03431  
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### Maple syrup

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- Gold:** Woodard's Sugar House pg. 3  
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[www.woodardssugarhouse.com](http://www.woodardssugarhouse.com) (603) 358-3321
- Silver:** Stuart and John's Sugar House
- Bronze:** Ben's Sugar Shack

### Monuments

(4 different places received votes)

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555 Main St., Keene, NH 03431  
[www.keenemonument.com](http://www.keenemonument.com) • (603) 352-7221
- Silver:** Peterborough Marble and Granite pg. 14  
72 Concord St., Peterborough, NH 03458  
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- Bronze:** Abbiati Monuments

### Pet food & accessories

(17 different places received votes)

- Gold:** Blue Seal
- Silver:** Cheshire Horse pg. 51  
8 Whittemore Farm Rd., Swanze, NH 03446  
[www.cheshirehorse.com](http://www.cheshirehorse.com) • (603) 358-3001
- Bronze:** One Stop Country Pet Supply

### Picture framing

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- Silver:** Michael's
- Bronze:** Jane Simpson, Peterborough

### Pool/spa supplies

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233 Monadnock Highway, Swanze, NH 03446  
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**Silver:** Tucker's Power Equipment

**Bronze:** Hamshaw pg. 29  
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### Sheds

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**Gold:** Cheshire Shed & Gazebo

**Silver:** Blueberry Hill Sheds

**Bronze:** Hamshaw pg. 29  
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### Tires

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**Gold:** Dubes Tire Center pg. 56  
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**Silver:** City Tire

**Bronze:** Tire Warehouse

### Vacuum sales & service

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**Silver:** Cocoplum Appliances

**Bronze:** Walmart

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**Silver:** Cabana Falls

**Bronze:** Two Fruits and a Nut Farm pg. 4  
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**Silver:** New England Fabrics

**Bronze:** Budget Blinds

### Wood/pellet stoves

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**Gold:** Green Energy Options

**Silver:** Heart Line Stove Shop

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- ✓ has been in business for at least 10 years
- ✓ has several or more people
- ✓ carries workers' compensation on its employees
- ✓ carries liability insurance
- ✓ maintains a committed presence in networking groups
- ✓ is accredited and has a good rating with the Better Business Bureau: (<https://BBB.org>)
- ✓ understands your community and reciprocates by referring business to you
- ✓ has a phone contact where one can at least leave messages
- ✓ has an email contact where one can send information
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- ✓ backs up websites every night for at least a month
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