Randy Keach Auto is located at the Junction of Routes 2 and 27 in New Sharon and has been in business for over 22 years. The business was started by Randy Keach Sr. who had a dream and started clearing the land for the garage with his family by his side. Over the years the business grew, and trust was earned to build the clientele it has today.

The business is now operated by his son-in-law and daughter, Glenn and Angela Pinkham, who continue to serve the community with quality and affordable vehicle sales and repairs.

Glenn and Angela Pinkham grew up in Franklin County and graduated from local schools. Glenn always had a passion for the auto industry, working as a mechanic right out of High School then moved on to be a parts manager, a service manager and now owner of Randy Keach Auto with his wife Angela.

Family is very important to Glenn and Angela who pride themselves on being the family owned garage that people can trust.

"Our repeat customers who continue to come back year after year to buy their vehicles and get their repairs done are the ones that have helped make us the business we are today. We strive to keep a variety of vehicles at the most affordable prices we can offer, and we like to go above and beyond what needs to be done to meet the needs of our customers because without them we have no business."

Glenn is an ASE Certified Mechanic with a specialty in vehicle electronics and he continue to invest in the latest training, diagnostic equipment and tools to enable us to serve our customers to the best of our ability.

We hired one employee in 2017 to assist with performing the mechanic duties of our growing business and now in 2019 our business continues to grow, and we have hired another mechanic with over 15 years of experience and are in the process of building an addition which will house our new state of the art alignment machine. We will now be able to perform vehicle services for our clients under one roof.

One of our popular services is our Fluid Film that we offer because let's face it, winters in Maine are tough on vehicles and people appreciate the option of protecting them. We chose this particular product because it is environmentally friendly, protects all types of metals and seals out moisture and air to stop existing rust on contact. We care about our customers vehicles.

We are also a distributor of Old Hickory Sheds. These buildings are solid and affordable and completely customizable, and they are built in our very own State of Maine which is where we like to keep our business. Our customers have all been very happy with them.

You might say we are a little shop with a lot to offer and we hope you will come visit us to see what we can do for you.

One of the challenges that we face in this area is the insurance aspect of the business. Being able to find good affordable health insurance coverage for our family and our employees is almost impossible.

One of the greatest opportunities for us is living in a small community and being able to help so many people at an affordable price. You help one person with their vehicle needs and they tell their family and friends and before you know it, you have 10 new customers. It's great!

We chose our charitable contribution this year to be with the United Way Corporate Champion Circle because Angela had joined the Events Committee with the United Way of the Tri-Valley Area and she

saw what amazing things the United Way was doing in our community. "I had no idea the need we had in our very own community". "I thought, this is an opportunity for our business to make a small difference and if everybody was to do a part in making a change, how many people could we help and how much better things would be for them and for our community as a whole." It's a great feeling!

The United Way does a lot for our community in so many ways. Some ways you don't ever hear about, they just do it and it is a wonderful feeling to be a part of that! I would encourage anyone wondering how they might help those in need to reach out to them.

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