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SHOPPING



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Hayford Ford
1330 301st Ave NE, Isanti, MN 55040
763-689-5555
hayfordford.com



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FINALISTS:

John Hirsch's Cambridge Motors LLC RAM
700 Garfield St S, Cambridge, MN 550080
763-331-7600
cambridge-motors.com

North Branch Chevrolet
38420 Tanger Dr, North Branch, MN 55056
651-674-7017
tomkadlecchevrolet.com



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City Center Market
122 Buchanan St N, Cambridge, MN 55008
763-689-4640
citycentermarket.coop



City Center Market is a cooperative owned by 3,400 of your friends and neighbors. Although you do not need to be an owner to shop, we hope that once you visit, you will want to become one! We just finished expanding to give you more space, more local food, and more of what you love.

FINALISTS:

ALDI
160 Balsam St N, Cambridge, MN 55008
855-955-2534
shop.aldi.us

Coborn's Grocery Store
209 6th Avenue Northeast, Isanti, MN 55040
763-444-5884
coborns.com



BEST
BEST LAWNMOWER/YARD EQUIPMENT DEALER

Minnesota Equipment
233 Cajima St NE, Isanti, MN 55040
763-444-8873
minnessotaequipment.com



We have carried on a started in 1916 by providing the Twin Cities and surrounding areas with premier commercial and residential equipment from brands like John Deere, Gravely, Toro, and more. We thank you for naming us Best Lawnmower/Yard Equipment Dealer.

FINALISTS:

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1465 1st Ave E, Cambridge, MN 55008
763-689-5176
tractorsupply.com

Fleet Farm
2324 3rd Ave NE, Cambridge, MN 55008
763-691-1409
fleetfarm.com



BEST
BEST ANTIQUE SHOP

Cool Junk
1535 1st Ave E, Cambridge, MN 55008
cooljunkstore.com

FINALISTS:

Shalom Thrift Shop
1515 1st Ave E, Cambridge, MN 55008
763-689-0348

Rustic Depot
5690 Hwy 95 NW, Princeton, MN 55371
therusticdepotprinceton.com



BEST
BEST GREENHOUSE/ NURSERY/TREE FARM

Green Barn Garden Center
26501 MN-65, Isanti, MN 55040
763-444-5725
greenbarngardencenter.com

FINALISTS:

Wayne's Nursery & Greenhouse
9001, 6196 Athens Trail, Stacy, MN 55079
651-462-1500
waynesgreenhouse.com

Wolcyn Tree Farms & Nursery
4542 Hwy 95 NW, Cambridge, MN 55008
763-689-3346
wolcynreefarms.com



BEST
BEST BOUTIQUE

Rachel's Closet
24877 Ulysses Ct NE, Isanti, MN 55040
763-220-9835
rachelscloset.org

FINALISTS:

Rockstad and Co. Relics & Wares
108 Main St E Ste 100, Isanti, MN 55040
612-282-0067
rockstadandcorelics andwares.com

Four13 Boutique
120 Heritage Blvd # 2, Isanti, MN 55040
763-843-5702

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(763) 689-4521 • www.chuckswenson.com

104 Union St S • Mora, MN 55051
(320) 679-3723 • www.morainsurance.com



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cambridge-motors.com

North Branch Chevrolet
38420 Tanger Dr, North
Branch, MN 55056
651-674-7017
tomkadlecchevrolet.com



BEST
BEST BUTCHER

Braham Custom Meat & Retail
124 Central Dr W, Braham, MN 55006
320-396-5081
brahammeats2.godaddysites.com

FINALISTS:

Hungry Farmer Meat Co
6241 Main St, North Branch,
MN 55056
651-462-0022
thfmc.com

Isanti Retail Meats LLC
30 Main St W, Isanti, MN
55040
763-444-8767



BEST
BEST GIFT SHOP

Rockstad and Co. Relics & Wares
108 Main St E Ste 100, Isanti, MN 55040
612-282-0067
rockstadandcorelicsandwares.com

FINALISTS:

Scout & Morgan Books
114 Buchanan St N, Cam-
bridge, MN 55008
763-689-2472
scoutandmorganbooks.com

Dana's Bookstore
120 Heritage Blvd NE #3,
Isanti, MN 55040
763-355-0693
danasbookstore.com



BEST
BEST RV/ATV/BOAT/
SNOWMOBILE DEALER

Larson's Cycle Inc.
205 Garfield St S
Cambridge, MN 55008
763-689-2760
larsonscycle.com

FINALISTS:

Caswells, Mora
768 MN-65, Mora, MN 55051
320-679-1383
caswellcycle.com



BEST
BEST THRIFT STORE

Shalom Thrift Shop
1515 1st Ave E
Cambridge, MN 55008
763-689-0348

FINALISTS:

Cool Junk
1535 1st Ave E, Cambridge,
MN 55008
cooljunkstore.com

Goodwill - Cambridge
1400 1st Ave E, Cambridge,
MN 55008
763-645-1161
goodwilleasterseals.org



BEST
BEST LIQUOR STORE

Isanti Municipal Liquor Store
10 6th Avenue Northeast
Isanti, MN 55040
763-444-5063
isantiliquor.com



Thank you for again naming the Isanti Munic-
ipal Liquor Store as Best Liquor Store, Best
Beer Selection, and Best Wine Selection. All
of our profits go back to the community

FINALISTS:

Northbound Liquor
1655 1st Ave E, Cambridge,
MN 55008
763-689-2468
ci.cambridge.mn.us

Home Town Liquor Store
250 Main St N, Braham, MN
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320-396-2381
brahammn.gov



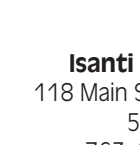
BEST
BEST FLORIST

Cambridge Floral
122 Main St N, Cambridge, MN 55008
763-689-2040
cambridgefloral.net

FINALISTS:

Isanti Floral Inc.
118 Main St E, Isanti, MN
55040
763-444-0496
isantifloral.com

**Braham Country Floral
& Coffee**
128 Central Dr W, Braham,
MN 55006
320-396-2188
brahamcountryfloral.com



BEST
BEST HOME DÉCOR PLACE

Thistle & Ivory
117 Main St S, Cambridge, MN 55008
763-319-1111
thistleandivory.com

FINALISTS:

**Rockstad and Co.
Relics & Wares**
108 Main St E Ste 100, Isanti,
MN 55040
612-282-0067
rockstadandcorelicsandwares.com

Cool Junk
1535 1st Ave E, Cambridge,
MN 55008
cooljunkstore.com



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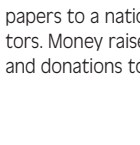
BEST
BEST CELEBRATION/FESTIVAL

Isanti Firefighters Rodeo
500 3rd Ave NW, Isanti, MN 55040
763-444-8019
isantifiredistrict.org

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papers to a nationally recognized rodeo attended by thousands of specta-
tors. Money raised goes toward firefighter training, equipment purchases,
and donations to other local non-profits.

FINALISTS:

Illuminate Isanti
Cambridge Customer Appreciation Day



BEST
BEST FINE ARTIST

David Haas Pottery

FINALISTS:

Glädje
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MN 55045
651-243-0133
gladjegallery.com

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BEST AUTO PARTS STORE

Hayford Ford
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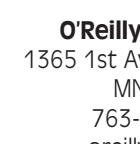


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FINALISTS:

O'Reilly Auto Parts
1365 1st Ave E, Cambridge,
MN 55008
763-689-3670
oreillyauto.com

AutoZone Auto Parts
1800 2nd Ave SE, Cambridge,
MN 55008
763-689-5693
autozone.com



BEST
BEST FURNITURE STORE

Cool Junk
1535 1st Ave E, Cambridge, MN 55008
cooljunkstore.com

FINALISTS:

**Johnson's Decorating
Center**
120 Heritage Blvd Suite #5,
Isanti, MN 55040
763-444-5703

**johnsonsddecoratingcenter.com
Slumberland**
38156 Tanger Dr, North
Branch, MN 55056
651-674-0099



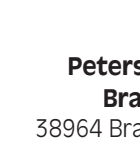
BEST
BEST PET SUPPLY STORE

Mondo's Pet Depot
140 Buchanan St N #142
Cambridge, MN 55008
763-319-1127
mondospetdepot.com

FINALISTS:

**Peterson's North
Branch Mill**
38964 Branch Ave, North
Branch, MN 55056
651-674-4425
pnbmill.com

Fleet Farm
2324 3rd Ave NE, Cambridge,
MN 55008
763-691-1409
fleetfarm.com



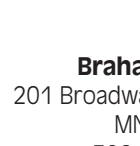
BEST
BEST CRAFT/ART SHOW

**Erickson Farmstead Artisan Mar-
kets**
ericksonfarmstead.com

FINALISTS:

Braham Pie Day
201 Broadway Ave S, Braham,
MN 55006
320-396-4956

**pieday.com
North Branch Arts and
Crafts Fair**



BEST
BEST LOCAL BAND/MUSICIAN/
VOCALIST/CHURCH GROUP

Bad Jack
badjackrocks.com

FINALISTS:

East Central - Grad Band
Dellwood Band (Jarah Sullivan & Julian Edoff)
dellwoodband.com

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



BEST
BEST PLACE TO PLAY PULLTABS

Isanti VFW Post 2735
410 Railroad Ave SE, Isanti, MN 55040
763-444-9787
isantivfwpost2735co.com

Here at Isanti VFW Post 2735 our ambiance is almost as good as our bar food! We are a friendly family restaurant that provides satisfying flavors as well as a comfortable setting for you and your family to gather together. Family is the foundation that this restaurant was built on, and we pride ourselves on our family-oriented culture. We aim to be the designated place for families to congregate in and enjoy each other's company.



FINALISTS:

Pizza Pub - Cambridge
124 Main St S, Cambridge, MN 55008
763-689-8888
mypizzapub.com

Cambridge Bar & Grill
216 Main St S #1611, Cambridge, MN 55008
763-689-4052
cambridgebarandgrill.com



BEST
BEST FUNDRAISING EVENT

The Taste

The Taste is the primary fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Cambridge and Isanti. Held each April, the event features food and drink samples from dozens of area restaurants and other food and beverage businesses. All money collected from the event is distributed locally.

FINALISTS:

Maddie Nelson Memorial Fishing Tournament
maddynelsonmemorialfoundation.org

Beyond The Yellow Ribbon Isanti County Dinner
beyondtheyellowribbonisanti.org



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BEST OUTDOOR EVENT

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FINALISTS:

Illuminate Isanti

Cambridge Farmers Market
122 Buchanan St N, Cambridge, MN 55008
763-200-1398
cambridgefarmersmarket.com



BEST
BEST PLACE FOR BINGO

Wintergreen's Golf & Grill
306 Credit Union Drive Northeast, Isanti, MN 55040
763-444-8422
wintergreensgolfandgrill.com

FINALISTS:

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410 Railroad Ave SE, Isanti, MN 55040
763-444-9787
isantivfwpost2735co.com

The Listening Room at Happy Productions Studios
145 Main St S, Cambridge, MN 55008
happyproductions.live



BEST
BEST PLACE FOR A KID'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

The Healthy Hideaway
303 Credit Union Drive Northeast Isanti, MN 55040
763-486-8654
myherbalife.com

FINALISTS:

GTI Cambridge Theatre
123 2nd Ave NE, Cambridge, MN 55008
763-689-2900
gtitheaters.com

My Jungle Gym
16 Main St W, Isanti, MN 55040
763-688-3982
myjunglegymmn.com



BEST
BEST PLACE TO PLAY TRIVIA

Thunder Brothers Brewery
801 MN-65, Isanti, MN 55040
763-452-0132
thunderbrothersbrewery.com

FINALISTS:

The Listening Room at Happy Productions Studios
145 Main St S, Cambridge, MN 55008

Flickabirds Resort
50091 Clover Trail, Rush City, MN 55069
320-358-9900
flickabirds.com



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 mymndentist.com
 763-689-5699

OFFICE HOURS

 M-TH: 7AM - 5PM
 F: 7am - 4pm

EATING AND DRINKING



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BEST APPETIZER

Cambridge Bar & Grill
216 Main St S #1611, Cambridge, MN 55008
763-689-4052
cambridgebarand-grill.com



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Pizza Pub- Cambridge
124 Main St S, Cambridge, MN 55008
763-689-8888
mypizzapub.com

Muddy Cow
5896 Old Main St, North Branch, MN 55056
651-243-5445



BEST

BEST BAKERY

Sweet Home Mn Cookie Co.
709 Fir St SW, Isanti, MN 550400
763-258-3872
sweethomemncookieco.com

FINALISTS:

Rush City Bakery
450 S Eliot Ave, Rush City, MN 55069
612-332-8933
rushcitybakery.com

The Silly Yak
401 E Dual Blvd NE, Isanti, MN 55040
763-444-6800
thesillyyakmn.com



BEST

BEST FISH FRY

Pine Brook Restaurant and Bar
34041 State Hwy 47
Cambridge, MN 55008
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pinebrookrestaurantbar.com



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FINALISTS:

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church
1050 Southview Ave, Braham, MN 55006
320-396-3105
isantiacc.org

Isanti VFW Post 2735
410 Railroad Ave SE, Isanti, MN 55040
763-444-9787
isantivfwpost2735co.com



BEST

BEST BUFFET

Pizza Ranch
111 Fillmore St S, Cambridge, MN 55008
763-645-1444
pizzaranch.com

FINALISTS:

China Taste
6063 Main St E, North Branch, MN 55056
651-277-8833

Merchants Cafe
6338 Main St, North Branch, MN 55056
651-237-1028
merchantscafemn.com



BEST

BEST BEER SELECTION

Isanti Municipal Liquor Store
10 6th Avenue Northeast, Isanti, MN 55040
763-444-5063
isantiliquor.com



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FINALISTS:

Uncommon Loon Brewing Company
10825 Lake Blvd, Chisago City, MN 55013
651-321-4468

uncommonloonbrewing.com
Thunder Brothers Brewery
801 MN-65, Isanti, MN 55040
763-452-0132



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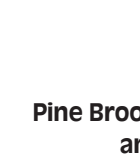
BEST BBQ RIBS

Dickey's Barbecue Pit
5466 St Croix Trail, North Branch, MN 55056
651-674-2227
dickeys.com

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pinebrookrestaurantbar.com
The Fort
80 W 4th St, Rush City, MN 55069
320-566-1104



BEST

BEST ICE CREAM

Two Scoops Isanti
291 5th Avenue Northeast
Isanti, MN 55040
763-722-9868
twoscoopsmn.com



Two Scoops is your hometown ice cream shoppe! We are an independent, family-owned shoppe, serving only super premium hard ice cream. Our ice cream is the richest and creamiest in the area - not to be found in stores. Try a freshly baked waffle cone - or, a malt with REAL malt powder. We even make our own sweet nut topping! Take home a treat from our take-home freezer; or some gourmet popcorn, soda or candies.

FINALISTS:

K & A Mini Golf and Ice Cream Shop
215 Opportunity Blvd N, Cambridge, MN 55008
763-689-3619
kaminigolf.com
Culver's

105 Opportunity Blvd
Cambridge, MN 55008
763-689-2005
culvers.com



BEST

BEST CHEF

Andrea Erickson, The Brass Rail
36868 MN-65, Grandy, MN 55029
763-689-9965
brassrailchicken.com

FINALISTS:

Ryan
Cambridge Bar & Grill
216 Main St S #1611, Cambridge, MN 55008
769-689-4052
cambridgebarandgrill.com

Mike W Leader
133-135 Main St S, Cambridge, MN 55008
763-689-5600
leadermn.com



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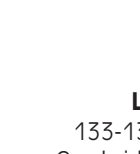
BEST BREAKFAST

People's Cafe
118 Main St S, Cambridge, MN 55008
763-689-3198

FINALISTS:

Leader
133-135 Main St S, Cambridge, MN 55008
763-689-5600
leadermn.com

Every Day Cafe
537 Main St N, Cambridge, MN 55008
763-689-4064



BEST

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763-689-8888
mypizzapub.com

Tailgaters Sports Bar & Grill
6355 Elm St Suite 400, North Branch, MN 55056



BEST

BEST CATERER

LeFebvre's Catering
129 2nd Ave SW, Cambridge, MN 55008
763-221-6011
lefebvrescatering.com

FINALISTS:

Merchants Cafe
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651-237-1028
merchantscafemn.com

Dickey's Barbecue Pit
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651-674-2227
dickeys.com

EATING AND DRINKING

**BEST BLOODY MARY****Cambridge Bar & Grill**

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Isanti, MN 55040
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isantivfwpost2735co.com

**BEST CHICKEN****The Brass Rail**

36868 MN-65, Grandy, MN 55029
763-689-9965
brassrailchicken.com

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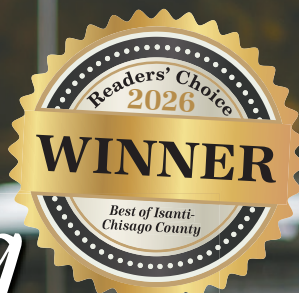

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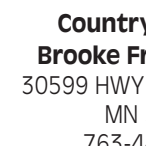
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These pages are the results of the Star’s Readers’ Choice 2026 Best of the Isanti and Chisago County contest.

Readers were asked to nominate their favorites in over 170 categories, then cast their votes. In celebration of the wonderful things Isanti and Chisago Counties have to offer, these communities made 9,862 nominations and cast just short of 75,000 votes — both all-time records for this contest!

There are many hardworking people in our community that make it what it is; they often don’t receive the recognition they deserve.

To them, we say **THANK YOU** and **CONGRATULATIONS**. We appreciate you.

Again, congratulations to this year’s winners and thank you to the community that made it happen. We hope you all participate again next year!

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