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What follows on these pages are the results of the *Kanabec County Times*' Readers' Choice 2021 Best of the Times contest.

Readers were asked to nominate their favorites in 99 categories then cast their votes. In celebration of the wonderful things Kanabec County has to offer, this community made over 1,150 nominations and cast over 16,500 votes.

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