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Blissful bounty

Michigan's tasty treats, bountiful beverages and wholesome snacks make for perfect gift ideas.

Between **By the Light of Day Tea** and **Great Lakes Tea & Spice** you'll find unlimited varieties. www.lightofdayorganics.com; www.glteaandspice.com

Located in Glen Arbor, you'll find dozens of gourmet flavors at **Leelanau Coffee Roasting Co.** www.coffeeguys.com

The **Cherry Republic** in Glen Arbor offers everything from salsas, jams, cookies and trail mix to soft drinks and wine. www.cherryrepublic.com

Seeking sweetness? **Ryba's Fudge** offers a variety of creamy concoctions. www.ryba.com

Stop in at **Grocer's Daughter** in Empire for mouth-watering candies, including truffles infused with brandy. www.grocersdaughter.com

Gayle's Chocolates in Royal Oak offers treats shaped like penguins, polar bears, nutcrackers and even Santa Claus for the holidays. www.gayleschocolates.com

If it's more chocolate you want, check out **The Chocolate Garden's** handmade selection in Coloma. www.chocolategarden.com

Pasties are a staple in the Upper Peninsula, dating back to the early mining days. Award-winning **Lawry's Pasty Shop** offers beef, bite-sized and even vegetarian pasties. www.lawrypasties.com

Established in the 1930s, the **Trenary Home Bakery** offers the finest handcrafted breads, including its famous cinnamon toast. www.trenarytoast.us

Each year, **Zehnder's of Frankenmuth** serves nearly one million loaves of bread from its award-winning bakery. www.zehnders.com

The **Stonehouse Bread Café** in Leland offers a dozen gourmet flavors, including Asiago Cheese, Kalamata Olive and Cherry Walnut. www.stonehousebread.com

Nothing goes better with good bread than cheese: Try the Aged Raclette from **Leelanau Cheese Co.**, the creamery at Black Star Farms in Suttons Bay, winner of "Best of Show" this year at

the American Cheese Society competition. www.blackstarfarms.com/creamery

In the "Cheese Capital of Michigan," the famed **Pinconning Cheese Co.** offers more than 200 varieties of domestic and imported cheeses, as well as specialty meats. www.pinconningcheese.com

Schuler's Bar-Scheeze is just one of the culinary delights available through **Bogart's Gifts** in Fern-dale. www.bogartsgifts.com

The **Koeze Co.** in Grand Rapids has been a leader in holiday gift giving from cashews to pistachios to mixed nuts, as well as chocolates. www.koeze.com

You'll find "real buffalo peanuts" at **Nuts Are Good** in Warren. Other flavors include vanilla rum, margarita, coconut, raspberry, pina colada and apple cinnamon. www.nutsaregood.com

It's an Ann Arbor institution and fast becoming one of the region's best-known delis: **Zinger-man's** offers one of the most discriminating mail order selections. www.zingermans.com

Brownwood Farms in Williamsburg has been producing premium food products since 1945, when America's original Cherry Butter was introduced to the public, along with their Famous Kream Mustard. www.brownwoodfarms.com

Shop for dressings, sauces, spreads, dried fruits, frontier soups and more at **American Spoon Foods**. www.spoon.com

Offering the first "Fair Trade Certified" preserves in the United States, Honor-based **Food for Thought** stocks award-winning organic wine and herb-infused fruit preserves. www.foodforthought.net

Specialty gift tins are available from **Grand Rapids Popcorn Co.** www.grpopcorn.com

Some eight flavors of popped corns are made at **Kalamazoo**

Kettlecorn Co., including Chocolate Peanut Butter Bliss, and Praline Pecan. www.kalamazookettlecorn.com

Founded in Traverse City, **Grand Traverse Pie Co.** now operates 10 locations around the state. Much more than pies — although favorites like Old Mission Cherry never disappoint. www.gtpie.com

Give the gift that keeps on giving with the Pie of the Month Club from **Achatz Handmade Pie Co.** in southeast Michigan. www.achatzpies.com

Make your holiday dessert stand out with **Ray's Ice Cream** in Royal Oak. Airbrushed with edible paints, these treats are elegantly detailed and are sure to be the talk of the table. Holiday shapes include Santa Claus, snowman, wreath, sleigh, tree and bell. www.raysicecream.com

Ring in the New Year with award-winning, sparkling wines available from **Chateau Chantal**, **Chateau Grand Traverse**, **L. Mawby** or **St. Julian's**. A shining star: pear brandy made by **Black Star Farms** in Suttons Bay. **Fenn Valley** also serves up a variety of winning favorites. www.chateauchantal.com; www.ctgwines.com; www.lmawby.com; www.stjulian.com; www.blackstarfarms.com; www.fennvalley.com

One of the newest beverages to come out of Michigan is vodka. **Round Barn Winery** in Baroda makes DiVine Vodka, and **Grand Traverse Distillery** makes True North Vodka. www.roundbarnwinery.com; www.grandtraversedistillery.com

