

DONUT FREAK OUT

Looking for the perfect pastry? Donut worry—we have you covered.

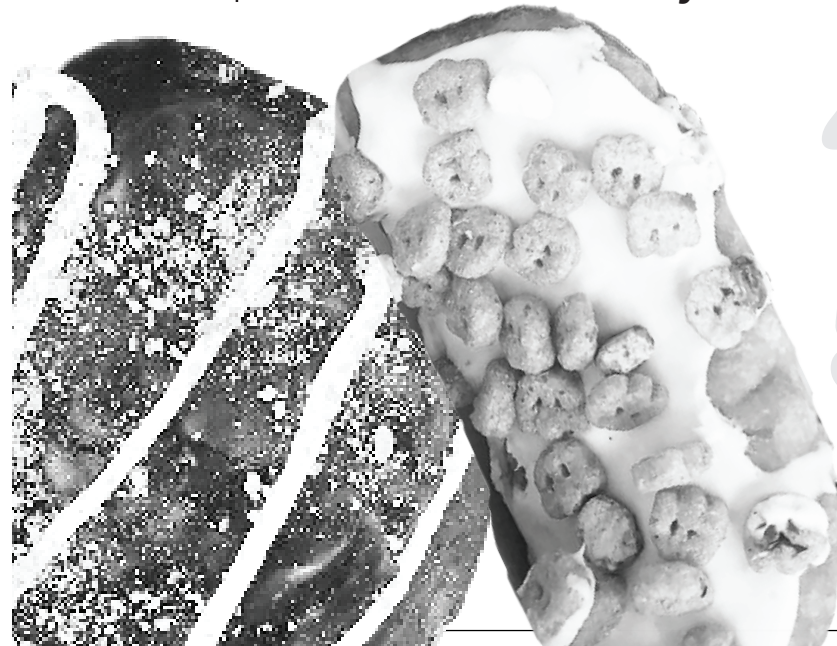
TOP BITES

Most Affordable:
Casey's

Most Delectable:
Dunkin Donuts

Least Affordable:
Hurts

Least Delectable:
Casey's



OUR F(L)AVORITES



freshman Anna Haskovec
freshman Ben Tiefel
sophomore Izzy Jorgensen
sophomore Dakota Lubbers
junior Emily Ingamells
junior Joe Culham
senior Rain Winkelpleck
senior Riley Delagardelle
teacher Jake Liekweg
Not pictured: teacher Jen Waschek

We gave eight Hudson High School Students and two teachers fourteen different donuts and asked them what their favorites were. We then took their answers and came up with a top five donut picks.

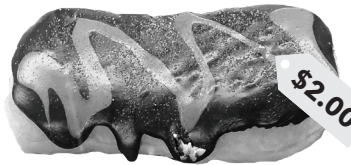
by senior Lexi Bergmeier

1 Boston Cream
Dunkin Donuts



"I like the chocolate and coffee."
- Haskovec

2 The Holland
Rockets



"...very creamy and sweet."
- Tiefel

3 Star Dust
Icon



"...very sweet and sugary."
- Liekweg

4 Fritter
Hyvee



"Doughy with a cinnamon taste."
- Jorgensen

5 Glazed Donut
Casey's



"It wasn't dry but still sweet."
- Lubbers

S'more and Boo Berry Donuts from Rockets

HURTS

by senior Brooke Busch



OPEN
Mon. - Fri.
24 hours

I don't know about you, but this is a pivotal moment for me, a self-proclaimed donut connoisseur.

On Nov. 7, Hurts Donuts opened its doors in downtown Cedar Falls. This mecca of pastry pleasure hosts 140 helpful employees in all, but more importantly, 2,300 donuts at any given time.

This national chain was first established in 2013 in Springfield, Missouri by a fellow donut lover. Six years

and 20 locations later, the franchise has 600 employees, more than 70 different varieties of donuts, and a fleet of 20 ambulances to deliver donuts for any sugar emergency. Now, let's dip right into all the frosting-filled details. I tried their Starry Night donut on opening day, and it was just as magical as you'd imagine.

This beautiful donut was glazed, then chocolate frosted, and finally topped with a plethora of colorful marshmallows. It was sweet, savory, and



melt-in-your-mouth good, with the glaze adding an extra kick of flavor. But, don't worry if this doesn't sound like your thing, it's just one of 70 different varieties in the display case, so you're sure to find a donut just for you.

So, stop wishing upon a starry night and make your wish come true because these donuts are so good it HURTS.



ROCKETS

by freshman Josie Bergmeier



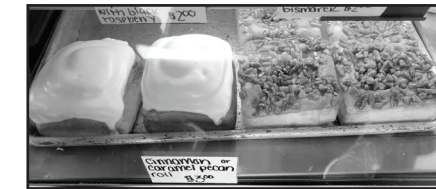
OPEN
Mon. & Thurs.
Closed
Tues. Wed. & Fri.
6AM-3PM
Sat.-Sun.
6AM-1PM

If you are ever in the mood for donuts that will blow you away, head on over to Rockets Bakery.

In 2015, Rockets Bakery first opened in La Porte City. Then, in January 2018, they opened in Waterloo, making it more convenient for donut lovers in the Cedar Valley.

They have everything you could imagine in a bakery. From their fluffy glazed

donuts to apple or blueberry fritters or giant cinnamon coils to unique Boo Berry long johns, you won't be disappointed. They



also sell a variety of homemade bread, rich coffee, and even savory smoothies, like the Mango Smoothie.

Not only is this location close by, but it is also affordable. They have reasonable prices that range anywhere from

\$0.85 for a glazed donut to \$3 for a giant fritter that can easily feed three. These amazing prices go great with

their very fast and friendly service.

So stop wishing on a star and shoot for the moon. Get your next donut from Rockets Bakery.



ICON

by freshman Lane Rogers



OPEN
Mon. - Fri.
6AM-6PM
Sat. -Sun.
7AM-2PM

Calling all donut lovers. ICON Donuts and Sweetery offer unique donuts and desserts for you to enjoy.

ICON has two locations, one in Waterloo and another in Cedar Falls. Both are open early enough that you could grab a donut at 6 a.m. on your way to work. If you don't have enough time to walk in and wait in line, no worries; their Waterloo location has a drive-thru.

But, if you have time, going into the Waterloo location is well worth it. The walls are decorated with colorful paintings of pop culture icons, like the Beatles and Princess Leia, with a donut twist. The ceiling even sports a MilkyWay of giant donuts. Guests can sit at

tables or on trendy couches and even play one of their many board games while enjoying a pastry delight.

The store is also welcoming and considers its customers. The staff is eager to help, and they provide great service. However, they aren't the only part that makes the place so welcoming. The board game station next to the large windows and a combination of the sofas in the center provides fun entertainment for you and your friends.

Perhaps the most decorative piece of the store, though, is the sprawling glass case that hosts the most delectable, colorful donuts ever seen in an array of different shapes and siz-



es. They offer many choices such as the original ring donuts, long johns, and fritters all named after iconic characters or shows.

Their most popular donut is the Pink Floyd donut, which is a massive ring donut with strawberry frosting and a sugary top. They offer not only creative names but creative concoctions, like the protein-packed Bronut, named after Jersey Shore, and The King—a peanut butter, bacon, and maple fritter that is Elvis inspired.

From its service to its atmosphere and from its merchandise to its goodies, I guess you could say the place is pretty ICON-ic.

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