

Christmas Gift Guide

November 2024
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Holiday hours: Open until December 22 | Closed December 23-27

Janet White, a certified yoga instructor, Reiki master teacher, massage therapist, and owner of Alchemy Healing Touch believes that self-care is an excellent Christmas gift, whether you give to yourself or your loved ones.

"People are always looking for ways to feel better within their body, mind, and spirit," she says. "So they can book a massage or Reiki session to relax or to help them with pain relief. Many of my Reiki clients tell me after their session that they have never felt so

relaxed. Then there are clients who have chronic pain issues and are able to get back to activities they enjoy after a handful of massage sessions."

Alchemy Healing Touch offers the services of Reiki and various massages, with sound healing, Reiki classes, and beginner-friendly yoga coming soon. Clients rave about its welcoming atmosphere.

"I experience great joy when my clients come to see me before or after the holidays so they can either

get ready for all the hustle and bustle or so they can recover from the holiday festivities," White says. "I have a client who loves to cook, but she experiences a lot of back pain and hasn't been able to cook as much. She will book a session so she can feel well enough to cook for her loved ones and then come after the holidays to relax and recover from all the cooking."

Gift certificates: "I offer gift certificates for 30, 60, or 90 minutes that can be used for any

of the services I offer – massage, reiki, soul focused healing, or a combination session," White says. 30 minutes-\$55 | 60 minutes-\$85 | 90 minutes-\$115

Vision Board Workshop:

"This workshop is great for someone and their friend. The purpose of the workshop is to help set the intention for the coming year. It's reminder to live the life of our dreams through visual representation." \$44

Great Faith Organics

418 Martin Street S, Pell City

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www.greatfaithorganics.com

Holiday hours: Open until December 14
Closed December 16-January 2

Great Faith Organics is owned by clinical herbalist and wellness practitioner Mandy Church, who she believes there's no better gift than one that improves the condition of the human body.

"I love helping people change their lives for the better," she says. "My greatest reward is by far helping people feel well, and being able to offer a safe space for people to feel seen and heard."

Great Faith Organics offers such services and products as wellness consultations, bio-communication feedback, lymphatic treatments, herbal education, digestion and interstitial support, magnesium

products, medicinal oil blends and nasal inhalers, sleepy time support, and more.

"My most popular services are the advanced herbal consultation and lymphatic treatment," Church says. "My most popular products this time of the year are the immune system support items, such as elderberry syrup, fire cider, and herbal teas. Also, my daughter's goat's milk soaps are a big seller."

Gift certificate for an advanced consultation: "The advanced consultation includes an advanced bio-communication feedback scan, a herbal consultation, wellness support and



education, as well as a tailored herbal, vitamin, and mineral protocol." \$120

Lymphatic treatment: "There is no better gift than the gift of wellness," Church says. \$55

YaeYae's Soap: "These soaps are made with goat milk, and the natural scents are designed as Little Debbie Christmas tree cakes, Grinch Bars, gingerbread men bars, and lots of other great items." \$5 - \$17



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www.facebook.com/brittleheavenandmore

Hours: Mondays-Fridays 7 a.m.-5 p.m.,
Saturdays 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Brittle Heaven and More in Pell City has all of the baked goods you will need for this holiday season.

"We have lots of cakes, cheesecakes, whole pies, cookie assortments, brittle candies, divinities, old fashioned candies, and tea cakes," said owner Sarah Deese. "We try to do whatever the need is and try to take orders by request."

Brittle Heaven and More will also assemble gift baskets.

"There are so many choices. You can pop in and grab and go, or call and let us know what you need," Deese said.

The most popular pies are coconut pies and chocolate pies. Peanut butter pies and key lime pies are gaining favor with customers, as well. The most

popular whole cakes are carrot cakes, Italian cream cakes, and chocolate cakes. Deese says that carrot cakes have grown in popularity in the last three years and are starting to compete with the German chocolate cake and pound cake.

It is difficult for Deese to pick her own favorite items, but she says she loves the lemon icebox pie and the blueberry dump cake.

Brittle Heaven and More has items at price points for everyone: Rice Krispies treats \$1, fire crackers or ranch crackers \$3, candies \$5-\$20, whole pies \$25, whole cakes \$35-\$50 and New York cheesecakes \$50.

"We just love everybody that comes in, and we become friends with all of them," said Deese.



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Hours: Mondays-Fridays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Griffin Laser Engraving is a locally owned business that customizes gift items, offers trophies and awards, and can create one-of-a-kind personalized Yeti drinkware.

Owner Kandi Griffin says that her business can be described as a retail gift shop because it has such a wide variety of unique items. Yes, she is an authorized Yeti dealer, but her spectrum of items to choose from includes something for everyone in the family.

"I believe what has kept my business successful over the years is the quality of the work we do," she says. "Quality speaks volumes and is something we truly pride ourselves on with each order, no matter how big or small it may be."

Griffin Laser Engraving has been around since 2015, offering such services as laser engraving, UV printing, powder-coated metal signs, canvas prints, gift sets, jewelry boxes, and more. It offers the flexibility of in-store shopping, curbside pickup, or delivery options.

"One of the things that brings me the most joy in this business is when people buy gifts for others," Griffin says. "I really enjoy helping to bring their ideas to life and then seeing their excitement of how it turned out knowing that they're doing this for that loved one in their life. It also brings me joy to be able to offer a place like this within the community where people can come."

"We have been busy working some really long hours to make sure everyone's order that is in is complete and received in a timely fashion. Then we have our biggest sale yet at the end of November. We strongly encourage people to stop by and get some of their Christmas shopping done this year."

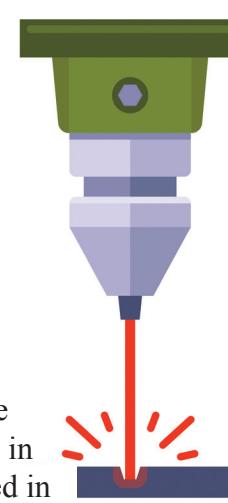
Yeti drinkware: "It is our most popular item, and we are able to customize it to make it personal. It is a quality item that can be used every day, from our 10-ounce tumbler to a gallon jug and everything in between." \$20 - \$150 | Yeti coolers start at \$200

Kershaw Knives: "These knives have been around for 50 years. They are a great gift for men and women. The quality is good and these knives are a trusted brand," Griffin says. \$30 - \$150

Abaco Sunglasses: "These sunglasses are polarized and have a lifetime warranty. These are a great gift idea for any one needs a pair of good quality shades." \$60 - \$80

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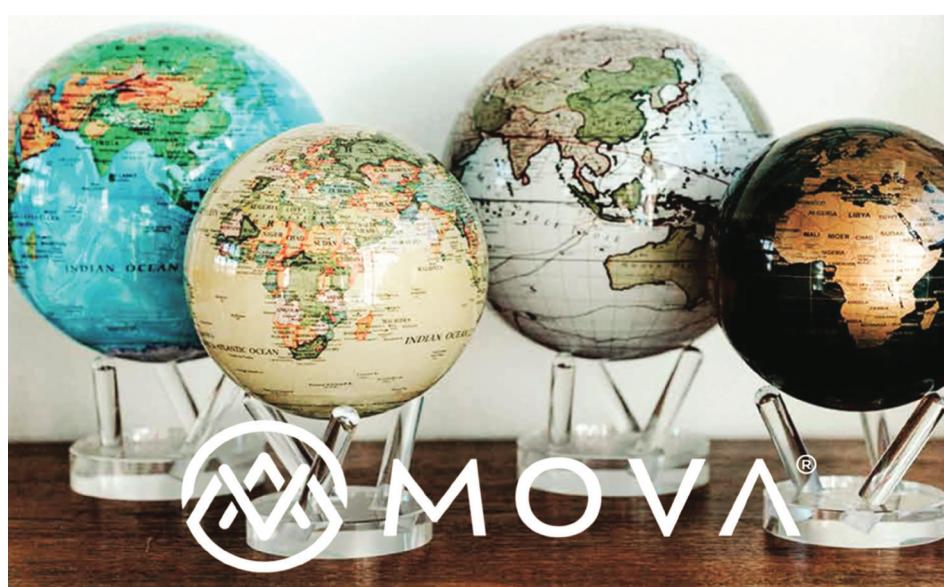
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Griffins Jewelers has been providing high quality jewelry to the community since 1950. The longtime local business also sells gift items for men and women. Michael Abernathy, vice president of marketing and sales, has the following suggestions for someone who would prefer a unique, non-jewelry gift this holiday season.

This year, consider gifting that special someone with roses. Griffins Jewelers has real long-stem roses encapsulated in a preservative and outlined in 24-karat yellow gold. The roses are available in several colors, not just the usual red, yellow and white. \$99

Abernathy suggests a MOVA Globe as a perfect gift for someone who has everything. These gorgeous globes were created by a physicist, and they use Earth's gravity and solar power to move. No batteries required. Starting at \$200.

For men who wish to add a classic accessory to their wardrobe, Abernathy highly recommends Griffins Jewelers' selection of pocket watches. Although many people use their cellphones as a time-telling device, adding a pocket watch to one's outfit adds an element of nostalgic style. Starting at \$250.



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Marble City Pharmacy has been meeting patients' healthcare needs with professionalism, personalized care, and quality customer service for 21 years. The family-owned business is operated by brothers Jacob and Jared Johnson, who believe that patients' health is a priority that goes beyond just a prescription.

Marble City Pharmacy offers such services and products as free prescription delivery, durable medical equipment, diabetic supplies and footwear, travel vaccinations, private consultations, first aid items, feminine hygiene products, baby gifts, greeting cards, candles, and more. The hometown pharmacy can be considered a one-stop shop, especially at the holidays.

"What I most look forward to experiencing during the holidays is the spirit of excitement for those that come in for gifts," said Teresa Crow, manager of the pharmacy's gift department. "It is always so fun to see someone light up because they find the gift they feel is just right for that special person in their life. That look alone is something I enjoy seeing time and time again every year. Especially with our seniors. With us offering free gift wrapping with purchases, customers can make their purchase, have it wrapped, and take the gift to their loved one or just put it under the tree. Gift wrapping is such a huge help to so many people around this time of year."

Crow says that trending gifts this year include jewelry, personalized items, Christmas tree ornaments, and candles.

Kendra Scott Jewelry: "Kendra Scott is women's jewelry, and it has definitely been a top seller in the store. It's a nice gift with a wide selection to choose from, and is its everyday wearable

jewelry. People would usually have to drive to The Summit to get Kendra Scott, but we have it right here at our store, and people have been very happy to have it here locally." Prices range from \$40-\$90

Children's jewelry and jewelry boxes: "Sterling silver jewelry, pearls, with some gold pieces that fit newborns to older kids. As for the jewelry boxes, they're by Cherished Moments and they're unique, elegant, and not commonly found around here. Prices range from \$9-\$70

Inis: "Inis has fragrance and body products that are from Ireland that work with your body chemistry. Their scents are crisp, clean, and refreshing. We also have gift sets. This is a gift that can be for all ages." Prices range from \$5.99-\$68.99

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Linden & London detergents: "They have a variety of fragrances and body sprays for the body, home, and aroma products that would be perfect for that person in your life that loves for things to smell good." Prices range from \$4.99-\$21.99



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Martin Street Mercantile is a new gift shop (open just in time for the holiday season) offering high quality and unique merchandise.

Owners Amanda and Nicole Anderson-St. John, both local Realtors, have turned their love for shopping and boutiques into what they believe will be an exciting retail experience for shoppers.

"We enjoy real estate, but we wanted to venture into something else, and we had this great space, plus it's something fun that we are really enjoying," Nicole said. "We have a lot of connections within the community and great supporters from relationships that we have built over the years. I have been in real estate for over

20 years, and Amanda is a retired educator, so we have a lot of ties to the community, with many eager to show their support and we couldn't be more grateful."

Martin Street Mercantile has prices fit for every budget, supplying unique items that aren't typically found in the area. The store has something for babies, kids, women, men, and the home. It offers free gift wrapping with any purchase, and customers can build their own customizable gift baskets.

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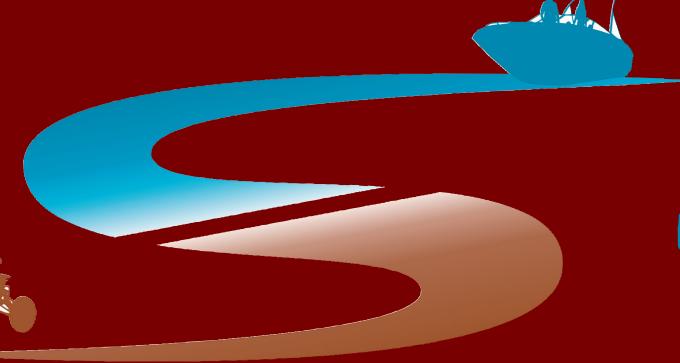
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Saturdays 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

"We've been in business for more than 60 years, and Designer Corner Boutique has been open for 42 years," said owner Connie Welcher.

Merle Norman Cosmetics has skincare for all skin types. The skincare includes cleansers, toners, moisturizers and a wide selection of foundations. This year, Welcher says that the hand lotion sets, skincare sets and anti-aging skincare sets are the most popular items on the cosmetics side. Merle Norman also has a men's line featuring moisturizer and Post-Shave.

Designer Corner Boutique sells Brighton jewelry, clothes, shoes,

and artwear. Welcher says the Brighton jewelry and Christmas sweaters are popular with boutique customers. "Brighton is always good for all ages. They have necklaces and matching earrings and bracelets to go with them."

Gift certificates are available for the cosmetics and boutique sides. Free gift wrapping is available.

"Let us help you dress for your special occasion because we have an outfit for everyone," said Welcher. "We also do special occasion makeovers, if anyone is interested in that for the holidays. We also have gift certificates available for that."



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"In this business venture, we are having the time of our lives," Nicole said. "We are happy to have the opportunity to be able to offer products that not just look good but are affordable, things that are currently trending, things that are produced here in Alabama, and unique items that you can't just get from a chain store," said Nicole.

Customers who make purchases this holiday season can expect to have their items wrapped in classy and elegant craft paper, ribbon, and twine, she

added.

Signature whiskey glass edition: "This set is perfect for those who love a good whiskey. It comes with chilling stones and two crystal glasses." \$54.98

Faceplant Dreams blanket: "It is literally the softest thing I've ever touched in my life," Nicole says. \$132

Red Bike Coffee Company espresso: "They're fresh roasted whole beans, roasted right here in Alabama." \$24

Captain Rodney's:

"There are dips, sauces, spices, and rubs. There are tons of recipes all over the internet that call for Captain Rodney's dips. Their original boucan glaze is one of their number one sellers, and a great bit of his recipes include that glaze." \$15

Pickleball set: "It comes with two paddles and a ball, and has matching tumblers that can go along with the pickle ball set." Pickleball set - \$50 | Matching tumblers - \$40

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A visit to Old Baker Farm is a chance to experience of a piece of history.

The farm's barn has been standing for 106 years, the farm house is 200 years old, and with 15 acres of land filled with pumpkins, corn, cotton, watermelons, and Christmas trees, there's much to explore.

The farm is owned by fourth-generation family member Jerry Baker and his wife Pam. Aside from its history, the farm has become very well known for its pumpkin patch, Christmas tree farm, and events that people look forward to every year.

"The Christmas tree farm began selling trees in 1988, so this is our 36th year with it, but the pumpkin patch has been around far less, for about 26 years or so," said Pam. "Both have yielded great turnouts, and people love coming out for the chance to enjoy all the things we offer and just the experience of being on a farm."

"And when your tree wears out and you get tired of an artificial tree, come here and get a real one. Picking out a Christmas tree is quite an experience, and we do our best to make sure it is a memorable and enjoyable one. When people park their cars, we offer the service of using a bow saw for their visit so they can cut down their desired tree. After all, this is a choose-and-cut Christmas tree farm, but we shake the tree for them to remove any dead needles and net it so that they can prepare it to take the trip home."

After the tree is picked and secured to the vehicle, customers can head home and begin decorating, although many hang

around the farm and enjoy the holiday activities.

"You can get your tree and go home, but people tend to stick around and enjoy the rest of the farm," Pam said. "We have a tractor train ride, hay ride to see the animals in the pasture, hot apple cider, and candy canes."

Last year, the Bakers sold so many trees that they had to close that part of the farm three days after Thanksgiving.

"Come by and get a Christmas tree while this year's crop of trees last, and only cut trees that are tagged so as not to interfere with future crops," Pam said. "I recommend coming no later than 4 p.m. so you can have time to look and see what you want. Once it gets dark, it becomes a safety issue, since there's 15 acres with no lights, stumps throughout, and you'll less likely be able to fully see what you're getting. But we don't close until the last person is out. We don't believe in leaving anyone behind."

Christmas On The Farm:

"We don't have a gift shop, but in the space we do have, on December 7, we're having Christmas On The Farm. It will feature about 10 arts and crafts vendors who will have great items that will make fabulous Christmas presents. The day will also include a hayride, Santa Claus in a cabin, fire pits to roast s'mores, multiple food trucks, a Nativity scene, hot chocolate, and so much more. There is definitely fun to be had for the entire family." Admission is \$13 per person. Children age 1 and younger admitted free | Arts & crafts vendor prices vary



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When it comes to the holidays, something that everyone most looks forward to is Christmas dinner. After presents have been opened, the aromas from the kitchen make their way to the entire family, enticing them with delicious food to eat.

Since 1936, St. Clair Farmers Co-op has been a trusted partner in agriculture, giving people the chance to feed their families and create memories. The cooperative is a part of the Talladega County Exchange, and its goal is to provide the community and farmers quality products.

"One of the things that I enjoy about working here is that it is nice to work so closely with farmers," said bookkeeper Lisa Joiner. "You learn so much along the way, and there's a great level of respect and appreciation for them because they are the ones that feed us. Their hard work is what helps to make meals and that Christmas dinner that's to come possible."

St. Clair Farmers Co-op offers Bonnie plants and herbs, cattle supplies such as chemicals, feed,

and seed, ammo, guns, knives, and more.

"Since I have worked here, one of the things that I most look forward to during the holidays is seeing all the customers come into the store eager to find a gift for their loved one," Joiner said. "That's always a fun time."

Guns and ammo: "This would be a great gift for a partner, especially those who are into guns, hunting, or simply need just as a source of protection." \$200-\$1,000

Pecans: "When it comes to pecans, we have them in different sizes, some cracked, some shelled, and even flavored pecans, from turtle to white chocolate." \$11-\$23.50

Gift cards: "We sell a lot of gift cards around this time of year because they are very helpful. It allows the recipient to be able to come in and shop for the items they may need, and it is a great way to help them prepare for the year." \$5-\$1,000

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Tena Turner, owner of T.B. Turner Interior Design has successfully helped transform houses into homes for more than 30 years.

"I have been doing interior design for a while now and I truly love everything about what I do," she says. "It means a lot to me how people trust me to help them and believe in me to execute their vision for their home or business. It is an honor to make such an impact, and I love being able to connect with the community, meet a wide range of people every day, and create relationships that last for years."

T.B. Turner Interior Design has been in Talladega for 15 years, but Turner has decades of experience. "One of the greatest rewards of being in this business and in Talladega is being able to be a part of the community. There is nothing like a small town where you're able to know customers on a first name basis, which makes being here so enjoyable."

Turner says that with the holidays nearing, one of the things she most looks forward to is seeing people come into the store and helping them select gifts for those on their shopping lists.

Gourmet food basket: The basket consists of different combinations of items, from pepper jellies to holiday nuts to hot teas and more. "A basket is great for a last minute gift or something quick to grab for guests." Prices start at \$25

Jewelry: "Jewelry is the gift that covers any age from babies to seniors. Then the majority of the pieces are gold dipped and do not tarnish." \$10-\$40

Furniture and accessories: One piece can transform an entire room. "It can be the smallest piece that can take a place from feeling like just a house to home, and we have pieces that can fit any budget," Turner says. Prices start at \$25

Candles: "I carry Porch View Home, South, and Wavertree & London candles. You can never go



wrong with a good candle." \$25

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Bed & Breakfast: The holidays are about spending time with family and friends, and sometimes the season is a wonderful time to get away. If you are looking for a staycation or need some extra space for

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