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Holiday Gift Guide

November 2022
SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT TO

THE DAILY HOME

Ideas for everyone on your list

The List: This year's hottest gifts





Blush and Bashful Boutique

Owned and operated by two best friends, Aly Mitchell and Bliss Hubbard, Blush and Bashful Boutique is located in the heart of downtown Talladega.

The business began as an online boutique but has been in its current store front for a little more than a year, Mitchell said. The store is continuously updating its inventory, making sure to provide shoppers with plenty of on-trend women's clothing options and accessories.

Mitchell suggested several items this holiday season.

Vintage Havana Womens Tennis Shoes: "We just got these in stock yesterday. We have several varieties." Vintage Havana shoes start at \$140, sizes 5.5-10.

Katie's Company Candles and Linen Sprays: "We carry about seven different scents. They are all hand-poured soy candles, and the sprays are soy based too. They are from a small business out of Iowa. I previously ordered the wax melts for my home and loved them so much, we decided we had to have them in the store." Candles start at \$29 and

sprays at \$16.

Comfy Luxe robes, slippers and blankets: "I believe these will be very popular for the holidays. The robes are one-size-fits-all, and slippers are sizes S/M and M/L. Slippers are \$20, robes are \$50 and blankets are \$55.

Judy Blue Jeans: "I love these jeans and are wearing some right now," Mitchell said. "They are stretchy and comfortable but still keep their shape. She suggests that shoppers go down one size. Sizes range from 3-15 and start at \$50.

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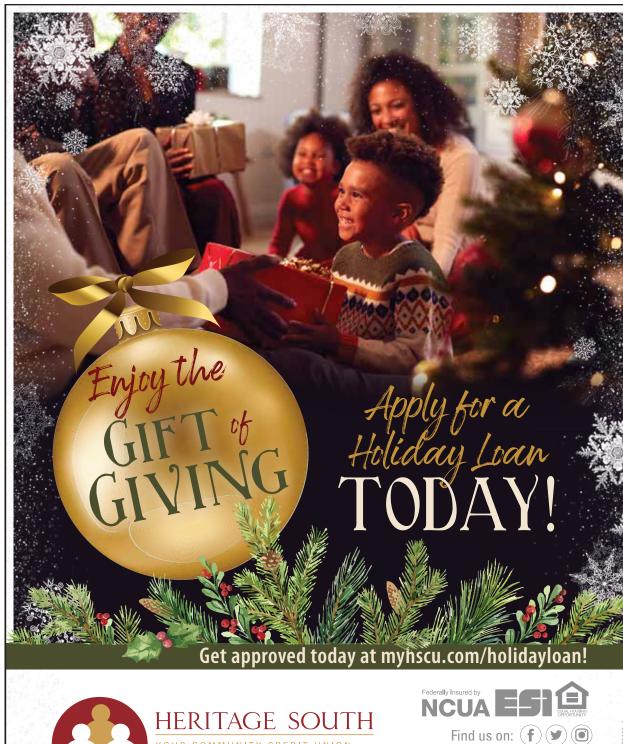




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Griffins Jewelers

been providing high quality jewelry for the community since 1950.

'We have been part of the community, not just a store in the community, for 72 years now," said Michael Abernathy, vice president of marketing and sales. "We carry a lot of classic designs that can be passed down generations. We also carry trendy items. We have options for everyone." A few of Abernathy's recommendations for this holiday season follow.

This year, labgrown diamonds are one of the top selling items. "They have been around for a while, but a lot of folks are interested in them. They are real diamonds, and there is no visual difference between mined diamonds and lab grown diamonds. We have plenty of both

Griffins Jewelers has lab grown diamonds," Abernathy said. Price points vary, but lab grown diamonds are less expensive than mined diamonds. Prices vary.

Griffins Jewelers has received a new shipment of items from Le Vian, a family-owned jewelry company founded in the 15th century famous for their chocolate diamonds. Griffins is one of the largest independent Le Vian dealers in Alabama. "Le Vian only uses the top five percent of gemstones in their pieces. They have every color gemstone imaginable," said Abernathy. Prices

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Celeste Heavenly Boutique

Celeste Heavenly Boutique is the go-to shop for women of every generation.

Owner Meredith Horton has been in business since 2020. She created her business with the intent to provide comfortable yet stylish clothes to women of every age and size. She understands the frustration that can build from having to go to various places to find something for everybody to wear. From personal experience, she knows that shopping can be such more of a joy when everything is in one place.

"I love getting to know my customers and helping them find something they love," she said. "For me, it's important that the clothing fits their style and makes

them feel good."
Celeste Heavenly
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For the holidays this year, Horton recommended the following gifts.

Ornaments

"Do you have an ornament swap this year? Then our beautiful already wrapped ornaments are the perfect gift. The gift of an ornament can be one for self to mark another year, highlight a special moment, or for someone else." \$9-\$23

Christmas platters and bowls

"During the holidays, we interact with a lot of family and friends, so these items are very ideal to keep the conversation going and bellies full. Then our dips are yummy, which will pair great." \$6.95-\$38

Angel and Nativity

"We love these items because they are a great way to celebrate the birth of our Savior." \$22-\$48

Winter clothing styles

Available for newborn to adult. Prices vary.

Horton added that the boutique offers gift certificates that are wonderful and available at any price. For more information on their products, upcoming sales, and holiday deals, check them out on Facebook.

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Merle Norman Cosmetics and Designer Corner

If you need to check off a specific cosmetic need or find the perfect outfit for a special occasion, Merle Norman Cosmetics and Designer Corner is the one-stop shop for women in Talladega.

Owner Connie Welcher loves to see customers leave with a smile on their face.

She recommends a variety of gifts from her business this holiday season.

Merle Norman's Limited-Edition Magical Cheeks Set: "This is a very popular set," Welcher said. "It includes two of our most popular shades, sugar melon and bare mauve. It also includes a highlighter and brush." \$35.

Magical Skin Set: "This is the perfect skincare routine. The set includes anti-aging complex dry oil serum, anti-aging complex emulsion broad spectrum spf 30, our exfoliating charcoal scrub and anti-aging complex eye treatment." \$62.

Berek blouses and sweaters.

"These have always been popular during the holidays. They are perfect to wear to office parties or family gatherings. Berek apparel averages at \$78. Sizes small through extra large, and may be ordered upon request if a particular size is out of stock."

Welcher encourages shoppers to come in and take a look at their plentiful supply makeup and cosmetics as well as their boutique selections, with brands including: Brighton, NYDJ, Artwear, Yellow Box and more.



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For the prepper, veteran, hunter, or farmer in your life this

holiday season, here are the gifts that Price suggests that would be great to add to the shopping list.

Ka-Bar Knife (\$92). "I think everyone should have a full size knife. It is very beneficial for a variety of reasons. If you're a hunter, it can be good for cleaning an animal, helpful while fishing, camping, and so forth."

A pair of new boots (\$60 to \$125). "You can never go wrong with a great pair of boots. The wide selection of military combat boots are available in kids' sizes as small as 2 up to men's size 17."

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1950s Era M1 Garand bayonet (\$150). "It goes on the end of a rifle. Anyone that would be the slightest bit interested in one will know immediately what this is and its uses."

Price added that he is excited to announce that he will be doing his annual Big Box of Gifts raffle this year. Every \$25 spent adds an entry to the raffle of the grand prize of \$500 worth of items. The winner will be announced on Dec. 21. "I love doing this raffle!" he said. "One year a lady won with only one ticket entry. To see how happy she was definitely was a joy."





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Lisa Moffett sugguests several wine and gift selections for the holidays.

Blanc Du Bois. "This is the first French Hybrid grape grown in our vineyards. Its crisp-cool notes of apricot collide with velvety-warm honey. It's great with chicken and fish dishes, as well as margherita pizzas." \$24

Norton: "Our Norton is a red wine, and has been very popular. I would describe the taste as earthy and woodsy, with hints of stone fruit and oak." \$24.

Grove Allen Blend: "This is our blend of our Norton and Cabernet Sauvignon wines. It was served at our son's wedding. It is perfect to pair with steaks and red meats." \$24.

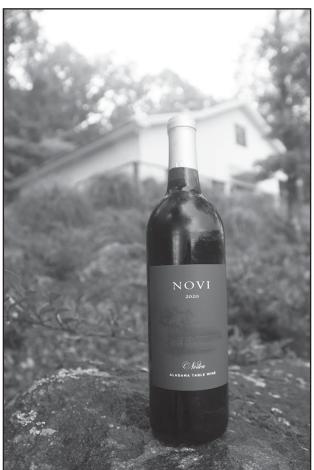
Novi Vineyards candle: "They are hand-poured, soy wax candles created inside a Novi wine bottle. The scent is light and fresh with a touch of sweetness, with hints of grape and muscadine." \$28.

Moffett said that any wines can also be purchased as a gift basket, including Bright Brownies for \$40. She encouraged customers to stop by and visit and enjoy sample tastings for \$5.

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JusJazzy Shoetique

A great pair of shoes can make the perfect outfit and an even better gift.

JusJazzy Shoetique has a large variety of shoes great for the woman in your life. Owner Jasmine Swain understands how a good pair of shoes can truly make a statement.

Since opening the store in 2013, she takes great pride in making sure customers have a great experience and receive quality service. One of her greatest rewards is that she personally selects each piece that is carried in her store. "To have people like my style while having an establishment that is very hands-on is truly satisfying," she said.

Customers can sip and shop while browsing and trying on shoes. Whether it is a glass of wine or a bottle of water, Swain believes in taking care of her customers and giving them a satisfying visit each time.

JusJazzy Shoetique recommends the following items for some great gift ideas this

Fashion Con Sweatshirt: "I highly recommend this item! I have been wearing it quite often lately and pairing it with different items in my wardrobe. It's a very versatile piece, warm, comfortable, stylish and can be paired with different styles." \$39.99

Fall Fedoras & Swaggy Fedoras: "We have them in a variety of colors. However, no matter the color, this is a great accessory to any outfit. I think it adds a touch of class." \$31.25-\$36.35

Undercover Chic black thigh-high boots: "These boots are perfect for the legs of every woman. They are the perfect material and I highly recommend getting a pair." \$56.25

Pink Princess heels: "This is one of my favorite pairs of shoes in the store. I said it before and I'll say it again, I dress very simple. However, my shoes are what I feel makes the outfit. These shoes are a statement! They are a pink stiletto with a bedazzled band, a slip-on heel, and a pointed toe." \$45.99

For more information about its holiday sale, visit the boutique's website or follow it on social media.

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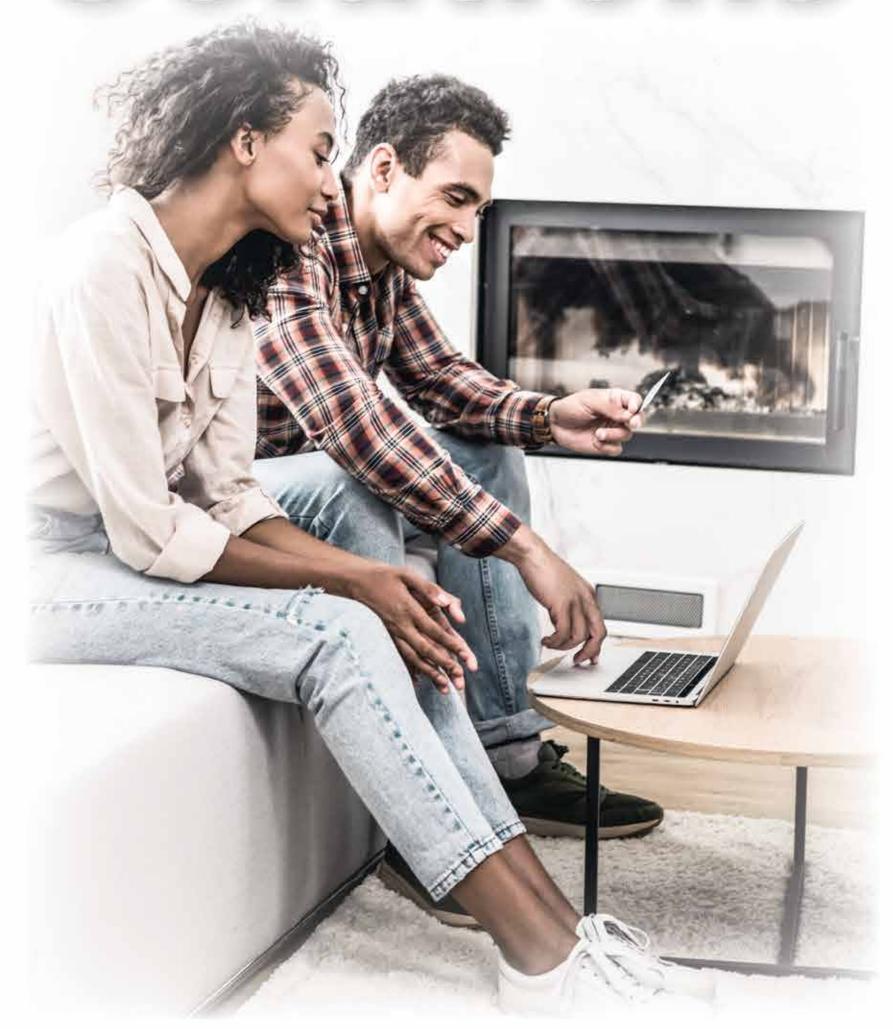
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Michael's Menswear

Michael's Menswear is a family-owned clothing retailer in downtown Talladega. The store first opened in 1969, and the staff prides itself on customer service. The staff recommends the following items for your loved ones this holiday season.

One of the popular items this year is the turtleneck. Turtlenecks offer a little extra warmth as they cover part of the wearer's neck. They are appropriate for almost any occasion, including an evening out or a Christmas party. Michael's Menswear sells 10 solid color turtlenecks. \$32.95

For the active person in your life, the staff at Michael's Menswear recommends one of the hottest items this year: a fleece jogging set. Joggers have been a popular gift for the last couple of years, and the trend appears to be continuing. \$39.95

Levi's jeans are a hot-selling item all year long. They can be worn with a polo shirt or a dress shirt and sport coat combination for a business casual look. These jeans are also a classic choice for a day of recreation. \$53.95

Michael's Menswear also sells more than 1,200 suits, so they are sure to have a perfect suit for you. The suits come in a variety of colors and styles and would be great to wear for a Christmas party or church service. Michael's Menswear has a "Buy One, Get One" deal on suits year round. Starting at \$99.95

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Bamawear

For many years, owner and avid Alabama fan Greg Bates takes pride not only in Alabama football but also his two stores.

Bates had a hard time narrowing down ideas for holiday gifts because his shop has practically everything an Alabama fan could want. He was able to offer the following suggestions specifically for the holidays.

Ponchoville ladies' fleece top by Pressbox. "We have a great selection

of long-sleeve shirts for women. I was told in Tuscaloosa that this style is expected to be very popular this year. It is very warm and soft," \$65.

Mens Tuskwear polos: "Polos are always popular with the guys. You can dress them up or down for different occasions. We just got the striped polos in, which are like what Coach Saban and the staff have been wearing this season on the sidelines." \$85

Seasons jewelry: "Our earrings and necklaces are always big sellers and would make great stocking stuffers." Prices start at \$15.

Bates also said that his store takes pride in offering a substantial selection of hats and caps. "We are one of the only stores who still sells fitted caps," he said.

Bamawear also has a second location at 2044 Martin Street South in Pell City.

BAMAWEAR

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Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio

Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio in Pell City has all of your beauty and skin care needs. For the person on your Christmas list who loves makeup and is all about self-care, this is the place to shop. Owner April Willis believes that her business helps the everyday person feel good about themselves, and it's time for taking advantage of the holiday deals.

Willis recommends the following gifts for this Christmas season.

Magical Skin set: It has four trialsize skin products: an exfoliating charcoal scrub, anti-aging complex dry oil serum, anti-aging complex emulsion, and anti-aging complex eye treatment. "I recommend this skin set, as it is a great way to try our products

without having to buy the full size." \$65 Magical Lips set: "It comes with a lipstick and lip liner. It's a twin set, and it is an overall great deal." \$32

Console carry handbag: "I think this a very stylish and useful gift for those that want to protect themselves."

Versa totes: "I strongly recommend this gift. It has interchangeable handles and comes in two sizes of small and large. It is very functionable, I would say a great gift for teachers, but anyone I think would love one of these. You can hold a lot of stuff and it's basically everything in one tote."



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That's Hot Boutique

Owner Lori Edwards takes pride in providing shoppers a wide array of comfortable and stylish clothing options, along with accessories galore.

She recommends several popular items that she believes everyone will love this holiday season.

Myra bags and purses: "These are hard to find just anywhere," Edwards said. "They are great quality leather and last a very long time. They are very popular with our shoppers. We offer several sizes and designs including hair on print and leather." \$35-\$105.

Artwear jewelry: "These have always been a hit in our store,"

Edwards said. "They are made by a fellow Talladega County small business owner and are always unique. It's rare you will see two sets the exact same. They make the perfect stocking stuffer or teacher gift." Starting at \$15.

Flying Tomato dresses: "This brand has also been really popular and is loved by our customers. They are fully-lined and are great at dressing up or down for any occasion." Sizes are S-L and start at \$56.

Edwards also encouraged shoppers to stop by and check out their candle and scent collections from Sweet Grace and Bourbon Royalty.

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Martin's Family Clothing

Martin's Family Clothing has apparel for all sizes. The department store is gearing up for its 45th Christmas, and the staff are currently receiving inventory for this holiday season. "People come to us for brand names at great prices," said Bill Wakefield, owner. Below are a few suggestions from Wakefield on the popular items at Martin's Family Clothing this year.

"The brand Carhartt is very popular with men, young and old. They have a lot of items, including shirts and beanies." Carhartt products start at \$14.99.

For women, Wakefield recommends a popular slipper with a smiley face on the front. "I would call these house shoes, but young people don't wear house shoes, and young people are definitely buying these. You can knock around the dorms in them, but they can also be worn outside." Martin's Family Clothing sold about 3,000-4,000 pairs last Christmas, and this year, sales are already ahead of that. The slippers with the smiley face will be on sale the day after Thanksgiving for \$9.99. Similar house shoes will be \$19.99.

Wakefield says cowboy boots are a hot item this year, as well. "White boots are good for a myriad of people." HOKA and On Cloud running shoes are popular, too. Cowboy boots begin at \$39.99, and HOKA and On Cloud shoes begin at \$129-\$159.

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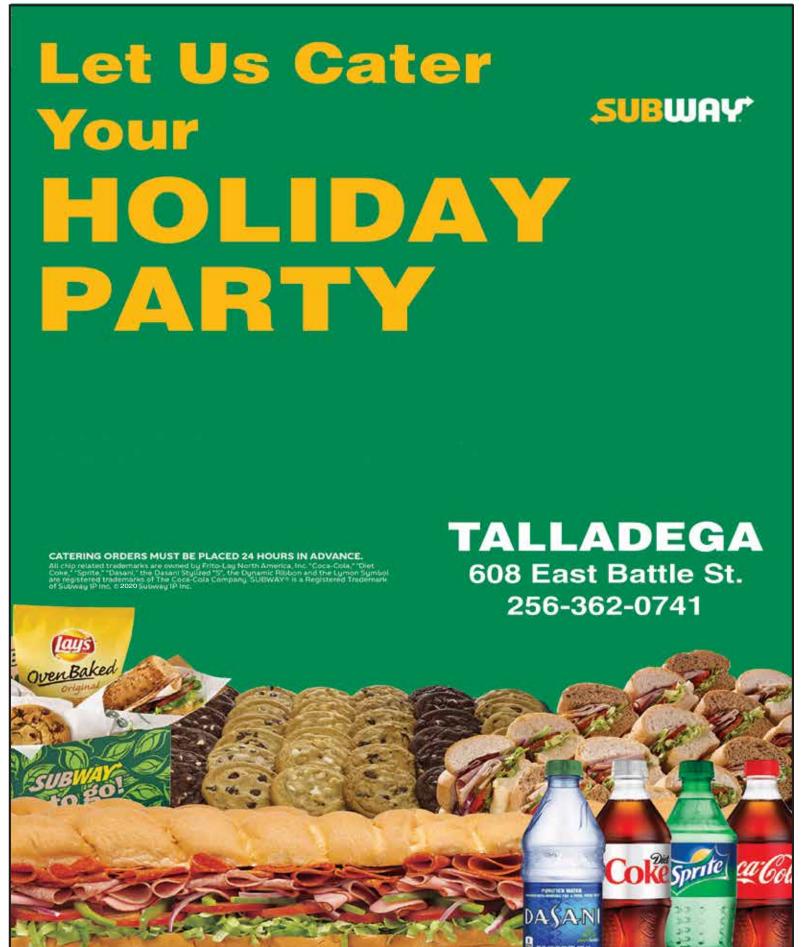
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