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## Physicians, patients may be contributing to opioid epidemic

■ Excessive addictive prescriptions often end up in wrong hands

By Vera Hogan

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A group of friends were having lunch in downtown Fenton recently. One of them brought up the opioid epidemic and told a story that gives just one example of why these drugs are so easily obtained by those who should not have them.

She said that about eight years ago, after some fairly major dental work, the dentist prescribed a 30-day supply of Vicadin, one of the villains of today's opioid epidemic.

"My procedure was performed early in the morning and I was home by 10 a.m.," she said. "Since I was off work for the day I took one of the Vicadin, even though I didn't really need it, and went downstairs to watch TV. That was the last one I took from that bottle. The Vicadin made me pretty 'loopy' and kind of sick to my stomach. I decided to take my chances with an over-the-counter medication. That worked."

The woman said she gave the bot-

tle with the remaining pills to her husband and never saw it again. She assumed that since he and his brother have physically demanding jobs, that sometimes resulted in severe back pain, that they eventually shared in killing off the bottle.

That, of course, was not the right thing to do, but well-meaning people may not be aware that they are contributing to the growing opioid epidemic, not to mention causing deadly harm to a friend or loved one.

These drugs are obtained by prescription only, so when they fall into the wrong hands it is very often because of over-prescribing, followed by the carelessness of a recipient patient.

According to Webmd.com, more than one out of three average Americans used a prescription opioid painkiller in 2015, despite growing concerns these

medicines are promoting widespread addiction and overdose death.

These painkillers include drugs like OxyContin, Percocet and Vicadin to name a few. Results of numerous surveys show that the medical profession is doing a poor job of appropriately prescribing opioid painkillers.

Like the local woman who told her story about Vicadin, many people receive opioids they don't need and pass them on to relatives who aren't getting the treatment they need for chronic pain.

These painkillers are highly addictive and potentially deadly. The number of overdose deaths involving opioids has quadrupled since 1999, concurrent with the quadrupling of opioid prescriptions, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- **When you have** routine surgery or a major dental procedure, have a frank discussion with your surgeon or dentist about a pain reliever, and what type and amount will work best for your situation, without sacrificing comfort.
- **If you are** prescribed an opioid painkiller and find that you don't need the pills remaining in the bottle, do not give them to friends or family. No one likes to see a loved one in pain, but you could be jeopardizing their health and even their lives. Take the remaining medication to your nearest police station. Nearly all of them have bins for prescription drug disposal. Or, call your pharmacist and ask for disposal recommendations.
- **With holiday parties** and festivities looming ahead, do something real estate professionals have known for years, store your prescription drugs in a safe hiding place — never in your medicine cabinet. That's where visitors to your home will look for drugs if they are inclined to do so. Real estate professionals recommend this for clients whose homes are for sale, with potential buyers coming in and out at all times.

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## Just sayin'...

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As I write this, my stepson, Jeremy, his wife, Yezi and our little 3-month-old grandson are in Chicago waiting for Jeremy's mom and her man friend to pick them up at their downtown hotel.

Why are his mom and her man friend driving five hours there and five hours back in the biggest snowstorm of the year? Because the nationally known car rental company would not allow Jeremy to take a vehicle across the state line to Michigan without a major credit card.

Jeremy and his family live in Chengdu, China. They spent five hours on a flight from Chengdu to Beijing, and then another 18 hours on a plane from Beijing to Chicago, not to mention the layover in between. They are

tired, cranky, and eager to get on the road to come home for the Christmas holiday.

But no, the clerk at the car rental place laid this news on him. He said it was not in the lease agreement that you could not use a debit card. And why not? I can use my debit card as a credit card and earn rewards points for doing so. What is wrong with these people?

Anyway, there they are, a very frustrated Jeremy in tears, and Yezi and the baby crying. After a few frantic calls home, his mom and her friend (my new hero!) agreed to make the long drive there and back in a snowstorm.

I am furious because this is not my first rodeo with this particular car rental company. Many years ago, I traveled with a friend via Amtrak from Chicago to San Francisco. From there we had arranged to rent a car from that company and drive to my friend's sister's home on the Oregon coast.

We took the California Zephyr (marvelous trip through the country by the way) and arrived in San Francisco about five minutes later than scheduled. The rental car place was just a couple of blocks away from the train station in

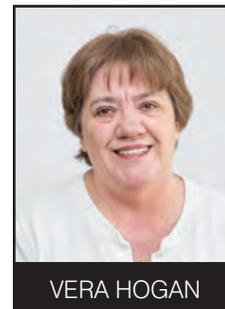
downtown San Francisco. Not wanting to be late because they closed at 5 p.m., we grabbed our two suitcases each and ran all the way to the station, in the rain.

When we got there, the sign on the door said they were closed. It was only 2 minutes after 5 p.m. The lights were still on and we could see the clerk still inside behind the desk. We knocked on the door several times but were told through the glass that we had to get our car from the San Francisco airport. That was nearly 30 miles away, and we had to take a bus.

Here we are, it's Christmas Eve, and it's raining. The bus is packed with people. We were lucky to get seats and find room on the floor for our clunky old suitcases. We finally got our car, but instead of having our Christmas Eve dinner at the sister's house, we ended up at a Denny's on the way (yes, people really do end up at Denny's on Christmas Eve.)

So bah humbug to that car rental company! Your people need to learn what customer service is all about, especially at Christmas time.

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### OPIOID

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Opioid misuse is defined as people taking the painkillers without a prescription, taking larger doses than prescribed, or using the drugs to get high. Of those who misused prescription opioids, more than 50 percent got the medications as hand-me-downs from family or friends. Overall, nearly 60 percent of misuse involved taking opioids without a prescription.

That shows there are a lot of leftover medications. In many cases, physicians could write smaller prescriptions for pain relief, or avoid them completely for those who would be fine with ibuprofen or acetaminophen, for example. Motrin, Advil or Tylenol are some of those.

People who misuse opioids most often do so in a sincere attempt to combat pain. However, one in 10 admit to using painkillers to relax or get high, according to WebMD.

The broken system of prescribing opioids stretches back at least a decade, and has its roots in the belief that pain should be considered a "fifth vital sign" just as important as blood pressure, pulse, respiratory rate and level of oxygen saturation, said Dr. Jack Ende, president of the American College of Physicians.

"If patients were not totally rid of their pain, that implied the physician was not doing his or her job or really didn't care," Ende said. "That movement went way beyond proper medical care, so much so that there was a lot of over-prescription of opioids for noncancerous pain."

Physicians now are encouraged to prescribe lower doses of opioids for shorter periods of time, Ende said, and new laws allow pharmacists to choose

to fill only half of a prescription.

The U.S. Food and Drug administration recommends a three-day supply.

Doctors need to adopt a stepped-care approach to pain management, said Dr. Karen Lasser, an associate professor of medicine and public health at the Boston University School of Medicine's Clinical Addiction Research & Education (CARE) Unit.

With this approach, doctors would first try to manage pain using nondrug means — such as physical therapy, yoga or acupuncture — or prescribe milder pain medications, including aspirin, ibuprofen or acetaminophen, Lasser said.

These experts also say that patients should have to sign an opioid treatment agreement outlining the risks and benefits of such therapy, so they understand the potential for addiction.

Unless they are suffering from a serious, life-threatening disease like cancer, or are receiving end-of-life care, most people are aware of how much pain their bodies can tolerate. In the event of a routine surgery or other medical or dental procedure, patients and their physicians need to do a better job of communicating.

If a physician writes a blanket prescription for a 30-day supply of an opioid painkiller like Percocet or Vicodin without having a discussion about it with the patient, the patient should then take the lead and say, "You know I really don't think I need that many. How about you write me a three- or four-day prescription and if I need more I will call your office."

Some patients, however, are of the mindset that if they are paying for the prescription, they might as well get as many as they can — even if they are never used or fall into the wrong hands.



# Holiday 'Meltdowns'

► Helpful suggestions to prevent holiday-induced stress and anxiety in your children

Source: [www.anxioustoddlers.com](http://www.anxioustoddlers.com)

Spending the holidays with kids is fun and exciting but kids can get overloaded leading family holidays to quickly turn ugly. If you want to see a Christmas meltdown for yourself just visit the end of the Meet Santa line.

To avoid holiday episodes start by following these five tips:

**Avoid over scheduling.**

It is tempting to cram every festive activity into your schedule in order to soak up the holidays. Unfortunately some kids can't handle the pace and stimulation this might bring. This could be a quick trigger for holiday meltdowns.

Be aware of your child's limits. If your child gets tired and overwhelmed after activities, be sure to arrange for some down time at home after a fun event.

**Know how sugar alters your child's mood and behavior.**

Many of us overindulge on holiday treats and our children are no different. For some children this can cause a scary transformation. Some children get more emotional, hyper and quick to anger when on sugar overload. A recipe for a delicious disaster.

**Be a buffer for overzealous relatives.**

You might love your Great Aunt Margaret from Idaho – but your kids probably don't. Some children are slow to warm and can be uncomfortable hugging and chatting with people they don't see often. Teach your children to be polite and smile or say hello, but do not force your children to hug or entertain those they do not know well.

**Spread out gift giving.**

Sometimes marathon gift giving can overwhelm children and lessen the appreciation for the gifts they are being given. One way to help with this issue is to spread out gift giving.

It may be helpful to open a few gifts on Christmas Eve, particularly those that require more assembly and can keep children's attention for hours. Also consider hiding a few gifts that are "found" by the children a day or two later.

**Have something to look forward to after the holidays.**

The holiday season is like a huge wave that is building momentum from Halloween to New Years Day and then crashes January 1st. The holiday fun is over. This can cause holiday withdrawals for not only you, but for your kids.

Having something fun planned for after the holidays can help with the anticlimax of the season's end. Have a special get together, hike or outing for the week after Christmas to help with the holiday detox process and give the kids something to look forward to while on break.

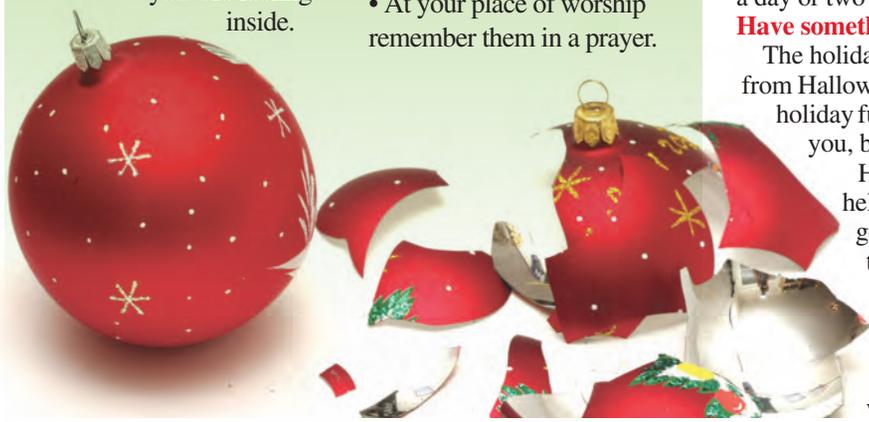
Holidays should be magical and screaming children are not fun! Hopefully with some of these tips you will be able to truly enjoy the holidays – and your children will not morph into little grinch.

## Grief & the holidays

► Remembering lost loved ones can help ease sadness at family gatherings

Holidays can magnify the loss of a loved one and it is often difficult to cope when everyone around us is celebrating. Here are some ways to include your loved one's memory into your holiday and externalize the pain you are feeling inside.

- Say a prayer before the holiday dinner in remembrance of your loved one.
- Light a candle for your loved one.
- Create an online tribute for them.
- Share a favorite story about your loved one.
- Have everyone tell a funny story about your loved one.
- At your place of worship remember them in a prayer.



## The best Christmas gift? TRY GRATITUDE

Source: [www.crittenton.com](http://www.crittenton.com)

At this time of year we tend to consider the things for which we are thankful. While showing gratitude is a common tradition that we celebrate during the holidays, there is value to being thankful year round. It may even be good for your health. Researchers have called a thankful mind "positive psychology," and they identify some surprising advantages of living with gratitude.

**THE BENEFITS OF AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE:**

**Better sleep**

Spending five minutes before falling asleep to think about things for which you are thankful, may help you fall asleep faster and stay asleep longer. Getting a good night's rest can help you feel less stressed throughout the day as well.

**Increased exercise**

Research supports that those who spend more time thinking positively about themselves and their life are more likely to get the recommended level of exercise each week. A more optimistic attitude translates to a greater awareness of our overall well-being, and physical activity often becomes a part of the equation.

**A better mood**

People who practice feeling gratitude throughout their day tend to have a happier mindset. Focusing on the world outside ourselves can help to lower stressors, increase positive feelings, and generally support better moods.

**Improved immunities**

A grateful attitude is a strong foundation in building up our immunities. Appreciation makes people more inclined to take a proactive approach to health through better diet and regularly scheduled physicals, and to exhibit fewer physical symptoms of long-term ailments like heart disease, chronic illness and depression.

**Life satisfaction**

Focus outwardly, be mindful, and reframe your expectations. A propensity toward thinking positively about others, events or outcomes forms a more optimistic approach to dealing with life's circumstances. Share your optimistic attitude with a friend – maintaining an active social life benefits both of you.

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- Cold as ice, warm-hearted
- Loves to sing, dance and act
- Wants all to play outside

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*Frosty the Snowman has been delighting children around the country every winter for years. With his corn cob pipe and button nose and eyes made out of coal, he comes to life from the magic in his old top hat and sings, dances and plays with all the children. Kids in the tri-county area are lucky that Frosty can come to life this week now that there is plenty of fresh snow on the ground. So as soon as you can, get outside and help bring Frosty to life in your neighborhood.*



**Hi Frosty. Tell us, where did you first come to life?**

I came to life one day in a little town called Armonk, New York, in 1950 actually, when that nice cowboy and singer Gene Autry first recorded my song with his band, the Cass Country Boys. The town still celebrates ‘Frosty Day’ during my homecoming every winter.

**What was in that old silk hat that made you come to life one day?**

I’m not really sure to be honest, but I think the TV special about me, ‘Frosty the Snowman,’ in 1969 may have been accurate. As the story goes, a Professor Hinkle was angry that his magic tricks did not work, and he threw his silk

hat away. Once school was dismissed, the children from the classroom began building a snowman. Professor Hinkle’s rabbit ran outside with the silk hat, and a gust of wind carried it away. A little girl caught the hat and put it on my head, causing me to come to life. Makes sense to me.

**How do parents explain to their children about your smoking?**

Are you talking about this old corn cob pipe? I used to smoke in the 1950s when smoking was considered acceptable. No one knew smoking was bad for your health back then. All I blow out of that pipe now is bubbles, but you probably can’t see them because they melt on my big snowy

belly on contact.

**Tell us about the day you almost got arrested.**

Well, talk about getting in with the wrong crowd. I hooked up with some rowdy kids who talked me into running around the streets of town even though the sun was out. I should have known better. I was having so much fun that I wasn’t paying attention and they ran me right into a traffic cop who yelled ‘Stop’ and when I did, the sun took over and I melted into a puddle right there in the town square. But I fooled them though, I came back the next year. **Besides giving you life, what do you like most about winter?**

I love it when moms and dads bundle up the kids and go outside to play, whether it’s building some new brothers and sisters for me (can’t have enough snowmen and women), sledding down the big hills of town, or just taking a walk in the winter wonderland. It’s great to be outdoors, families should try it more often.

**What is your biggest pet peeve?**

When people stay inside all winter long. I see them huddled in front of their fireplaces watching TV and playing video games, which of course, I cannot do. I also hate that witch on the ‘Wizard of Oz.’ ‘I’m melting, I’m melting’ — what does she know about melting!

**Any last words before our interview is over?**

Merry Christmas everyone — see you outside!

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## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**NOT SAYING 'MERRY Christmas'** has nothing to do with being white or black. If you're going to be that big of an idiot, don't call the Hot lines.

**I AGREE WITH** the person who said the blinking light sign should be put up in front of every school. You are more than right. They do that in Louisiana everywhere. There's too much on that sign for a person to read while driving by.

**HI. MY NAME** is Ray. I used to be an NFL addict. I used to watch many games and buy jerseys until I realized as a patriot how much harm the NFL kneelers were causing to Americans and our veterans. I am proud to say that I am almost five months NFL free.

**WELL, WHAT CITY** fathers couldn't do, Mother Nature certainly could. My Fenton street is as smooth as can be today. Of course, it wasn't plowed or salted, but it was icy smooth.

**I'M CALLING IN** response to the number of requests I've received of \$25 or more from different charities. As of today, before I made this call, I had 81. The mail came, I now have 83 requests.

**I LOVE THIS** time of the year. The Christ is a must-time of the year where the

whole world has to look at the face of God again and decide whether or not they will choose the truth or ignore the truth. I'll be leaving soon. The only way to go is with Christ.

**THE ECONOMY YOU** attribute to Trump has been growing for 100 months. His 11 month-debacle contributed nothing.

**THANKS TO THE** Walmart man on Nov. 22, the day before Thanksgiving, around 8 a.m. I went to pay for my stuff and he paid for all of it. May you have a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

**TO THE LADY** at Bath and Body Works in Fenton Dec. 9, thank you for your coupon. You made my Christmas.

**ALL WE WANT** in Linden for Christmas is our two front teeth and a new Main Street. Happy Holidays.

**FENTON NEEDS A** nice, sit-down movie theater. Any suggestions?

**YESTERDAY, THE SENATE** seat in Alabama went to Doug Jones. As a Democrat, Alabama should now be getting ready for more illegal aliens, more refugees, far more abortions, and higher taxes. This is what the Democrats are bringing to the table.

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# 2017 HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE



## DON'T SHOW UP EMPTY-HANDED

■ Bring a thoughtful hostess gift with you when you're invited to a special holiday event

By Sally Rummel

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The busy holiday season is in full swing and that means lots of parties and invitations.

A thoughtful guest will present a party host with a small gift to show their appreciation. You can purchase many of these small gifts at local retailers — from candles to baked goods, plants and flowers and food specialty items. You can also create many gifts on your own. You can find many creative ideas on Pinterest, Marthastewart.com,

Here are a few ideas that you might want to have “at the ready” when it's time for an evening out.



### Gourmet food items

You can find many Michigan-made products at local stores, from CRUST to Feast, Sugar Shack, My Sister & Me Consignment, Heavenly Scent Herb Farm, to name just a few. One brand that is always appreciated is American Spoon, with products ranging from jams and preserves to salted caramel toppings and more.



### Plants and flowers

A succulent plant like a Jade plant is almost maintenance-free, and symbolizes good luck, prosperity and friendship — a perfect gift as we head toward the New Year.

Flowers of any kind are a beautiful gift, but make sure they are ready to display so a busy host can set them out without searching for a vase, etc.



### Soaps and lotions

You can find many seasonal sets this time of year, from “sink sets” for your kitchen sink, to luxurious creams, scrubs and lotions for your host's relaxation bath.



### Guest towels and linen towels

Everyone loves a fresh set of guest towels for the bath or linen dishtowels for the kitchen are thoughtful gifts that many hosts don't splurge on for themselves. You can present these creatively, too, such as guest towels with a lotion or kitchen towels wrapped around a gift of homemade jam and crusty bread. Tie it all up with a pretty ribbon and you will have a grateful host who'll invite you back.



### Homemade food gifts

Maybe your specialty every Christmas is homemade popcorn balls or sweet and salty toffee bars. If you don't have a lot of time to fuss in the kitchen, you can easily whip up a quick bread like banana bread.

What will set this food gift apart is the wrap-up, in a pretty seasonal container wrapped with cellophane, ribbon and a cute gift tag.

Whatever your favorite food item is to make, you can be sure that your host will appreciate the gift.

### Drink mixers

If you're attending a cocktail party, a special gift could be homemade drink mixers in festive bottles.

Find fun party recipes at Foodandwine.com, Thekitchn.com, among many others.

## Creamy caramels

(recipe courtesy of Taste of Home)



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1 cup sugar  
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1 cup butter or margarine  
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1 tsp. vanilla extract

### Directions

Line an 8-inch square pan with foil and butter the foil; set aside. Combine sugar, corn syrup and butter in a 3-quart saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Boil slowly for 4 minutes without stirring. Remove from the heat and stir in milk. Reduce heat to medium-low and cook until candy thermometer reads 238 degrees (soft, ball stage), stirring constantly. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla. Pour into prepared pan. Cool. Remove from pan and cut into 1-in. squares. Wrap individually in waxed paper; twist ends. Yield: 64 pieces.

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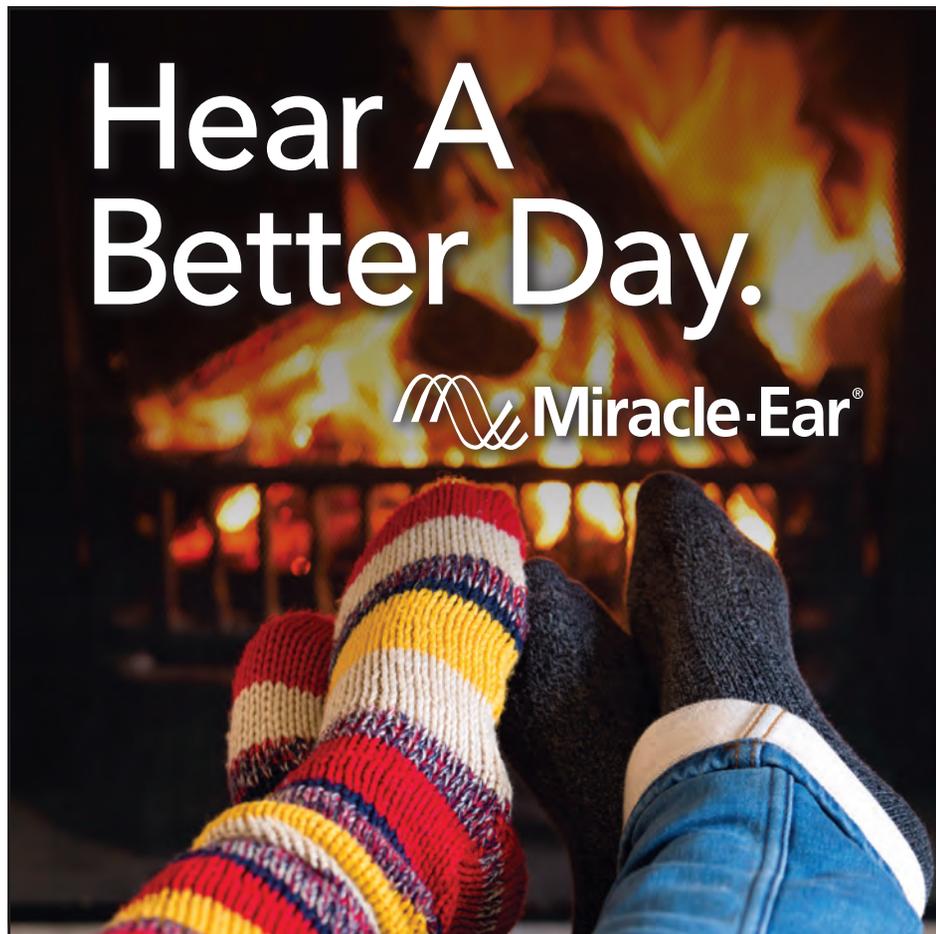
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## Create your own gift baskets for a personal present

■ Use your own ideas and themes or let a local store design one for you

**By Sally Rummel**  
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Gift baskets may just be the perfect gift solution for a person who is hard to buy for, or for someone you want to gift with a very personalized present this holiday.

Colorful fruit baskets from local grocery stores are an ideal grab-and-go present for a gift you need in a hurry, or for a thoughtful hostess gift. Who doesn't love the perfect rounds of fresh, seasonal produce like apples, pears, oranges and

grapefruits, accented with crunchy nuts and sweet treats?

If you really want to be creative and show your thoughtfulness to someone special this time of year, think about making a DIY gift basket with themes to fit just about anyone on your gift list. Many of the food ingredients can be found locally, made from Michigan companies at local stores that sell specialty food items.

You can wrap it all up in cellophane wrap and ribbons for a wow-factor that can't be beat. If you don't have time for a DIY project, contact a local gift retailer that might be able to put your idea together for you.

Here are a few ideas to get you started:



### COFFEE BASKET

Pick up locally roasted beans from Mason Jar Coffee Co. (or your favorite brand of coffee) and fill a wooden crate with the beans, monogrammed mugs and some accompanying sweet treats like biscotti or scones.



### CRAFT BEER KIT

Make a basket with home brewing supplies or focus on a favorite craft beer with lots of snacks to munch on.



### SWEET AND SAVORY BREAKFAST

Cook homemade cornbread in a new cast iron skillet, and then surround it with orange marmalade, honey butter, a jam teaspoon or pretty measuring spoons. Put it all in a lovely basket.

See **BASKETS** on 9B



*fantabulosity.com*

### SANGRIA KIT

Buy a clear drink dispenser with a spigot, and fill it with festive seasonal fruits, cinnamon sticks, a wooden spoon and a bottle of sangria, or the ingredients to make it yourself.

### NEWSPAPER LOVER'S BASKET

Pick up a large toy delivery truck or a toy mailbox and roll up several copies of the Tri-County Times and tuck inside with a sprig of pine and a Gift Subscription to the Times. Your gift tag message can read: The Tri-County Times is pleased to present this Christmas special delivery to you for local news all year long!



# BOOKS FOR YOUR FAVORITE READERS

■ Readers of all ages will appreciate new titles under the Christmas tree

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Books are easy to wrap and you can open them over and over. Those are just a couple of reasons why books make perfect gifts for just about everyone on your Christmas list.

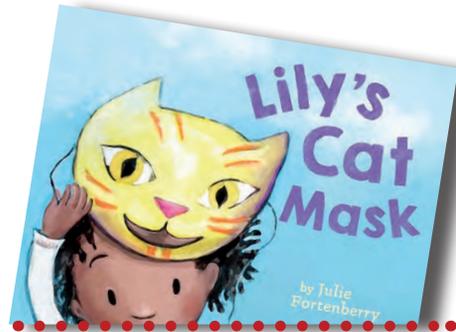
They are also a very personal gift, hand-selected by the gift giver because of an interest their family member or friend has in a particular subject.

Your mom likes to cook? Get her the latest "Pioneer Woman Cooks: Come and Get It!" Your son loves Harry Potter? He'll love "Harry Potter: A Journey Through a History of Magic," archives of unseen sketches, rare illustrations and manuscript pages from JK Rowling.

Books are appreciated gifts that will hold a rightful spot on a treasured bookshelf for years, can be displayed (and read) on a coffee table or used daily for recipes, inspirational quotes, etc.

Make sure to stop at your local book store first, before ordering it online. You'll be able to check out many other titles in person, as well as many other gift and toy ideas, and stocking stuffers. Plus, you can take advantage of any gift wrapping services offered.

Here are some popular books by age group, available at Fenton's Open Book and other local stores:

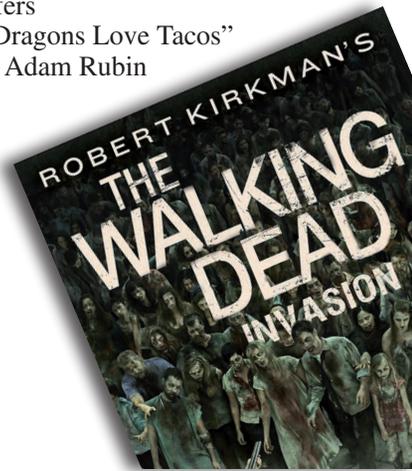


**For kids — 3 and younger**

- "A Creature was Stirring" by Clemente Clarke Moore (preschoolers to young elementary)
- "Lily's Cat Mask" by Julie Fortenberry
- "One Lonely Fish" by Andy Mansfield
- "Press Here" by Herve Tullet

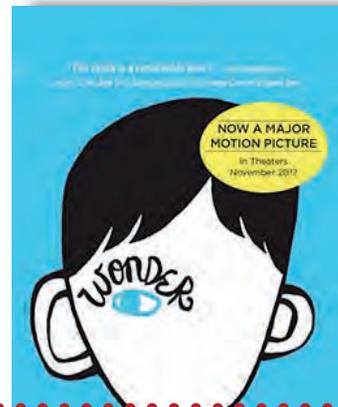
**Ages 3 to 7**

- "Santa's Magic Key" by P.A. Dolan
- "The Pajama Elves" by Haden Edwards
- "The Day the Crayons Quit" by Oliver Jeffers
- "Dragons Love Tacos" by Adam Rubin



**Ages 5 to 8**

- "I'm Just No Good at Rhyming and Other Nonsense for Mischievous Kids and Immature Grown-ups" by Chris Harris
- "This Is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids From Around the World" by Matt Lamothe



**Age 9 and up**

- "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio
- "Dork Diaries" series by Rachel Renee Russell

**Tweens and teens**

- "The Diary of a Wimpy Kid" series by Jeff Kinney
- "The Walking Dead" series by Robert Kirkman
- "The Fever Code" by James Dashner
- "Ruby Red" by Kerstin Gier
- "Courage to Soar" by Simone Biles

## Cookbook ideas for your favorite cook

- "Bravetart: Iconic American Desserts"
- "Pastry Bible"
- "Pioneer Woman Cooks: Come and Get It!"
- "Eating Well Serves Two"
- "Dessert Express"
- "Forks Over Knives – The Cookbook"
- "Dining In: Highly Cookable Recipes"
- "Meehan's Bartender Manual"
- "Smitten Kitchen Every Day: Triumphant and Unfussy New Favorites"

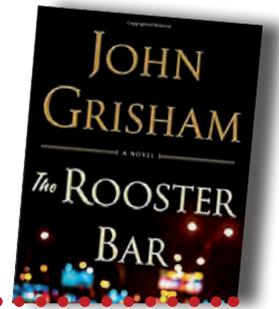
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**Adult Fiction**

- "Origin" by Dan Brown
- "The Column of Fire" by Ken Follett
- "The Rooster Bar" by John Grisham
- "The Girl Who Takes an Eye for an Eye" by David Lagercrantz

**Adult — Non-fiction**

- "Killing England" by Bill O'Reilly
- "Sisters First" by Jenna Bush Hager and Barbara Pierce Bush
- "Promise Me, Dad" by Joe Biden
- "Obama" by Pete Sousa



### BASKETS

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#### BUNDT CAKE KIT

Fill a Bundt cake pan with pretty dishcloths, measuring cups/spoons, a whisk and spatula.



thediymommy.com

#### SNOW DAY SURVIVAL KIT (perfect teacher gift)

Fill a pretty tin basket with hot cocoa mix, homemade marshmallows (or from CRUST bakery), sugar cookie mix and a wooden spoon.

#### POPCORN KIT

Fill a plastic popcorn container with fun snack boxes, popcorn kernels, seasoning mixes and polka dot napkins.

#### A BOOK LOVER'S BASKET

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*1 Chronicles 16:34 (NIV)*

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## Puzzle Answers

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Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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**LATER**

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**WRITHE**

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**LAYER**

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## KING FEATURES Sunday Crossword

PUZZLE CLUE: LINKING VERBS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Defers (to)
  - 5 Pretenders
  - 11 Animistic religion of northern Asia
  - 20 Adored star
  - 21 How bed linens are often sold
  - 22 Audio product introduced by Bose in 1993
  - 23 CHARM
  - 26 Spending jag
  - 27 "— ed Euridice"
  - 28 "Ben- —"
  - 29 SEE
  - 34 Citi Field MLB team
  - 37 Clothed very shabbily
  - 38 Prefix with color
  - 39 Fleecy beast
  - 42 Lose vigor
  - 43 Not difficult
  - 44 HEIGHTEN
  - 48 Grows older
  - 50 Daisy cousin
  - 51 California's Point —
  - 52 Was of use to
  - 56 See 29-Down
  - 58 "Nothing — it seems"
  - 60 FALL
  - 65 Suffix with host
  - 68 Certify
  - 69 Actress Ortiz or Gasteyer
  - 70 Ghost shout
  - 71 Marketing space in a newspaper, e.g.
  - 74 "Li'l of me?!"
  - 75 STEAL
  - 79 Donne, e.g.
  - 81 Lead-in to history
  - 82 E.T.'s human friend
  - 83 Ranch rope
  - 86 Fizzy drinks
  - 90 Holiday song
  - 91 SUPPLY
  - 95 "Aloha Oe" instruments, for short
  - 99 Crux
  - 100 Czar's edict
  - 101 See 103-Down
  - 102 Mint-family herbs
  - 104 Gets more narrow
  - 107 CHANGE
  - 110 "... — mouse?"
  - 111 Davis of "Hot Stuff"
  - 113 Eventual oak
  - 114 ERASE
  - 122 Proper noun in an atlas
  - 123 Ripped thoroughly
  - 124 Huge-scale
  - 125 Person on both sides of an issue
  - 126 Treats with malice
  - 127 Gas brand
  - 15 Don Marquis' "— and Mehitabel"
  - 16 Poet Tate
  - 17 "It really seems to me ..."
  - 18 Moral failure
  - 19 Pithy remark
  - 24 Math subj.
  - 25 Cave beings
  - 29 With 56-Across, compete to obtain
  - 30 Suffix with czar
  - 31 LAX info
  - 32 Madras "Mr."
  - 33 Female sib
  - 34 Turner of an insurrection
  - 35 "Tall" story
  - 36 Mil. officers
  - 40 Rd. relative
  - 41 Physicist
  - 44 Curie
  - 45 Funny Foxx
  - 46 English noble
  - 47 Special time bud
  - 48 Strikes (out)
  - 49 Heady drinks
  - 49 Docile
  - 52 Actor Driver
  - 53 "No" from a higher-up
  - 54 Italian wine area
  - 55 Luge surface
  - 56 Ariel, e.g.
  - 57 Large elliptical fish
  - 59 Not volatile
  - 61 Flying British mil. branch
  - 62 Ridesharing app
  - 63 Stir
  - 64 Curly's bud
  - 65 Ferrari who founded Ferrari
  - 66 Riverbed deposit
  - 67 "Keep it in"
  - 72 Secluded valley
  - 73 Arm of Israel
  - 76 "Don't worry" — dixit
  - 77 (unproven assertion)
  - 78 Cat cry
  - 79 Chi-omega linkup
  - 80 Alley —
  - 83 Gave temporarily
  - 84 Kind of blue
  - 85 Of the region just north of the Antarctic Circle
  - 87 Female gametes
  - 88 Catastrophe
  - 89 Antarctic penguin
  - 90 Scale part
  - 92 Toys — (chain for kids)
  - 93 TV "Science Guy"
  - 94 Ruhr article
  - 95 Turnpike toll e.g.
  - 96 Takes for ransom
  - 97 Wallach of "Nuts"
  - 98 Old aviation inits.
  - 102 What pull-ups work
  - 103 With 101-Across, thus far
  - 105 Actress Durance
  - 106 Evaluated
  - 108 Sends cell messages
  - 109 Unclear
  - 111 Kind of gel
  - 112 Unchanged
  - 114 Photo —
  - 115 Dell staple
  - 116 Cut off
  - 117 Fizzy drink
  - 118 Geller from Israel
  - 119 Bottom-line
  - 120 Prefix with gender
  - 121 Prefix with friendly

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**K.C. Ferrell**  
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**Mrs. Dolores (Dee) Ellison**  
- age 83, went to rest peacefully on November 24, 2017 after a long, beautiful life. She is survived by her children and step-children, Harrison Maddock of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Julie (Michael) Bade and her children McKendry and Michelle of Fenton, Linda (Henry) Astemborski of Shelby Township, MI, Kathy Ellison Hope of Clinton Township, MI, Rick Ellison of Parkland, FL, Dan (Debbie) Ellison of Pompano Beach, FL and Kathy Ellison of Warren, MI. She is predeceased in death by husbands, Fredrick Maddock and Eugene Ellison; children, Captain Fredrick (Ken) Maddock II, John Ellison, Patrick Ellison and Susan DeGrandchamp. Also surviving are 15 step-grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren and step-sisters, Joan Frear of Grosse Pointe, MI, Pat Peck and Mary Lou Willetts both of Hilton Head Island, SC. Dee was born in Detroit on July 19, 1934 to Harry and Ria (Eberhard) Wise. She earned a Bachelor Degree in Education from Barat College in Lake Forest, IL in 1955 and Master Degree in Social Work from the University of Michigan in 1963. While teaching was her profession for 16 years, friends, family and especially grandchildren can profess that she practiced teaching every day of her life; enriching others. Dee grew up in Grosse Pointe, and in her later years after marrying her last love, Gene, she lived in Hillsdale, MI and Jupiter, FL. She spent the last seven years near her daughter in Fenton. Boating, playing tennis and bridge, entertaining, traveling and spending time with her family and friends filled her days. A Memorial Mass will be held December 23, 2017 at 10 AM at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe. In lieu of flowers donations appreciated to the Alzheimer's Association. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



**Leon R. Shelby, Jr.**  
1924-2017  
Leon R. Shelby, Jr. - age 93 formerly of Fenton passed away on December 10, 2017. Leon was born April 5, 1924 in Owosso, MI to Leon and Bessie (Parker) Shelby. Leon grew up in Fenton and graduated from Fenton High School class of 1948. He married Virginia Byrd of Holly and worked at the Fenton Post Office for 21 years, where he retired from. He then married Dollie Powell, and the couple moved to Campbellsville, KY. Leon worked for PC Clark Plumbing Supply in Lebonon, KY where he retired from. Leon was a reserved Police officer and owned Pure Seal Dairy "Mickey's" in Fenton. He leaves behind his wife, Dollie of Campbellsville, KY; daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Mike Boyd of Holly, son, Steve Shelby of Grand Ledge, MI, daughters, Julie Powell of Owosso, Roberta Oldfield of KY; grandchildren, Matt (Robin) Shelby of Dallas, TX, Brian (Kim) Roux of Holly, Mark Roux of Pontiac; Stacy (Shane) Slater of TX, Anaya Powell of Owosso, Ashley, Corey, Clare, and Tebo Oldfield of KY. Great-grandchildren, Mark and Brandon Roux of Holly, Britton Slater of TX. A memorial service will be held at a later date.



**Janet Rochelle "Rocky" Miller Martin**  
1934-2017  
Janet Rochelle "Rocky" Miller Martin - age 83, born May 26, 1934 passed away on December 13, 2017 at her home. Janet precedes her husband of 39 years, Robert L. Martin. Her children are Lora Dorland Terrill, Jeffrey Dorland, Scott Dorland (Deceased 1977), and Paula Dorland Arntz; and her children by marriage, Lisa Martin Holderbaum, Tom Martin, Mike Martin, and Melanie Martin Pruett. As such, there are 17 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Janet was a long time resident of Lake Fenton, and later moved to Linden. Her father, Clarence F. Miller, partnered with other community pioneers to create the first Lake Fenton School. Janet was a dedicated lifelong member of Lake Fenton United Methodist Church. She drove a bus for many years for Lake Fenton Schools and then retired from Hitchcock Dery Insurance, in Fenton. She treasured and adored her family and her many friends. There's a sign in her house that says, "old bus drivers never die, they just miss the bus." God Bless you, Mom. Service January 6, 2018 at Lake Fenton Methodist Church.

**Mildred McMellen**  
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# How to keep pets safe in winter weather



Winter weather requires pets owners to make changes so pets can remain happy and safe.

The arrival of cooler temperatures sparks various changes. Chilly air and precipitation can be dangerous, especially to pets that are unaccustomed to extreme changes in temperature.

Pet owners may be well aware of the hazards of warm weather, including the threat of leaving pets in hot cars. But cold weather also has its share of risks. Heed these tips to keep pets safe and secure.

- Schedule a wellness visit. The American Veterinary Medical Association suggests scheduling a visit with a veterinarian to check for any medical issues. Cold weather can aggravate symptoms of certain conditions, such as arthritis. A thorough examination can shed light on potential problems.
- Keep homes humidified. Going in and out of the house and moving from cold air to dry indoor heat can affect pets' skin. Itching and flaking may result, causing pets to scratch at such areas. Maintain humidity in the home for comfort. The ASPCA also says to reduce bathing to help preserve essential oils on the skin.
- Protect paws outdoors. Pet paws are sensitive to sand, ice, snow, and chemical ice melts. Massage petroleum jelly or another protectant onto paw pads, or consider the use of pet booties.

- Keep pets indoors more often. Pets should not remain outdoors for long stretches of time in frigid temperatures, even if they are accustomed to roaming during other seasons, advises The Humane Society of the United States.
- Provide options for sleeping. Come the winter, cats and dogs may need new sleep spaces to avoid drafts and stay warm. Give them other spots they can call their own.
- Consider a sweater or vest. Some pets are more tolerant to the cold than others. However, some dogs and cats may benefit from a sweater, vest or coat designed for pets to offer a little more insulation.
- Update identification and contact information. Snow and ice can mask scent cues that help pets find their way home. Update contact information and make sure pets' collars are on tightly.
- Keep coolant and antifreeze locked away. Coolant and antifreeze are lethal to dogs and cats and should be kept out of reach. Clean any spills from vehicles promptly.
- Provide fresh food and water. Pets may burn more calories trying to stay warm. Be sure the animal has a little extra food and plenty of water to stay satiated and hydrated.

## Word Search

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally and diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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 I studied at the Oxford University Dramatic Society.  
 I have appeared in many films, including the "Harry Potter" franchise.  
 I'm also known for my work on "Downton Abbey."

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### BEST EVER GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE

*It's the holiday season, and unless you've been living under a rock, you've already noticed that pretty much wherever you go to dinner, there is a familiar casserole on the table - Green Bean Casserole. Some folks love it, some hate it. Everyone has an opinion about it. My opinion is this - I like it a lot. I also figured I would like it a lot more if the green beans were not so super mushy, the cream o' something soup wasn't so salty...so I tried my hand at making a home made version. It was so delicious - I don't think I'll make the frozen/canned version ever again. Next time I'll use shallots and make my own crispy french fried onions for the top. Rookie move using the canned ones...regardless, lets get to it! — Trish*

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb fresh green beans, trimmed and snapped in half
- 1 lb fresh sliced mushrooms
- 1 small shallot, thinly sliced
- 2 cloves minced garlic
- 1 c. Half & Half
- 1 c. chicken stock
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp black pepper
- 2 tbsp butter
- 6 oz french fried onions
- 2 tbsp flour (not shown in pictures)

#### DIRECTIONS

Bring 1 gallon water to rolling boil. Add green beans and blanch for 5 minutes, then drain and submerge in ice bath. Melt butter. Saute' sliced shallot until translucent. Add mushrooms & garlic, saute' for 5-6 minutes, until the mushrooms have wilted considerably. Add salt & pepper. Shake flour over top and stir in. Cook, stirring occasionally 4 minutes or so. Pour in chicken stock and Half & Half. Cook 5 minutes, stirring frequently until mixture thickens. Add in the drained green beans and 1/4 of the french fried onions. Transfer to a baking dish, cover with remaining french fried onions, and bake at 475 for 15 minutes or until bubbly. Cover if need be half way through to keep onion topping from burning. Remove from oven and serve!



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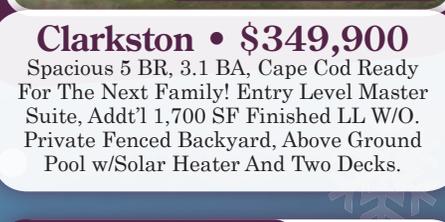
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