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# What our elderly want for Christmas

■ From free gestures of kindness to flowers, spa day or snacks, seniors share ideas

By Sharon Stone

After a devastating year, if seniors could have anything in the world this holiday season, a new report shows their No. 1 wish is to have a homecooked meal with family. Of course, a spa day, food delivery subscription, or cold hard cash works for them, too.

As bad as 2020 has been for everyone, it is exponentially worse for our beloved seniors. They have accounted for 80 percent of COVID-19 deaths, 27 percent of seniors live alone and in a normal year nearly one-third experience sadness during the holidays. This year, it is expected to be even harder with many unable to spend the holidays with their families because of COVID-19.

SeniorCare.com released a report "Top Holiday Gifts and Gestures For Seniors in 2020" after surveying more than 10,000 seniors and asking for their input on what gifts and personal gestures would bring them joy during the holidays.

Below you will find the top 10 gifts, gestures, and key takeaways and the report contains a more extensive list.

### TOP 10 HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS MOST LIKED BY SENIORS:

- House cleaning service: 88 percent
- Chocolate: 87 percent
- Fruit basket: 83 percent
- Cash: 79 percent
- Everyday items (stamps, shampoo, etc.): 79 percent
- Meal delivery service: 78 percent
- Snacks: 78 percent
- Cheese and crackers: 77 percent
- Gift cards: 76 percent
- Automotive service: 76 percent
- Honorable mentions: Flowers (72 percent), streaming subscription (60 percent), spa day (56 percent)

### TOP 10 PERSONAL GESTURES MOST LIKED BY SENIORS:

- Homecooked meal: 90 percent
- Invite to restaurant for dinner: 81 percent
- Help with technology (tablet, phone, kindle): 80 percent
- Phone calls: 80 percent
- Help around home: 78 percent
- Declutter garage or basement: 78 percent
- Handwritten cards: 78 percent
- Go grocery shopping: 77 percent
- Revive family traditions: 75 percent of
- Go for a walk: 74 percent
- Honorable mentions: Clean the car (66 percent), watch a movie (61 percent)
- Review finances (58 percent)

See **CHRISTMAS** on 22



A recent survey has revealed that elderly loved ones in our lives prefer simple, practical gifts, as well as the gift of spending time with their family. **Photo: Metro Creative Connection**



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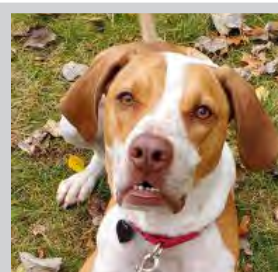
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## CHRISTMAS

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### Here are several key takeaways:

#### For seniors who lost a spouse:

Consider gifts and gestures that were previously fulfilled by the spouse. Men favored food baskets, grocery shopping, and home cooked meals. Women favored landscaping, automotive, and home maintenance help; as well as spa/salon visits, and flowers.



#### High vs. low tech:

Try to go for low-tech ways to reconnect like sharing meals, phone calls, cards, and going for a walk instead of suggesting the latest video conferencing app.

#### Gestures vs. gifts:

The top gestures are just as popular as the top gifts. If anything, gestures are slightly preferred if you consider that the top gifts include house cleaning, meal delivery, automotive, and yard services — all things that you could give as a gift by paying for the service or as a gesture by doing them yourself.



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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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Now you're ready to solve today's Jumble for Kids. Study the picture for a hint. Play around with the letters in the circles. You'll find you can put them in order so that they make your funny answer.

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ALFG

NIDM

RGLI

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### ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

December 15, 2020 BOARD OF REVIEW

The Argentine Township Board of Review will hold its December meeting as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, December 15, 2020

TIME: 6:00 PM.

PLACE: Argentine Township Hall  
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This meeting is held for the purpose of correcting qualified errors, clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact, pursuant to MCL 211.53b of the General Property Tax Act. The board will also have authority to act upon principal residence exemptions, agricultural exemptions, poverty exemptions, and veteran exemptions.

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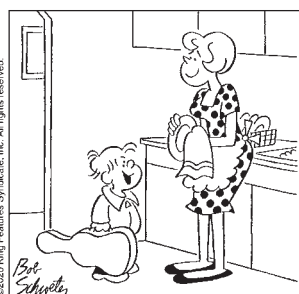
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"I must be improving — my music teacher  
didn't need any \_\_\_\_\_ today."

Crater  
**MASCH** \_\_\_\_\_

Unique  
**SACPILE** \_\_\_\_\_

Ambiguous  
**CLEANUR** \_\_\_\_\_

Scoff  
**PINES** \_\_\_\_\_

**TODAY'S WORD**

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## Weekend Sudoku

### FUN BY THE NUMBERS

Place a number in the  
empty boxes in such a way that  
each row across, each column  
down and each small 9-box  
square contains all of the  
numbers from one to nine.

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KING  
FEATURES

ACROSS

1 "Everwood" actor Wolf

6 Pigs' home

9 Dutch brew

15 — of Mexico

19 \* Ship's load

20 Lead-in to historic

21 Durango dish

22 Baseball's Hershisier

23 \* Subject to interpretation

25 \* Old Greek squares

26 "Stretch" car

27 Steak, e.g.

28 Prefix with lethal

29 \* Second U.S. first lady

31 At a distance

33 Tattles

34 \* Chum

38 Give slack to

42 Son of Eliel Saarinen

43 \* Dr. Evil's cat in Austin Powers films

47 1801-05 veep Burr

51 Beatles song on "Let It Be"

52 Observe

55 Song for one

56 Linguist Chomsky

57 Political plot

61 Knight's glove

63 "Serpico" actor M. — Walsh

65 \* Jumping up and down on a bouncy stick

69 Comb buzzer

70 Native suffix

71 See 8-Down

73 \* Pairs of consecutive letters

75 Spying setup

77 Likely (to)

80 Meadow

82 Birds building homes

84 Poster pins

88 Buzzing

89 home pest

91 Large 1940s computer

93 "Huh?"

94 Female kin

95 Artist's base

99 \* Suffer a lot

101 Dog variety

103 \* She directed "The Hurt Locker"

107 — Sea (salt lake in Asia)

110 Coy

111 Revisions

112 \* Too much self-esteem

116 Beloved of Tristan

119 \* Bay off

123 — de plume

124 Brit's "Bye!"

128 Ye — Shoppe

129 Rendezvous

130 Really succeed (or what literally appears six times in this puzzle)

132 Old Greek concert halls

133 Shahs, e.g.

134 Shoot (for)

135 Sermon text

136 Philosopher Immanuel

137 Grand home

138 Hosp. staff

139 Sea vessels

DOWN

1 Union enemy

2 Arrived

3 "Eat — eaten" (survival adage)

4 9-to-5er's cry of relief

5 Dress (up)

6 Flatware item

7 Move as if on wheels

8 With 71-Across, boot camp affirmative

9 Run up — (defer payment)

10 Wise men

11 Air pollution

12 Reid and Lipinski

13 "Seinfeld" gal

14 Nielsen of "Mr. Magoo"

15 Ghana's former name

16 Dickens' — Heep

17 "— tell ya!"

18 Dental string

24 It uses 108 cards

29 In — (single-file)

30 Gillette razor brand

31 Toon bear

32 Canon camera

34 Compound with nitrogen

35 '83 Keaton-Garr film

36 Letter-shaped girder

37 Easy puts, informally

39 Weep loudly

40 Sooner than, in poetry

41 Ultimate degree

44 Health supplement store, familiarly

45 Jump

46 Pig

48 Part to play

49 Bullring cries

50 Observe

53 R&D center

54 Song for two

58 Singer Dylan

59 Opposed to, in dialect

60 Theater box

62 Orderly

64 Floor piece

66 Tax org.

67 Election analyst Silver

68 FBI guys

72 Umps' kin

74 — Lanka

76 Oklahoma tribe

77 "Moby-Dick" captain

78 Flow out

79 Fix a flat?

81 Height: Abbr.

83 Former Swedish car

85 Toddler, e.g.

86 Buzzing musical toy

87 Is in a huff

89 Source of warmth on some trains and ships

90 Belly laugh

92 Special FX technology

96 Poppa

97 Native suffix

98 Unit of resistance

100 Mean beast

102 "Doggone!"

104 Totally spoil

105 Century divs.

106 Dark modern film genre

108 Breakdown of social norms

109 Long-term inmates

112 Download on a Kindle

113 Radner of comedy

114 Nash of comedy

115 "My heart skipped —"

117 Weaving frames

118 Driver's lic. issuer

120 Sicilian volcano

121 Night, in Nice

122 — dixit (assertion with no proof)

124 Song for three

125 "Waterloo" quartet

126 Lean

127 Gets mature

130 Rove (about)


131 Flow out

PUZZLE CLUE:  
DIRECTLY ON TOP

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Puzzle Answers

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MIDWEEK SUDOKU ANSWERS

6	4	7	5	1	9	3	2	8
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8	5	9	3	4	2	7	6	1
1	2	4	7	9	5	6	8	3
9	3	8	1	6	4	2	5	7
7	6	5	2	3	8	1	9	4

MIDWEEK JUMBLE ANSWERS:

ABATE, TROLL, SPLASH, ATTEST

Answer: When they built the new roundabout, they pulled out — **ALL THE STOPS**

WEEKEND SUDOKU ANSWERS

1	7	4	8	2	6	5	9	3
6	9	2	1	3	5	8	4	7
5	8	3	4	7	9	2	6	1
8	2	9	6	4	3	1	7	5
4	6	7	5	1	2	3	8	9
3	5	1	7	9	8	6	2	4
2	3	6	9	5	4	7	1	8
7	4	8	3	6	1	9	5	2
9	1	5	2	8	7	4	3	6

WEEKEND SCRAMBLE ANSWERS:

CHASM, SPECIAL, UNCLEAR, SNIPE

Answer: **ASPIRIN**

MIDWEEK CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution Time: 21 min.

USED	ORB	STOP
TIVO	CHI	TRUE
ALEE	TORTOISE	
HONSHU	DILLER	
	NAPA	NIL
TORTILLA	DISH	
INA	RETIE	OAR
MOPE	TORMENTS	
	TOM	SPUD
STUCCO	OSWALD	
TOREADOR	ALOE	
ADEN	ORT	RAGE
ROSE	RES	DROP

WEEKEND CROSSWORD ANSWERS

SCOTT	STY	AMSTEL	GULF
CARGO	PRE	TAMALE	OREL
AMBIGUOUS	AGORAS	LIMO	
BEEF	NON	ABIGAIL	DAMS
	YONDER	SNITCHES	
AMIGO	LOOSEN	EERO	
MRRBIGGLES	WORTH	AARON	
IMEMINE	BEHOLD	SOLO	
NOAM	CABAL	GAUNTLET	
EMMET	POGOING	BEE	ESE
	SIR	BIGRAMS	TAP
APT	LEA	NESTERS	TACKS
HOUSEFLY	ENIAC	WHAT	
AUNT	STUDIO	AGONIZE	
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WEEKEND WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

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Alton E. McKee - age 88, died November 22, 2020. Temrowski Family Funeral Home


**Janice K. Jones**

Janice K. Jones - age 67, died November 22, 2020. Temrowski Family Funeral Home


**Kathryn H. Brown**

Kathryn H. Brown - age 81, died November 19, 2020. Temrowski Family Funeral Home


**Richard E. Wright**

Richard E. Wright - age 77, died November 22, 2020. Temrowski Family Funeral Home


**Riley M. Mooney**

Riley M. Mooney - age 67, died November 19, 2020. Temrowski Family Funeral Home


**Roxann J. Spring**

Roxann J. Spring - age 64, died November 19, 2020. Temrowski Family Funeral Home



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**Bernie Merrow**

Bernie Merrow - age 83, died November 18, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).


**Daniel Thompson**

Daniel Thompson - age 64, died November 22, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).


**Garry McIntyre**

Garry McIntyre - age 75, died November 18, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).


**Joan Faber**

Joan Faber - age 86, died November 18, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).


**Kimberly Smith**

Kimberly Smith - age 41, died November 20, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).


**Marilyn Cowdery**

Marilyn Cowdery - age 73, died November 18, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).


**Charles W. Riley**

1945 - 2020

Charles W. Riley - age 75, of Rose Township, died Friday, November 20, 2020. He was born in Pontiac on March 28, 1945 to Cratus and Atrell (Joyner) Riley. He was a retired computer programmer and a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Fenton. He enjoyed photography, reading, walking, shopping, nature, and his dogs. Surviving are his wife, Carol; two children, Chuck Riley Jr., and Debra Widner; several grandchildren; and two sisters, Betty Easter, and Shirley Cushion. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Thomas Riley. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Dryer Funeral Home [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com).

**Ida Elizabeth (Tindall) Summers**

1936 - 2020

Ida Elizabeth (Tindall) Summers - age 84, of Fenton, died Thursday, November 19, 2020. A private graveside service will be held at Lakeview Cemetery in Clarkston. Those desiring may make contributions to the Salvation Army. Ida was born July 18, 1936 in Fenton, the daughter of Leroy and Barbara (Crawford) Tindall. She was a 1954 graduate of Holly High School. She loves Jesus, family, country music and was a kind and generous person. Surviving are her children, Kathleen Izzi (John) of Fenton, and Kevin Summers (Linda) of Linden; grandchildren, Katie Izzi of Lake Orion, Jenny Izzi of Byron, Rachel Summers of Linden, and Ashley Summers of Linden; sister, Eileen Heaton of Davisburg; brother, Les Lindsley (Donna) of Holly; special niece, Tami Miller and several other nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; and sister and brother in law, Marilyn Wick (Donald Wick). Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).


**Maxine Austin**

Maxine Austin - age 91, died November 21, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).


**Michael Gilbert**

Michael Gilbert - age 82, died November 21, 2020. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).


**Michael Timer**

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**Raymond Lucas**

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**Robert Bates**

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# Obituaries

## Phillip Jason Mitchell

1943 - 2020

Phillip Jason Mitchell - age 76, of Fenton, died Friday, November 20, 2020. Funeral services were held 11 AM Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at The Rock Church, 11400 Linden Road, Fenton. Pastor Emery Anstett officiating. Visitation was held at Sharp Funeral Homes, 209 E. Broad St, Linden Monday, November 23, from 2-8 PM. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Cancer Society or the American Diabetes Association. Phillip was born November 21, 1943 in Flint, the son of Jason Phillip and Beatrice Genevieve (Kerrigan) Mitchell. He was a 1961 graduate of Davison High School. He married Cheryl Chamberlain March 3, 1979 in Fenton and she preceded him in death November 17, 2018. He had resided in the Fenton area most of his life.



Phillip retired in 1994 from GM Pontiac Motors after 30 years of service. He was a member of the Fenton Eagles Aerie #2460 and the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #571 in Alpena. He enjoyed hunting, golfing, and woodworking. Surviving are his children, Phillip Mitchell, Jr. (Debi) of Fenton, Deborah Beckman (Kevin) of TN, Randall Mitchell (Jennifer) of Fenton, and Laura Bradford (Brett) of FL; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; siblings, Vern Mitchell (Carlene) of TX, JoAnn Howard of Swartz Creek, Harry Mitchell (Kitty) of Fenton, Nancy Dode of Linden; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Linda Izzo. Tributes may be shared at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



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## Heating your home when the power goes out

■ While some indoor gas units are labeled ‘vent free,’ but some venting is still suggested

By Tim Jagielo

If your furnace goes out, you can still run electric heaters if you need to.

If you lose power completely but have a fireplace or a wood burner, you can also heat your home. Likewise, if you have a generator set up, your home can be heated this way.

But what do you do if you don’t have a generator or a fireplace?

One option is a gas-powered space heater. These work by burning natural gas, propane or kerosene without any electricity. Mr. Heater is one brand of natural gas “vent free” heaters available in a variety of BTUs (British Thermal Units).

This device costs \$161 and comes equipped with an oxygen sensor for safety. It’s rated for indoor or outdoor use and can be mounted to a wall. It doesn’t require an exhaust vent, at least according to the manufacturer.

Other gas heaters are permanent and

include an exhaust vent that must be clear while in operation.

“We don’t recommend using any gas fueled space heaters in the home unless they are vented properly,” Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said.

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Fenton fire chief

Concerning smaller propane-style heaters that are “indoorrated,” Cairnduff said, “be very careful to follow the manufacturer’s instructions on usage. Most recommend at least opening a window an inch for ventilation.”

He added that whenever using any kind of space heater, always keep it at least 3 feet from any combustibles.

An electric space heater should not be run off an extension cord at any time.

Energy.gov does not recommend “un-vented” units because they introduce nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide and water vapor. These units include the one mentioned above.

Energy.gov suggests looking for “100-percent outdoor air” units that draw air inside from outside for combustion.

Other tips include only using the unit’s specific fuel (never gasoline), and have vented space heaters inspected annually.

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