

WHAT TO BUY PARENTS & COUPLES

**2015
HOLIDAY
GIFT GUIDE**

Each Christmas, Santa Claus is expected to visit good boys and girls, but it's up to the rest of us to make sure their parents are taken care of. Here's a look at some gift possibilities for couples.

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Flexible brew

The low maintenance Hamilton Beach 2-Way FlexBrew Coffee Maker offers coffee lovers the option of brewing a single cup for a pick-me-up or a 12-cup carafe for a house full of guests. The coffee maker, which is compatible with K-Cup pods or ground coffee, is **\$89.99** at **The Andersons, Kohl's, Walmart, Meijer, and Bed Bath & Beyond**. Complement the brewer with locally roasted coffee from The Flying Rhino, 436 13th St.; Maddie & Bella Coffee Co., available at Walt Churchill's Market or Kazmaier's in Perrysburg, or Grounds for Thought, 174 S. Main St., Bowling Green.



Picture perfect

Never underestimate the value of family photos. Smart phones make taking photos easy, but many will never be printed. Visit a Walgreens photo kiosk or **walgreens.com** and take advantage of prints starting at **29 cents** each or photo collages starting at **39 cents** each for same-day in-store pickup. Don't forget a frame or photo album.



New view

Get the most out of photos and videos with the Miroir Micro 360p DLP Pico Projector. This projector lets viewers magnify photos and stream content from smart phones and tablets with Android or iOS operating systems. Find it for **\$199** at **Best Buy**.



Time to relax

After the craziness of the holiday season, a couple's massage offers the opportunity to relieve stress. A couple's package at **Serenity Health & Wellness Center**, 1685 Lance Pointe Dr., Maumee, features two 60-minute massages for **\$149**. An infrared sauna treatment is available for **\$25** more. Gift cards are available. Visit **serenityspamaumee.com** or call 419-891-2181 for more information.



The right track

Whether a couple is visiting children in far-flung locales or traveling enthusiasts, the Garmin nuvi 2597LMT Portable GPS with Bluetooth will keep their journey on track. The device, available at **Best Buy** for **\$199.99**, features a 5-inch touch screen with traffic alerts, voice recognition, and lifetime map updates.



Peace of mind

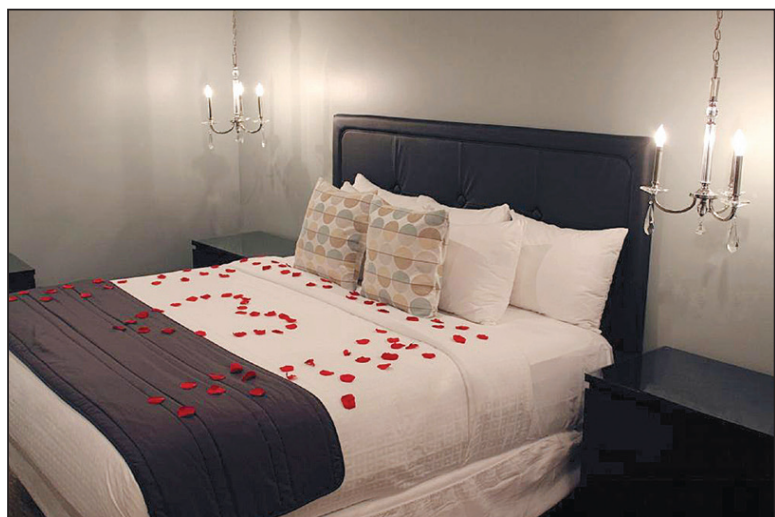
AAA memberships offer roadside assistance, vacation planning, and discounts on hotels, restaurants, and on popular attractions such as the Toledo Zoo, Cedar Point, and more. The AAA Classic membership starts at **\$65** per year.

Big ticket

Warehouse club memberships offer more than just bulk food items. Gas, prescriptions, electronics, clothing, jewelry, and diapers are among the items available at Costco and Sam's Club. Memberships to **Sam's Club**, in Spring Meadows Place, start at **\$45**. Memberships to **Costco**, which has locations on West Central Avenue in Toledo and on Dixie Highway in Perrysburg, start at **\$55**.

A night away

Couples don't have to go far for a romantic getaway. Earlier this year, the **Belamere Suites Hotel**, 12200 Williams Rd., Perrysburg, was named one of the top hotels for romance in the United States by **TripAdvisor.com**. Rates range from **\$159** to **\$409**, depending on the date and type of suite. Gift cards are available by calling guest services at 419-874-2233 or visit in person 24/7.



A night out

Make the most of the holiday blockbuster movie season by pairing a **Cinemark** gift card and a local restaurant — consider **Social** in Perrysburg, **Mancy's Bluewater Grille** in Maumee, or the **Beirut** in Toledo. If the recipient is a parent of young children, offer a night of free babysitting to complete the gift. Denominations vary.



One size fits all

Some might consider it a cop-out for last-minute shoppers, but a grocery store gift card to **The Andersons, Kroger, Meijer**, or numerous other local stores can come in handy. It's up to the recipient whether to splurge on steaks and fine wine or to cover the daily necessities. Denominations vary.

