

## HOLIDAY COUNTDOWN



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Across northwest Ohio there are many companies and entrepreneurs who produce wonderful items sure to be hits as gifts this holiday season. Some you might have heard of, others you might not. But if locally made items are your recipient's preference, you would do well to give these northwest Ohio businesses a try.

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#### Unique jewelry

Custom-made jewelry is always a pleasing gift. Deb Dickens turned an attempt at replicating a set of military dogtags into a collection of fine jewelry. Her **Dolltags** of pendants, rings, bracelets, and earrings are all handcrafted from silver and adorned with precious stones. Prices range from \$25 to \$75. Available at [dolltags.com](http://dolltags.com).



#### Artistic pottery

There's not many places to buy a piece of pottery that is both functional and a work of art. But **Packer Creek Pottery** owner Jan Pugh offers both. Her **Majolica-style** pottery is brightly colored with unique patterns that are sure to be the talk of any social function. Prices range from \$32 for a coffee mug to \$145 for a large serving bowl. Available at **Packer Creek Pottery**, 103 E. 8th St., Genoa.



#### Original sculpture

For years, Waterville artist George Carruth has charmed folks with his whimsical sculptures for the home and garden. Once again, he has produced a diverse selection of holiday and religious-themed sculptures sure to please any taste. From \$31 to \$45. Available at **Carruth Studio**, 211 Mechanic St., Waterville.



#### Libbey glasses

Craft beers are all the rage nowadays and Toledo's own Libbey company has the perfect product to enjoy a favorite brew. Its four-piece craft brew lager stein glass set is a great gift for the beer lover on your list. About \$20. Available at the **Libbey Glass** outlet and **Kohl's**.



#### Soy candles

Nothing sets the holiday mood better than a soothing warm scent permeating a house and locally made **Heaven's Gate Candles** takes that a step further with its soy-based hand-poured candles in a variety of blended scents. Environment-friendly soy candles burn slower, cooler, cleaner, and last longer than regular paraffin wax, according to owner Jacquie Olender. Prices range from \$10 for an 8 ounce candle to \$20 for a 22 ounce candle. Available at **Heaven's Gate**, 5723 N. Main St., Sylvania.



#### Calphalon cookware

Made in Perrysburg Township, **Calphalon's Unison Nonstick** cookware is excellent for the accomplished chef or just the everyday kitchen cook. Between \$500 and \$550. Available at **Bed Bath & Beyond**, **Macy's**, and **Dillard's**.



#### Glass artwork

Gifts of fused glass, in which colors twist and meld together in beautiful ways, are sure to stand out in any setting and you can pick one out or have one custom-made at **Copper Moon Studio Gallery & Gifts**. Start with a suncatcher for \$28 or pick out a custom wall clock for \$95. Available at **Copper Moon**, 8007 Airport Hwy., Holland.



#### Jeep Wrangler

When it comes to locally made, you can't find a more desirable object in northwest Ohio than the **Jeep's** iconic off-road vehicle. The basic **Wrangler's** MSRP is \$22,695. Available at **Monroe Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram Superstore**, **Yark Automotive Group**, **Charlie's Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram**, **Grogan's Towne Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram**, and **Rouen Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram**.



#### Handmade soaps

Area resident Lori Diver was looking for a natural soap to use on her baby's sensitive skin. She couldn't find one, so she developed **Homestead Soaps** out of her Sylvania home. Her original recipes not only contain all-natural ingredients, they come in unusual scents such as Rosemary or Lemongrass Sage and are designed to nourish skin while cleansing. Priced at \$4.25 for 4 ounces. Available at the **Toledo Farmer's Market** on Erie Street; the **Harmony in Life Center**, 5747 Main St., Sylvania; the gift shop of the **Toledo Botanical Gardens**, 5403 Elmer Drive, or online at [fromthehomestead.com](http://fromthehomestead.com).



#### Ready-to-assemble furniture

Made in nearby Archbold, furniture by **Sauder Woodworking** comes in a wide variety of inexpensive, easy-to-assemble designs. The **Harbor View Antiqued 4-drawer dresser** can be found at **Walmart**, **Lowe's**, and **Sears** for about \$320.

Prices and availability subject to change.

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