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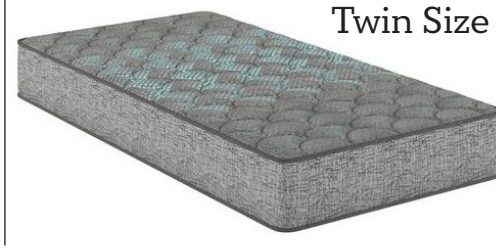
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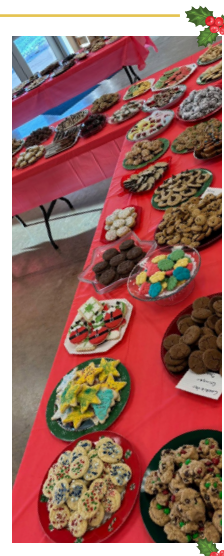
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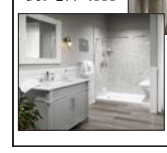
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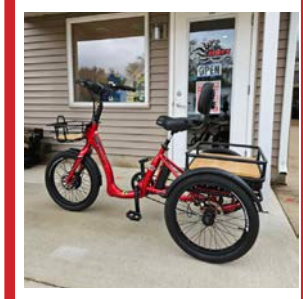
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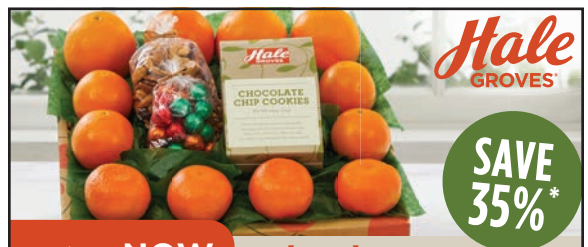
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Retail holidays like Black Friday and Cyber Monday have long featured great deals on a wide range of items, and the following are some ways shoppers can make the most of these deal-laden consumer events this holiday season.

• Do your homework. It's hard to miss retail holiday deals at big box stores or online retailers like Amazon, which heavily promote their sales for weeks if not months in advance of the season. But these are not the only places shoppers can find great prices on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Many small, independently owned local businesses also get in on the retail holiday action. Shoppers hoping to capitalize on retail holiday bargains can look to local retailers' social media as days like Black Friday and Cyber Monday draw closer so they get a full picture of all the deals they can access once each day arrives.

• Sign up for perks programs. Many retailers, including locally owned independent businesses, offer perks programs that can add up to great benefits the more customers patronize the establishments. While these will not necessarily lead to lower prices on retail holidays, program members may be able to use accumulated points on holiday season purchases, thus reducing the amount they spend during the holiday season.

• Shop early. Big box retailers and online giants like Amazon advertise big deals on retail holidays, but those deals tend to feature limited inventory. When the inventory is exhausted, the deals are exhausted along with them. Shoppers hoping to take advantage of retail holiday deals at big box retailers and online stores are urged to fully investigate the sales prior to the big day. Check to see if the inventory is capped and when targeted items will officially go on sale. That's often early in the morning, so it behooves shoppers to start shopping early on days like Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Even small, locally owned businesses may feature limited inventory, so it's best to visit such stores when they open if you're hoping to find great items on sale.

• Checkout quickly. When shopping online, many shoppers add items to their virtual carts and then go back to shopping for additional items. But just because a sale item is in your cart does not mean it's yours. If you hesitate when checking out or spend extra time shopping for additional items, the sale item might be already be sold out when you return to your cart to check out. If there are some must-buy items on your retail holiday shopping lists, then purchase them the moment you place them in your cart.

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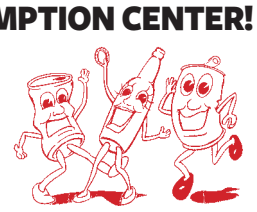
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Notable Thanksgiving traditions



Thanksgiving is a family-centric holiday that revolves around the dinner table and encourages celebrants to acknowledge all that they have to be thankful for. Thanksgiving is celebrated in October in Canada and in November in the United States.

Many Thanksgiving traditions focus on community events and sumptuous feasts, but they don't stop there. Here are some of the more notable traditions people can embrace on this day of giving thanks.

• Roasting turkey: Many foods will grace the Thanksgiving dinner table, but turkey is the star of the show. Roasting remains the most popular way to cook a turkey, but deep-fried and even rotisserie turkey have become more popular in recent years.

• Watching the parade: Millions of people tune into the broadcast of Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and many more line the streets of New York City to watch it in person. The Macy's parade was first held on November 27, 1924, and was only suspended for three years during World War II. The parade features musical events, special guests and pop culture balloons that navigate streets lined with skyscrapers.

• Turkey trotting: Believe it or not, wild turkeys can run at speeds up to 25 miles per hour in short bursts, according to Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. Perhaps inspired by these speedy birds, turkey trots are popular on Thanksgiving Day. People of all ages start the holiday by running or walking in these charity events.

• Watching football: Watching professional football on television is a popular Thanksgiving custom. The Detroit Lions and the Dallas Cowboys always host an afternoon game on Thanksgiving. Each year, the National Football League also schedules a third matchup in primetime featuring other teams. In 2026, the lineup features: Chicago Bears at Detroit Lions (1:00 p.m. ET), Philadelphia Eagles at Dallas Cowboys (4:00 p.m. ET) and Kansas City Chiefs at Buffalo Bills (8:20 p.m. ET).

• Early holiday decorating: Many households will decorate for Christmas immediately following the clearing of the Thanksgiving turkey from the table. Some may even decorate before guests arrive on Thanksgiving.

• Tuning into "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving": Some families watch this beloved Charlie Brown television special the night before Thanksgiving, enjoying the movie's snack menu of jelly beans, popcorn and toast.

• Celebrate "Friendsgiving": People who may not have relatives close by often gather with close friends to commemorate friendships and express their gratitude for one another.

Thanksgiving marks the first holiday during the whirlwind celebratory season. It's filled with many traditions that people across the United States and Canada enjoy.









Age-based guidelines for buying toys and gifts

The holiday season involves making holiday gift lists and checking them twice, or even more frequently to ensure that gift-givers find the best fit for recipients. While age may only be a number in certain instances, when it comes to gifting, age should be a consideration — particularly when kids are involved.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that an estimated 86,000 children treated for toy-related injuries each year are younger than five. Toy-related injuries are preventable, and prevention often comes down to choosing age-appropriate toys for kids.

Toys can be choking hazards when small toys or those with small pieces are given to children who are too young to use them safely. Kids are curious and often put items in their mouths. Choking is the fourth-leading cause of unintentional death in children under age five, indicates The Emergency Center. Falls, eye injuries, drowning, and motor accidents are leading causes of gift-related injuries. Here's how to select age-appropriate gifts.

• Read the packaging carefully. Most toys and other children's products will come with an age range recommendation. While some kids may be mature beyond their years, it's best to choose gifts that fall within the recommended range. This is particularly the case for infants, toddlers and any child under the age of five.

• Avoid fad gifts. Children often want the latest and greatest gadgets and toys for gifts even if they are not the smartest choices for their ages. Resist the urge to buy something just to be the "cool parent or grandparent," especially if it isn't age-appropriate. Mermaid tails became popular in recent years, and likely will see increased presence thanks to the home-viewing release of a popular live-action mermaid movie. However, they limit movement and can make swimming more difficult, potentially increasing risk of drowning.

• Provide safety gear. As children age, they may be more interested in gifts that appeal to hobbies and abilities. Scooters, bicycles, skates, and other items are popular among older children. These gifts should only be purchased for those with proven ability, and even then, accompanied with the appropriate safety gear. This can include helmets, knee pads and eye protection.

• Consider waiting before gifting certain electronics. Although children may be able to use devices safely, there are many who advocate for waiting to give young children smartphones and tablets due to the consequences of excessive screen time. The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry says children ages two to five should limit non-educational screen time to about one hour per weekday and three hours on weekend days. Children should be encouraged to pursue healthy habits that limit use of screens, so gift-givers can look for gifts that help to this end.

Age-appropriate gifts ensure safety for the youngest people on holiday gift lists.



Make this side dish the star on Thanksgiving

Food is foremost on the minds of Thanksgiving guests. While food is a big deal on just about every holiday, the meal really takes center stage on Thanksgiving.

Although turkey can be a delicious main course, many Thanksgiving diners might admit they anticipate the side dishes more than the turkey. Potatoes, soups, salads and dinner rolls are all competing for space on the Thanksgiving table and can be equally tasty. However, perhaps no side dish is more synonymous with Thanksgiving than stuffing.

Though stuffing is sometimes cooked inside the turkey, while others prefer to prepare it in a casserole dish. There's no shortage of ways to prepare stuffing, and adventurous types might enjoy this recipe for "Stuffin' Muffins" courtesy of "Lord Honey Traditional Southern Recipes With a Country Bling Twist" (Pelican Publishing) by Chef Jason Smith. In this recipe, stuffing is baked in muffin tins for the perfect portion you can sink your teeth right into.

Stuffin' Muffins

Makes 1 dozen

1 pound breakfast sausage
2 medium onions, diced
2 cups diced fresh baby portobello mushrooms
1/2 cup butter
8 cups crumbled cornbread
Salt and ground black pepper to taste
1 tablespoon dried rubbed sage
1 teaspoon onion powder
1/2 cup shaved or grated parmesan cheese
2 eggs
11/4 cups chicken or veggie broth or stock

Preheat oven to 350 F. Butter a 12-hole muffin tin.

In a large skillet, crumble the sausage and cook until halfway done. Add the onions, mushrooms and butter. Cook until tender.

In a large mixing bowl, combine the crumbled cornbread and the sausage mixture. Add salt and pepper. Add the sage, onion powder, parmesan cheese, eggs, and broth. Mix with hands until all ingredients are moist but hold together.

Using a 3-ounce ice cream scoop, place 12 balls into the prepared muffin tin and pat tops flat. Bake for 30 minutes.









