

What to buy

2016 HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

# HARD TO BUY FOR

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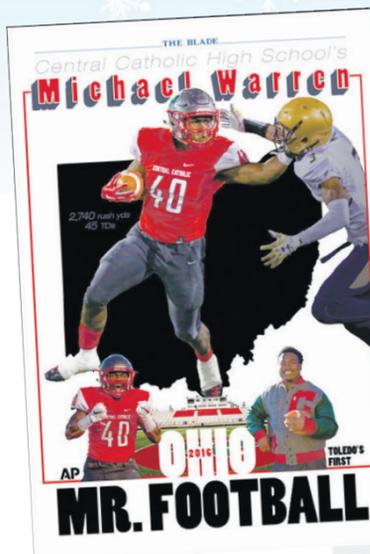
**D**o you know someone who is impossible to shop for? Better question: Are you terrible at coming up with ideas for gifts and running out of time? Here's some ideas for those you

know you should get something for, but for whom you haven't had that "aha!" moment. Or just give cash. Cash always works.

—NOLAN ROSENKRANS, BLADE STAFF WRITER

### Things to put beer in

Whenever my family visits Toledo, we almost always make a trip to the Libbey Glass Factory Outlet. Whether it's a box set of cocktail glasses for my bartender brother, or Toledo-themed coffee mugs for my parents, it's become something of a tradition. You don't have to visit the Warehouse District, of course, to buy Libbey products. **If you feel like shipping glassware, check out retail.libbey.com.** There, you could, say, purchase a six-piece giant beer glass set for \$14.99.



### A custom print

Whether it's a print of a major story for a news junkie friend, or a framed article featuring a photograph of a loved one, The Blade Vault has you covered. **Full page reproductions start at \$20, and photo reprints cost \$10 for a 4-by-6-inch picture.** Prints start at \$35, with plaques increasing in cost depending on style and size. Check out thebladevault.com.



### Socks

The stereotypical lame Christmas gift doesn't have to be lame, and a cool pair of socks can add some flair to an otherwise drab outfit. Check out the Toledo skyline socks at Jupmode, which recently moved to 2022 Adams St. in UpTown. **Inventory of the \$12 socks is low, so you can only get them in store, but the company has plenty of other clothing and Toledo-themed items for sale at jupmode.com.**

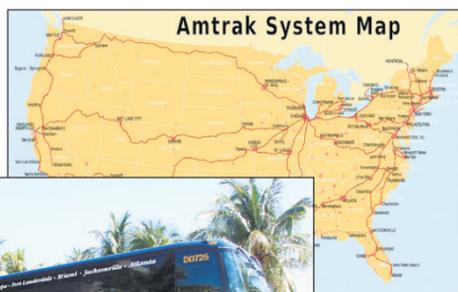


### A Brick!

And not just any brick! Friends of Side Cut Metropark sell legacy bricks to honor loved ones, pets, or to memorialize a special day. The bricks, which are either 6.5-by-8 inches or 12-by-12 inches, are permanently installed at the park. **Costing \$100 for the smaller bricks and \$250 for the larger ones, the money raised goes toward capital improvements and beautification of the park.** You can also purchase memorial pavers at Pearson, Secor, and Wildwood Metroparks. **Go to metropark-stoledo.com, then click get involved, then donate, and then the memorial, tributes support projects page.**

### Beer

This obviously won't be an appropriate gift for everyone, but I, for one, will appreciate you more if you buy me beer. And I will tell you, repeatedly, how much more I appreciate you after I have drank said beer. You might as well go local, and downtown brewers Maumee Bay Brewing Co. is offered at many Toledo locations. **Or if there's a holiday party upcoming, you could be a hero and spring for a half-barrel keg of Buckeye Beer for \$107.50 from the company, based at 27 Broadway.**



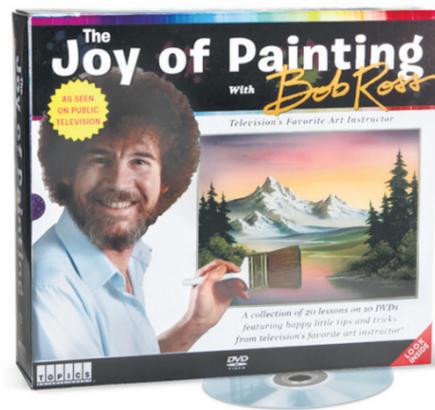
### A Ticket Home

Parents often tell their adult children that all they want for Christmas is to have them at home, so buying them a ticket works as a reward for both the receiver and gifter. Yeah, there's an element of guilt-tripping here, but so what? Go see your parents. **Prices depend on where home is, so check out amtrak.com or megabus.com.**



### Ugly Christmas Sweaters

This works as both a gag gift or for a friend who has eccentric clothing styles. Or maybe there's an Ugly Christmas Sweater party coming up and you know someone who doesn't have anything to wear. **You can pop down to House of Dow, 1501 Adams St., to check out the selection of sweaters (along with all the other cool stuff owner Allison Dow sells), or shop online at houseofdow.com.** Sweater prices range from \$10 to \$20.



### Bob Ross DVD set

We all know someone who just needs to chill out a little bit, and an afternoon with super-chill painter Bob Ross might just do the trick. Or you can send it to someone in your family, knowing they'll need some relaxing after a stressful holiday at home. **You can buy a DVD set with 13 half-hour episodes of "The Joy of Painting" for \$40.99, or if your friend or family member has joined some sort of weird cult that defies the laid-back painter, you can spring for the whole series at \$1,270.69 at bobross.com.**



### A Costco Membership

A Costco membership is great for people who like shopping in bulk. Or for those who just love free samples. **A one-year membership costs \$55 and can be ordered at costco.com.**



### A Donation In Their Names

No, not to the Human Fund, you cheapskate. Money for people is a thoughtful move, and the person on whose behalf you make the donation may not thank you now, but he will later. Plenty of organizations could use donations around the Christmas season. If you find it hard to come up with a great gift for co-workers or friends, why not make a donation in their names? Christmas isn't about material things, anyway, so make a charitable move and spread some Christmas spirit.

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