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Fill your gift list right here at home

There's something magical about shopping local during the Christmas season. Walking into a cozy shop, chatting with the owner, and finding that perfect, one-of-a-kind gift feels so much more personal than clicking "add to cart." Every purchase supports the people in your community – your neighbors, friends and the families behind those small businesses. Plus, it's a way to give back while giving gifts, spreading a little extra holiday cheer right where it matters most. Take a look at just a few of the many possible gifts you can find here in Carrington for anyone on your Christmas list.

Self-Care Prepared

For the self-care queens (or kings) on your holiday list, you can't go wrong with gifts that say, "take a moment for you." Central Pharmacy carries handmade bath bombs, artisan soaps, natural loofahs and skincare sets that feel extra special. The Humble Pearl has soothing lotion bars to complete that spa treatment feel. Pair it with a book from The Humble Pearl and a cozy sweater from Lioness, and you've got a gift that's all about comfort and care because the best holiday vibe is one that's stressfree and pampered.





Cold Weather Cozy Shopping for the cozy mom who loves sweaters, candles and home decor for her walls is all about finding items that add warmth and personality to her space. Imagine gifting her a beautiful, framed print from Central Pharmacy or The Garden Gate. Add in a few scented candles that embrace the Christmas spirit, and a cozy sweater from Lioness for those quiet nights in, and you've got the perfect mix of thoughtful gifts. It's all about creating a space that feels inviting, relaxing and full of love.

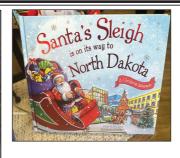






Coffee Enthusiasts

For the coffee lover in your life, local shops are a treasure trove of gift ideas. Think beyond the usual and pick out a beautifully-crafted mug that fits your caffeine lover at Central Pharmacy, Lioness, The Garden Gate or The Humble Pearl. Pair it with a bottle of flavored syrup from Central Pharmacy to add a touch of sweetness to their morning brew. And, of course, you can't go wrong with a bag of freshly roasted beans from The Garden Gate or Leevers, bursting with flavor and perfect for savoring over the holidays. It's a thoughtful way to give a gift that's both delicious and supports your community.





kid clothes and toys at Central Pharmacy and The Humble Pearl brings pure Christmas joy. These stores have the sweetest outfits - think soft, cozy onesies or festive sweaters that make little ones picture-perfect for holiday photos. The toy selection is just as charming, with wooden puzzles, cuddly stuffed animals or sensory baby toys. Add in a book or two for Christmas magic that enhances the imagination and creativity of all ages.







Whether you're shopping for the snacker or homesteader on your Christmas list, food gifts are always a hit. Central Pharmacy has gourmet treats like syrups, handcrafted jams or small-batch snacks perfect for grazing. For the homesteader types, consider jars of local jam, specialty spices, or even a DIY bread kit to inspire their next kitchen adventure. These thoughtful, tasty gifts not only satisfy cravings but also support local makers - making them as meaningful as they are delicious.









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Candle Connoisseur

Shopping for candles at Christmas is all about finding scents that set the holiday mood. All our local boutiques and shops have beautifully-handcrafted

candles with cozy aromas like apple cider, fresh pine or warm vanilla that make any space feel festive. Look for unique designs - like candles in decorative jars or hand-poured options from local artisans at The Garden Gate – that double as charming decor. Whether it's a gift or a treat for yourself, candles bring a little extra warmth and glow to the season, making them a timeless holiday favorite.





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