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## FROM THE FRONT PORCH

BY KATHY TANDBERG

### Addicted to Christmas past and present

**BY KATHY TANDBERG**  
BHG News

I'm sitting in the pickup in the passenger's seat, my foot tapping as I quietly hum along to the tunes coming from the radio.

My husband gives me a glance – "that" glance. The one that says I'm getting a bit too loud.

I laugh and try to be quieter with my music but he knows it is hopeless. He knows within minutes I will be right back at it.

He knows I can't help it. This time of year over any other, I am hopelessly addicted to the Christmas music that fills my ears and mind with memories. In fact, I am hopelessly addicted to Christmas in every aspect of the season.

I am a blubbering idiot at times, in fact. The other day a very sentimental commercial came on and they were singing "Away in the Manger" and the next thing I knew I was quietly crying. The words and the meaning just hit me stronger than ever as I

remembered one of my favorite Christmas hymns.

Some stores have been playing Christmas music since before Thanksgiving. Now as much as I love the music, I was not in the mood so early. Let me get through Thanksgiving before my head fills with sugar canes and Santa.

Thanksgiving weekend wasn't over when the Hallmark and Lifetime Christmas movies began to play on TV. I recorded one here and there to watch, and we recorded a couple oldie but goodie funny movies, Like "Elf," for the grandchildren who might stay over.

Christmas shopping and wrapping the gifts, along with church programs really get me ready for the holidays.

When I was a kid, my large family was a singing family and when we traveled for the holidays we all sang along with the radio. And we sang along with each other even if the radio wasn't on.

My favorite night of all

is Christmas Eve. Going to candlelight services takes me back to my childhood church, where we each received a little white candle with an upside down paper umbrella as we entered the church.

Then, at the most perfect moment, the ushers turned down the lights and came down the aisle to light the first candle in each pew. From there we passed on that glowing light to light our neighbor's candle and a hush came over us as we sang Silent Night.

Tears always came to my eyes then, even more so now that I'm older because more family and friends will be celebrating Christmas in heaven.

And now, after thinking of those memories once again, excuse me while I get a tissue to wipe my eyes and blow my nose.

I can't help it. I'm hopelessly addicted, a child at heart with a forever sentimental mind and soul.

## County weighing intersection upgrade

**BY ALYSSA MEIER**  
BHG News

Answering a call for increased safety at one local intersection, the McLean County Commission is examining options for a roadway upgrade.

Highway Superintendent Jim Grey told commissioners on Tuesday morning that he had been contacted about the intersection of N.D. Highway 200A and County Road 29, with requests for a turning lane to be added.

Commissioner Steve Lee said

the intersection, south of Turtle Lake, sees significant truck traffic and high speeds, which concern some residents.

The commissioners asked Grey to contact Wald Engineering and ask for an estimate on what the project would cost.

"See if they can give us a ballpark," Lee said. "\$300,000 or \$1.3 million."

Lee said that because federal funds were used to pay for parts of Highway 200A, the county has to abide by federal standards in

any upgrades, meaning the cost can increase dramatically.

"When we start to get into seven digits, it's kind of uncomfortable. We can't do it," Lee said.

County Auditor Les Korgel said the intersection was one of many in the county that would benefit from a turning lane and a wider intersection, but the county has to evaluate priorities and mind the budget.

Grey said he would contact Wald and report back to the commission.

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# Broken hearts at Christmas

*Holiday brings memories of lost loved ones*

**BY JILL DENNING GACKLE**  
*BHG general manager*

When Becca Holtan and her family gather in Almont this Christmas, there will be an empty chair at the table.

Her brother, Andy, the youngest of a family of five, took his life nearly eight years ago. Since then Becca, who lives in Turtle Lake with her husband Dustin and two children, is making it her life's work to educate the public about suicide. She recently spoke to church congregations in Max and Benedict and, with her siblings and father, they participate in a remembrance walk in Bismarck each fall.

Andy was five years out of New Salem High School and had just completed two degrees at North Dakota State College of Science. He went on to start a computer business in Wahpeton and from a distance it appeared that all was going well for him.

He discovered his mother's love of music, joined a bowling league and even sang a little karaoke.

"Stuff we never expected," Becca said about her usually reserved brother. "He had an awesome life and he would have done so many wonderful things."

None of his friends knew he was struggling. They didn't realize he was suffering from a painful breakup and that he called his girlfriend dozens of times to try to get her back. They didn't know he was in the depths of despair.

"The people who saw him every day, no one was the wiser," Becca, 33, said.

He was planning on making the

trip to Almont for Easter to be with the entire family.

"He called mom and he was coming home for Easter," he said. But he didn't show up for work and by noon his friends went looking for him.

A New Salem sheriff's officer and friend drove to Almont to tell her mom and dad that their son had shot himself.

Becca's mom arranged for Dustin to be the one to tell Becca. He surprised her at work and she said, "What are you doing here? Is it an impromptu date night?" Instead he brought her to a back room and said, 'Andy shot himself.' My first reaction was, 'Is he OK?' He said, "No."

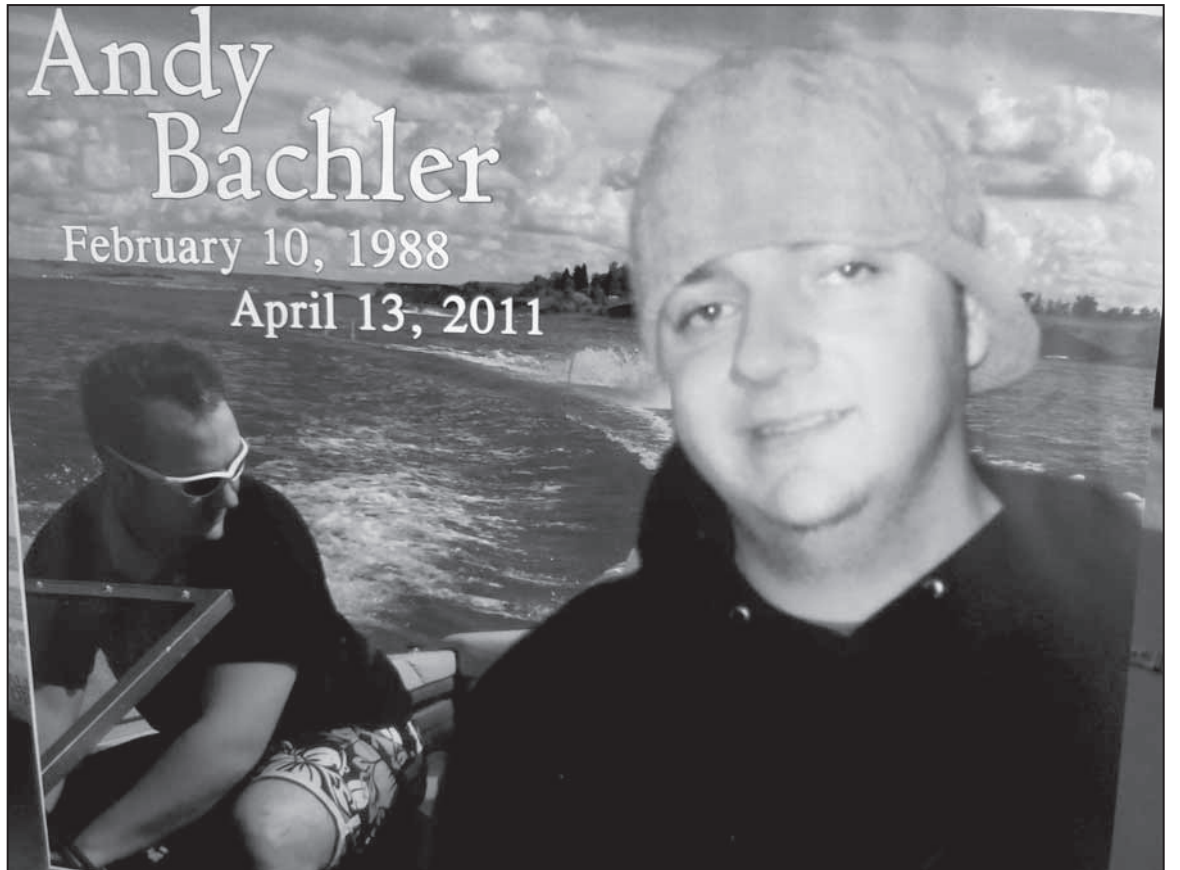
Then they drove to her parents' home to gather with the rest of the family.

She said, "I just remember pulling up to the house and not wanting to go in. I didn't want to see my mom," a mother she described as being the glue in the family.

Becca said she went through a variety of emotions. "I remember being so angry. Why? Why didn't he call me? He always called me when he had troubles."

Her parents quickly told the family they didn't want to remain silent about the suicide. She explained that an aunt and uncle lost a child to suicide and that family didn't speak of the cause of death.

"They wanted suicide to be talked about. That's how we get into this whole thing of mental illness because we don't talk about it," she said. She shared to the church congregations that suicide is among the top 10 causes of death



in the U.S. and higher in North Dakota. "He was a statistic, he became part of that," she said.

Since his death, Becca still grieves the loss but has come to terms with it.

"I don't think suicide was on his mind," she said. "I think he thought someone was going to stop him. It was to prove a point, because that's how he was."

She has grown from sharing stories with others at the "Out of the Darkness" walk in Bismarck

each fall.

"Families put the blame on themselves. What could we have done differently, that's always with you," she said.

After the first year at the walk her dad said, "If we can save one life going to this walk, we'll do it every year," she said. Brothers and their wives and her father join in the walk. Her mother died two years ago. One brother is a DJ. Becca read two of the nine stories shared over the public address

system to the 900 people in the audience.

Speaking to an audience doesn't come easily, but Becca said she wants to continue to tell the story to help others who are struggling.

But her listening skills have been fine tuned in the experience, too. She said listening is the best medicine for someone who is struggling and she hopes to be able to lend an ear to others in need.

**Don't be Late!**  
 The Xtra has strict deadlines.  
 We need the following items sent to us by the following deadline time. . .

**10 a.m. Thursday**  
 Advertisements, calendar of events and classified ads



### If you find mistakes

in this publication, please consider that they are there for a purpose.

We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes!!!

### Survivor Advice

- Be open about the death.
- Remember and share the good memories.
- Learn everything you can about mental health, depression and suicide.
- Lean on a strong support system.
- Participate in memory walks like Out of the Darkness Walk in Bismarck.
- Talk to other people who have shared experiences.

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Community Food Pantry, Ryder Community Gym, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Free soup and sandwiches

## Sunday, Dec. 23

Trinity Lutheran Church, Turtle Lake, worship with communion.

## Monday, Dec. 24

Bone Builders exercise, Garrison Senior Center, 10 a.m.

Christmas Program, Peace Lutheran Church, 5 p.m.

Christmas Program, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Max, 7 p.m.

## Tuesday, Dec. 25

Pickleball, Garrison elementary gym, 7 p.m., beginners welcome. Underwood Public Library closed.

## Wednesday, Dec 26

Yoga, First Congregational Church, Garrison, 8 a.m.

Story time and craft, Garrison Public Library, 3:00 p.m.

Underwood Public Library closed.

## Thursday, Dec. 27

Pickleball, Garrison elementary gym, 7 p.m., beginners welcome.

The Share-Exchange (clothing giveaway) will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. at 221 Main St., Turtle Lake.

McClusky Merchant's Association meeting, noon, Union Grill.

NAPA open house in Garrison. Free chili until gone.

Bone Builders exercise, Garrison Senior Center, 10 a.m.

## Friday, Dec. 28

Yoga, First Congregational Church, Garrison, 8 a.m.

Garrison Lamplighters potluck, 12 p.m.

McLean East Farmers Union Local Christmas party, 6 p.m., Bev's Cafe, Turtle Lake.

## Monday, Dec. 31

CCM "Jump Start Your Resolution Run" 5K, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Garrison, 10 a.m., No registration required.

## Wednesday, Jan. 2

Adult Health Services and Foot Care Clinic available at the senior center in Douglas. Please call 463-2641 to schedule an appointment.

Washburn Area Dollars for Scholars meeting, Washburn Public Library, 6:30 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend, especially parents of seniors.

## Thursday, Jan. 3

BHG Carnival for a Cause, Washburn Public School Olde Gym, 4 p.m.

## Monday, Jan. 7

McClusky Job Development Authority meeting, 7 p.m., city hall.

McClusky Fire Department meeting, 8 p.m.

Goodrich City Council meeting, 5 p.m.

Martin City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

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## Tuesday, Jan. 8

Sheridan County Commission and Park Board meeting, 12:30 p.m.

Goodrich School Board meeting, 6 p.m.

## Wednesday, Jan. 9

Adult Health Services and Foot Care Clinic, Butte. Please call 363-2506 to schedule an appointment.

## Monday, Jan. 14

Goodrich Fire Department meeting, 7 p.m.

Washburn City Commission meeting, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.

## Sunday, Jan. 20

Financial Peace University Class will be held at the Washburn United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. for nine consecutive evenings. To register or for more information contact Pastor Kayla Buckley at 701-315-0622 or kayla.wiese@mail.northcentral.edu.

## Wednesday, Jan. 23

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## Thursday, Jan. 24

McClusky Ambulance Service meeting, 7 p.m.

## Tuesday, Jan. 29

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# Prairie Fare

Could Your Cellphone or Tablet Be a Germ Catcher?

BY JULIE GARDEN-ROBINSON

Food and Nutrition Specialist  
NDSU Extension

"I found the perfect gift for you," my husband grinned and said a few years ago.

What did he find? I thought to myself. I awaited gift opening with anticipation.

When I opened the neatly wrapped package, at first I couldn't figure out what it was. It was made of wood and folded flat in a box.

"Oh, it's a photo easel," I said kind of feebly. "Well, that's nice."

He looked a little disappointed in my reaction.

"I bought it at a kitchen store," he added.

He was holding my tablet computer and he set it on the wooden stand. Then he swapped a cookbook for the tablet.

Yes, this was a nifty gift that I use regularly to protect my cookbooks and tablet from recipe ingredients.

Smartphones, tablets and other gadgets are used widely. Have you noticed anyone perusing recipes in the kitchen when making dinner? Have you seen people texting while eating?



Julie Garden-Robinson

Perhaps you've used the screens at restaurants that allow you to dispense soda, play games or order food. You also may have noticed people texting while waiting in lines in public restrooms.

Think about it: Not everyone washes their hands the recommended 20 seconds. We all use the same door handles in public restrooms.

Unfortunately, phones and other electronic gadgets can be



This bread is from a make-it-yourself food gift mix. (NDSU photo)

"germ catchers."

According to research conducted at the University of Arizona, cellphones may carry 10 times the amount of bacteria as found on toilet seats

Several researchers have explored the cleanliness of phones and other devices.

In a 2017 study reported in the journal *Germs*, researchers performed microbiological testing on 27 phones used by students. The researchers noted bacteria, including potential disease-causing organisms such as *staph*. Males and females had contaminated phones.

The researchers also noted the presence of *E. faecalis*. Yes, that sounds like feces for a reason. This type of bacteria is associated with the human gastrointestinal tract. Its presence probably indicates failure to wash hands properly after using the restroom and before using a phone.

Cellphones can spread bacteria and viruses. Wiping down the screens you use in your kitchen or during eating can help safeguard your health, as can proper hand-washing. You obviously can't dunk your phone or other device in a sanitizer because you could damage your phone seriously.

To clean your phone, many references suggest filling a small spray bottle with a 50/50 mixture of distilled water and rubbing alcohol (70 percent isopropyl alcohol). Unplug and/or turn off the phone first. Spritz with the mixture, then wipe with a microfiber cloth to avoid scratching the screen.

However, consult your manufacturer's guide to see if this is an acceptable approach for your phone or other device.

In recognition of the upcoming holiday season, this week I have a couple of things for you: a printable calendar and some

make-it-yourself food gift mix ideas. See <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/fieldtofork> to view the calendar and its recipes. See <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/food> for several food mixes, along with printable gift tags.

This is one of the featured recipes. To complete a gift basket, consider making some jam, too. We also have jam recipes on our website.

### Peanut Butter Bread

1/3 c. sugar  
1/3 c. brown sugar, packed  
1 1/4 c. all-purpose white flour  
3/4 c. whole-wheat flour  
1 Tbsp. baking powder  
1/4 tsp. salt

Layer ingredients in a clean quart-sized jar. Cover the jar tightly with a lid, decorate and attach a copy of the recipe card.

To make bread, mix together:

1 container Peanut Butter Bread mix  
1 c. creamy peanut butter (not natural)  
2 eggs  
3/4 c. nonfat milk  
1/2 c. plain Greek yogurt, nonfat  
1 tsp. vanilla

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9- by 5-inch loaf pan with nonstick cooking spray. In a mixing bowl, combine the sugar, brown sugar, white and whole-wheat flour, baking powder and salt. Set aside. In a separate bowl, combine peanut butter, eggs, milk, Greek yogurt and vanilla. Gradually add dry ingredients to wet ingredients, gently folding ingredients together. Mix just until combined; the batter may be lumpy. Pour into the loaf pan and

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**School resource officer sought**

BY ALYSSA MEIER Editor

McLean County is seeking applicants for a newly-approved school resource officer position at Garrison Public School.

During their November meeting, McLean County Commissioners approved the job description for a shared school resource officer, set to be stationed at Garrison Public School. Approval of the job description opened the door for county officials to start advertising to fill the position.

Advertisements for the position were printed in the Dec. 13 McLean County Independent, Leader-News and Central McLean News-Journal. According to the ad, applications will be accepted by the McLean County Auditor's office until 4 p.m. on Dec. 28.

According to the approved job description, the officer must also have a high school diploma, a minimum of three years patrol experience and a level of proficiency with firearms of at least 80 percent. The individual is also required to have training or experience as an informal counselor and law-related educator.

The officer is expected to provide law enforcement support and services to the school.

The position is being funded by a cost-share agreement between the school, McLean County and the White Shield Mandan-Hidatsa-Arikara tribe segment. The annual cost for the officer is estimated at \$81,000, or \$27,000 per partner.

Sheriff J.R. Kerzmann said he is hoping to have the spot filled by February 2019.

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bake for 48 to 52 minutes.

Check bread 10 to 15 minutes before the timer goes off, and if the bread is browning too much, place aluminum foil on top and continue baking for duration of time. Allow bread to cool for 10

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## Garrison Area Christmas Services

*Editor's note: Following are some of the Christmas services scheduled for area churches. If your church is not listed, contact the parish to get dates and times.*

### BENEDICT

Concordia  
Monday, Dec. 24- 5 p.m.

### BUTTE

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Monday, Dec. 24- 11 a.m. Christmas Program, 4 p.m.  
Christmas service

### DOUGLAS

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Tuesday, Dec. 25- 9 a.m.

### GARRISON

First Congregational Church, UCC  
Monday, Dec. 24- 7 p.m.  
Peace Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod  
Sunday, Dec. 22- 11 a.m.  
Monday, Dec. 24- 7 p.m.-Christmas Program  
St. Nicholas Catholic Church  
Monday, Dec. 24- 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.  
St. Paul Lutheran Church, ELCA  
Monday, Dec. 24- 4:30 p.m.- Holy Communion  
Tuesday, Dec. 25- 10:30 p.m.- Holy Communion  
Church of God  
Monday, Dec. 24-5 p.m.

### MAKOTI

St. Paul Lutheran Church, ELCA  
& Hope Lutheran Church, ELCA  
Monday, Dec. 24- 4 p.m.

### MAX

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
Tuesday, Dec. 25- 8:30 a.m.  
Our Savior Lutheran Church, ELCA  
Monday, Dec. 24- 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, Dec. 25- 11 a.m.  
St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod  
Monday, Dec. 24- 5 p.m.  
Tuesday, Dec. 25- 10 a.m.

### RIVERDALE

Riverdale Community Church  
Monday, Dec. 24- 6:30 p.m., Candlelight service

### ROSEGLLEN

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Monday, Dec. 24- 5:30 p.m.

### RYDER

St. John's Lutheran Church  
Monday, Dec. 24- 7 p.m.

### WHITE SHIELD

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
Tuesday, Dec. 25- 10 a.m.

## Central & South Mclean Christmas services

Birka Lutheran Church, Washburn: Christmas Eve candlelight service, 5:30 p.m.

First Lutheran Church, Washburn: Christmas Eve candlelight worship with Holy Communion, 4:30 and 10 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, Wilton: Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, 5 p.m. with Holy Communion. Come early for Christmas goodies and fellowship.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Mercer: Christmas Eve, 5 p.m.  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Wilton: Christmas Day mass, 8:30 a.m.

SS Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, Wilton: Christmas Day, 10 a.m.; New Years Day, 10 a.m.

St. Bonaventure's Catholic Church, Underwood: Christmas Eve, 4 p.m.

St. Catherine's Catholic Church, Turtle Lake: Christmas Day, 9:30 a.m.

St. Edwin's Catholic Church, Washburn: Christmas Eve midnight mass.

St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Turtle Lake: Christmas Eve, 7:30 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Turtle Lake: Dec. 23 worship with communion; Christmas Eve, candlelight worship, communion, children's time, special music, 5 p.m.

United Methodist Church, Turtle Lake: Christmas Eve, 7 p.m.

United Methodist Church, Washburn: Christmas Eve, 5 p.m.

Washburn Baptist Church: Christmas Eve candlelight service, 5 p.m.

# That's Christmas with an 'I'

BY SUZANNE WERRE

BHG News

A lot of families do family gift exchanges – typically when families get so large, there are too many people for everybody to buy gifts for – so they downsize a bit.

Some families do white elephant gifts where the presents tend to be a little more unusual.

A lot of exchanges are pretty straight-forward -- girls buy a girl gift, boys buy a boy gift, and they draw numbers to see who gets to pick a gift first. Often, there's the opportunity for people to steal a gift from someone else.

Turtle Lake's Linda Huelsman and her family have taken the family gift exchange to a different level for the past 10 years, adding a unique twist to their gift giving and receiving.

They're going through the alphabet. This year, all of the gifts for the gift exchange need to start with the letter I.

"I is a hard one," said Linda.

They started 10 years ago when everybody had to buy a gift that started with an H for Huelsman. The next year they used the K for her maiden name, then they started in earnest, starting over with the letter A.

They're now at I, which is difficult, she reiterated, but she thinks she picked out a pretty awesome gift this year.

"They're going to love it," she said – whoever gets it.

Her family members don't buy a particular guy or girl gift, she noted. They're often a good choice for either.

Some of the years are tougher than others, she noted. But that's half the fun – trying to come up with something within their price range (they try to keep it less than \$50), that fits the letter criteria, that several people in the family would like.

A couple years ago the letter was G. That year there were a lot



Linda Huelsman stands by what could be an option for this year's gift exchange – a freezer with bags of ice. It definitely fits the criteria this year. It starts with the letter I, and it's less than \$50 per bag.

of gadgets and gizmos, she said.

While the adults each buy one exchange gift, Linda gets to buy the "letter" gift for all the grandchildren.

"That way they all get to open at least one gift Christmas Eve, then the rest are for Christmas day," she said.

One thing she likes about their "letter" gift exchange is that the men of the family have to go out and find a gift for the exchange. They don't get to ask their wives to go pick something out for them.

"We always make the guys do their own shopping, and it's fun to see what the guys come up with," he said.

She's hoping her family's take on a familiar tradition will continue for many years to come. "Hopefully the kids will

continue it and we'll get through the alphabet, then we'll start all over again," she said. "It's something different, not the normal, just to add a little bit more of a twist."

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