

# YOUR FALL REVENUE GUIDE TO PROMOTIONS

## Introduction

Are you looking for ways to keep your revenue growing during the fall months?

Whether you're new to promotions or you're a pro, this guide will take you month-by-month to provide you with an action plan, case studies, and advertisers to target to build your \$30K, \$60K, or \$90K revenue plan.

So, what are you waiting for?

Follow the guide, plan ahead, prepare your sales team, and approach the right advertisers, and you can maximize your revenue this fall.



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## WHAT'S IN THIS GUIDE:

#### **Planning**

How to set goals and build a detailed plan to help you reach your goals this fall.

#### Multi-Month Campaigns

Fall is the perfect time of year to lock in annual campaigns to drive in revenue all year long.

#### September

From football to tailgating, find all the ideas you need to maximize your September revenue.

#### **October**

Harvest new revenue opportunities during this month known for Halloween and autumn fun.

#### **November**

This month is all about Thanksgiving and community, so develop campaigns that put this at the forefront.

# PLANNING



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## set your goals and plan out everything you need to achieve them

For anyone who's ever tried to make a great family meal, you know how much work goes into preparing the feast. You wouldn't bring out the dessert before the appetizers.

So, what's your revenue recipe?

Setting a goal is one of the most important aspects of having a successful engagement strategy, yet it's often overlooked. Once you've set your revenue goal, you can begin planning out the best promotions and interactive content to reach your fall revenue goal.

Take a look at these fall revenue plans and see which one is right for you.

## **SEPTEMBER**

Multi-Month Campaign (\$1,000) Quiz Bundle (\$4,000) Fan Photo Contest (\$5,000) Advertiser Sweeps (\$2,500)

## **OCTOBER**

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## **NOVEMBER**

Multi-Month Campaign (\$1,000) Quiz Bundle (\$4,000) Advertiser Quiz (\$2,000) Advertiser Sweeps (\$2,500)

# **S** TOTAL REVENUE: **\$34,500**

#### **Fall Revenue Plan A**

Make an additional **\$30,000+** this fall by adding a pro football pick'em.

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## **SEPTEMBER**

Multi-Month Campaign (\$1,000) Two Quiz Bundles (\$4,000 each) Two Advertiser Quizzes (\$2,000 each) Two Ticket Giveaways (\$3,000 each) Fan Photo Contest with two sponsors (\$10,000) Three Advertiser Sweepstakes (\$2,500)

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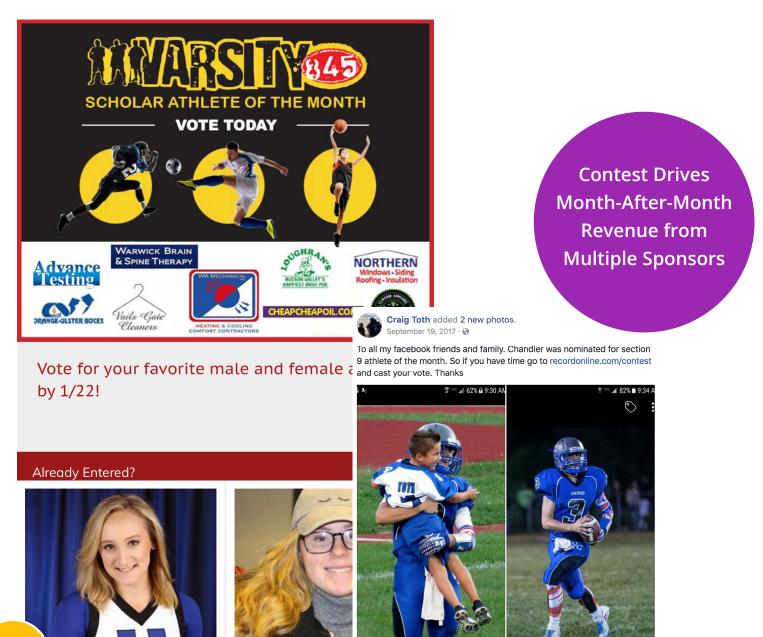
#### Fall Revenue Plan C

# MULTI-MONTH CAMPAIGNS



# Varisty 845 Scholar Athlete of the Month

#### *Times Herald-Record* | Middletown, NY | Circ: 80,000







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A Share

Comment

#### THE GOAL

The paper was looking to increase their revenue, grow their email database, and promote goodwill among their readers. Varsity 845, the paper's designated local sports site, decided on a High School Athlete of the Month contest.

#### THE SOLUTION

While the paper was able to secure nine sponsors. From healthcare and home improvement to community colleges and automotive, their sponsors were proud to be a part of the contest. The year-long contest had categories for male and female athletes. Fach month nominees are submitted and votes cast to pick the male and female winners. The two winners would receive a plaque, a gift card for \$250, and coverage in the paper. The paper also held a banquet in May to honor all of the winners.



2,800+ opt-ins



## **Inspiration for Multi-Month Campaigns**



#### **Teacher of the Month**

KIDK-TV Idaho Falls, ID | DMA: 160

#### **STARS Student Athlete Recognitions**

Citrus County Chronicle Crystal River, FL | Circ: 30,000



CEREMONY JUNE 1, 2017 | 5:30PM

> Thanks for joining the Aberdeen News Birthday Club. As a reminder, we send out great deals, freebies, coupons, BOGOs, and more 3 days prior to your birthday.

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# Coupon 1



As a special gift, get YOUR AGE as a percent off one piece of pottery during the month of your birthday or within 15 days of your birthday! See coupon for details.

It's your birthday soon! aberdeen

To redeem your coupons please bring a Photo I.D. and either print this email or just show your smartphone to the

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Check out your great deals below and ...

Happy Birthday, {{User.FirstName}}!





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\$15,000

Revenue,

As a special gift, get YOUR AGE as a percent off off any party booking.



#### **Birthday Club Email** Aberdeen American News Aberdeen, SD | Circ: 81

# SEPTEMBER

## Advertisers to Target:

- Automotive
- Utilities & HVAC
- Bars & Restaurants
- Financial Services



## The Wildest Sweepstakes

#### Augusta Chronicle | Augusta, GA | DMA: 111



#### **THE GOAL**

When the *Augusta Chronicle* was able to secure two tickets to the big Georgia vs. Florida football game, they knew they had to act fast to turn this opportunity into a great contest.

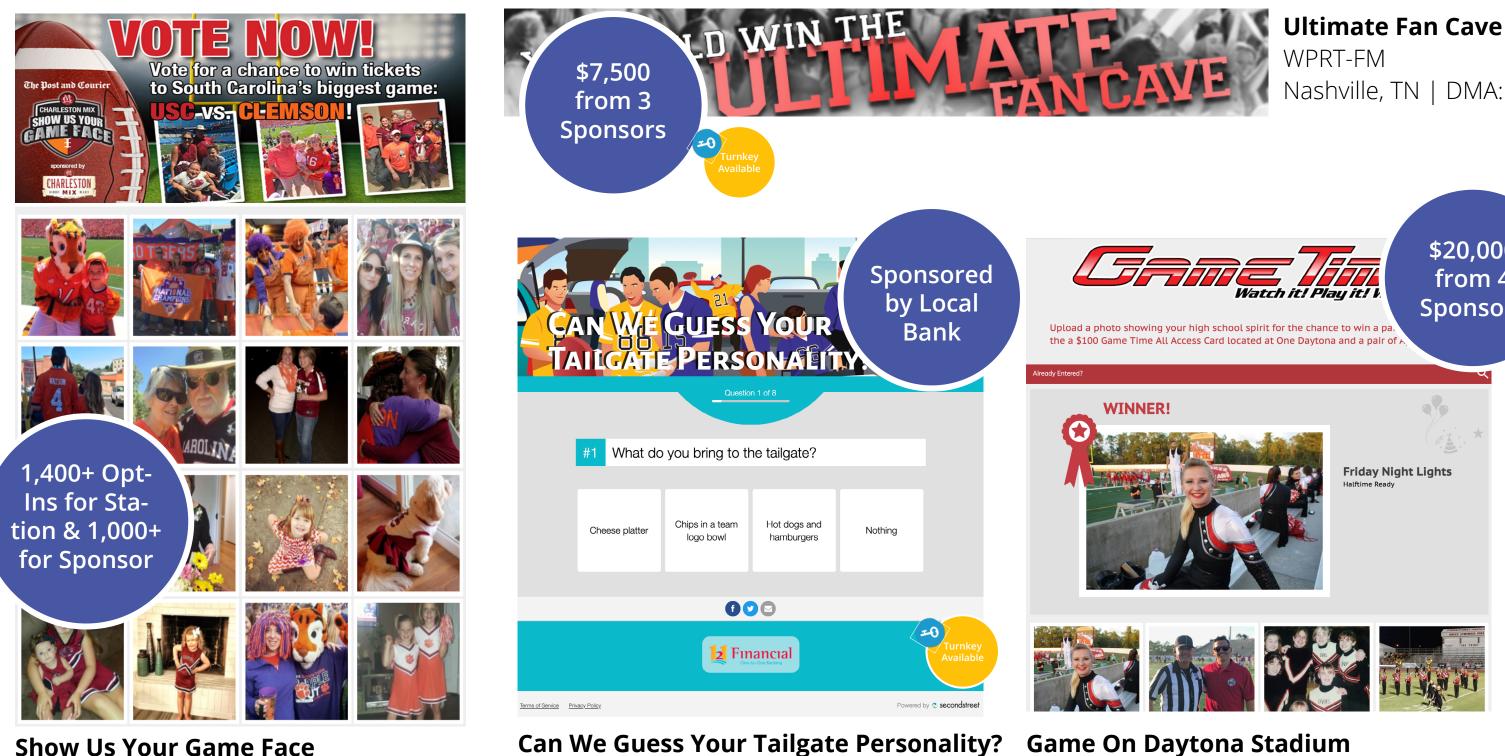
### **THE SOLUTION**

The paper reached out to Wild Wing Cafe, a local sports bar. The restaurant immediately agreed to partner with the *Augusta Chronicle* on the contest. Wild Wing Cafe was so excited, they offered up a second prize of a VIP Tailgate Party. Plus, to drive even more traffic to their restaurant, they included a \$10.00 off coupon in the thank-you email to all participants. The contest was a big hit with the paper's readers and the sponsor.





## **Inspiration for September**



**Show Us Your Game Face** The Post and Courier Charleston, SC | Circulation: 100,000

**Can We Guess Your Tailgate Personality?** The Florida Times-Union Jacksonville, FL | Circulation : 157,000

# Nashville, TN | DMA: 29

\$20,000 from 4 **Sponsors** 

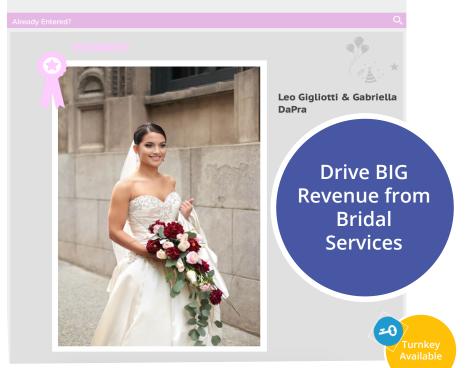
WVYB-FM

Daytona Beach, FL | DMA: 19

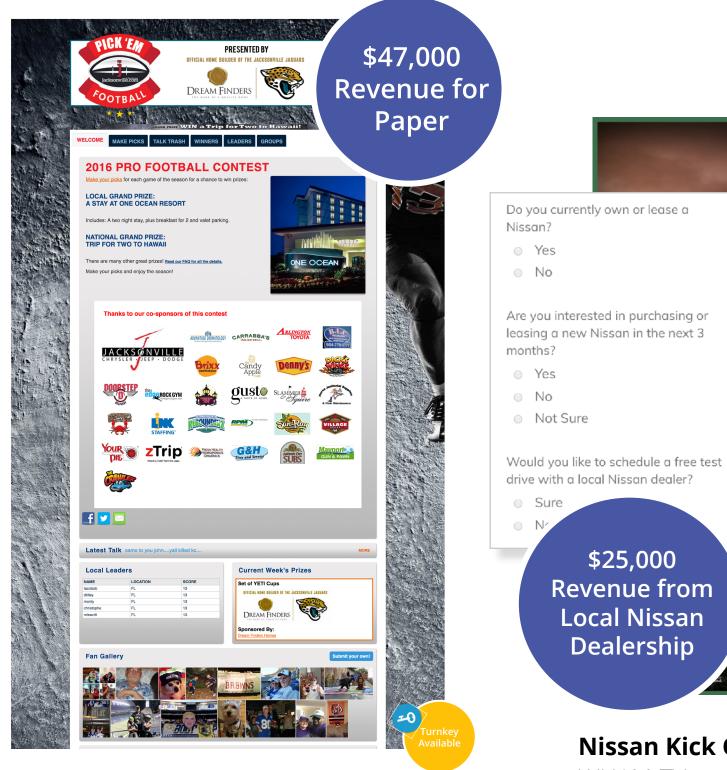
## **Inspiration for September**



Which of these brides should be on the cover of Pittsburgh Magazine's Fall Weddings Issue? It's up to you! We have three finalists to choose from and you get to pick the winner.



Fall Wedding Cover Contest Pittsburgh Magazine Pittsburgh, PA | Circulation: 50,000



**Pick'em Football Challenge** The Florida Times-Union Jacksonville, FL | Circ: 157,000



#### ne with a 2017 Nissan TITAN® XD Platinum Reserve!

How Does It Work? Each week, the station will randomly select (1) finalist from

all entries received that week. That finalist with be announced as the Nissan Kick Off Challenge Fan of the Game before the designated game on FOX Rochester that Sunday. If the game opening kick off is returned for a touchdown - that finalist wins a brand new 2017 Nissan Titane XD Platinum Reserve!

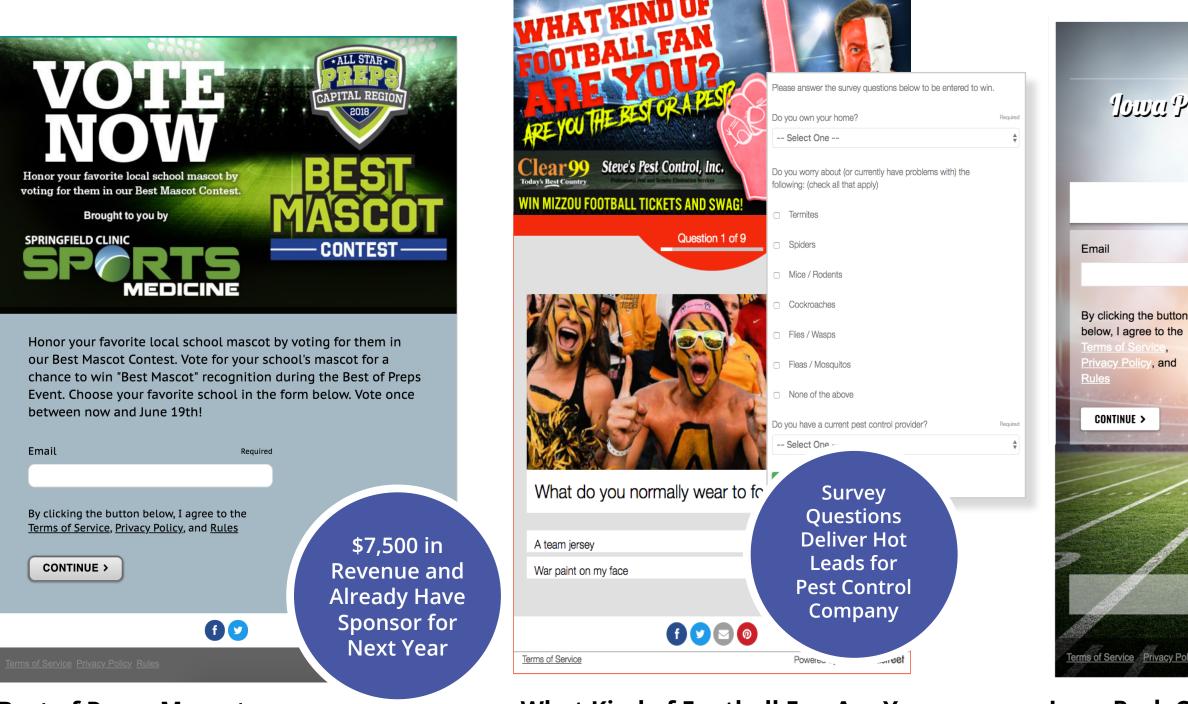
When Will The Finalist Be Drawn Each Week?

Each Friday except for the week of Thanksgiving (finalist will be drawn on Wednesday that week). Can There Be Multiple Winners? Yes, we can award up to two (2) Rochester winners! See



### **Nissan Kick Off Challenge** Rochester, NY | DMA: 79

## **Inspiration for September**



#### **Best of Preps Mascot**

*The State Journal Register* Springfield, IL | Circulation: 50,000

#### What Kind of Football Fan Are You: Are You the Best or a Pest?

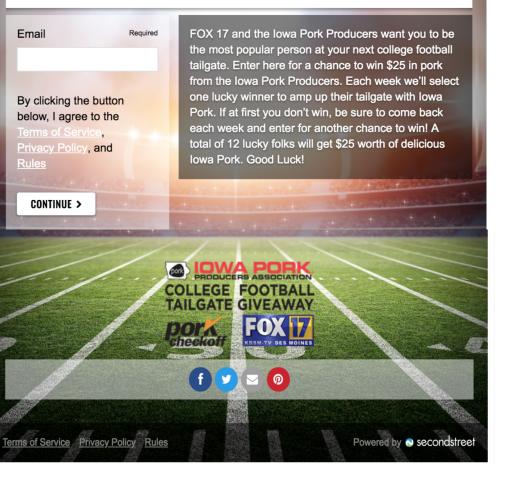
KCLR-FM Columbia, MO | DMA: 137

#### \$11,000 in Revenue

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#### Enter Now to Win!



#### Iowa Pork College Football Tailgate Giveaway

Des Moines, IA | DMA: 72

KDSM-TV

## **FEATURED ADVERTISER NRIII HVAC & Utilities Companies**

With cold weather on its way, HVAC and utilities companies are looking to get in front of their target consumers now. Create custom engagement campaigns to deliver results for them.

## **Plan of Attack:**



**CAMPAIGN IDEAS** 

• Quiz Bundle: What Season Are You?, What's Your Energy Efficiency?, HVAC Repair or Replace - Do You Know?

• Sweepstakes: New AC Unit or Furnace Giveaway



#### **CALCENTIONS**

- How soon are you looking to replace your furnace or AC?
- How old is your current HVAC unit?
- Do you own a home?

### **EMAIL OPT-IN**

Yes, I'd like to receive discounts, product highlights, and helpful home tips from ABC HVAC.

Find more of these including prize ideas and customer needs analysis questions for 30+ advertisers, in the Seller's Guide.

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#### **Football Tailgate Sweepstakes**

Daytona Beach News-Journal Daytona, FL | Circ: 83,169





# OCTOBER

### Advertisers to Target:

- Healthcare
- Seasonal Attractions
- Retail Stores
- Bridal Services



## Which Horror Creature Are You?

#### WAFX-FM | Chesapeake, VA | DMA: 42



I have no memory at all!

I live for my hate of others!

I am very forgiving, after I cut you up!



**Station Secures** \$8,500 Revenue from Local Haunted House

Result



You're a Werewolf! By day, you walk this world as a normal human with a terrible secret. By the light of the full moon you transform into a hideous man-eating doglike monster. Capable of killing dozens by moonlight only to transform back the next morning to remember nothing.

Wicked Whispers is coming September 2018! Haunted Hunt Club Farm is a terrifying Halloween festival featuring the Village of the Dead, the Field of Screams and Hampton Roads' Best Haunted Hayride! MORE INFO HERE

#### **THE GOAL**

WAFX-FM had success the previous year with local haunted house attraction, Haunted Hunt Club Farm, and was looking for a creative contest opportunity for them beyond a traditional enter-to-win sweepstakes.

#### **THE SOLUTION**

The station put together this creative personality quiz. Users answered a variety of questions and were paired with a specific outcome such as Werewolf or Vampire at the end of the quiz. Not only did the station include an email opt-in for the sponsor, they also updated the Results Page of the quiz to include more information about the haunted house and a link to purchase tickets. The station promoted the contest through email, website ads, on-air ads, and on social media.

#### **THE RESULTS**

\$8,500 revenue for station

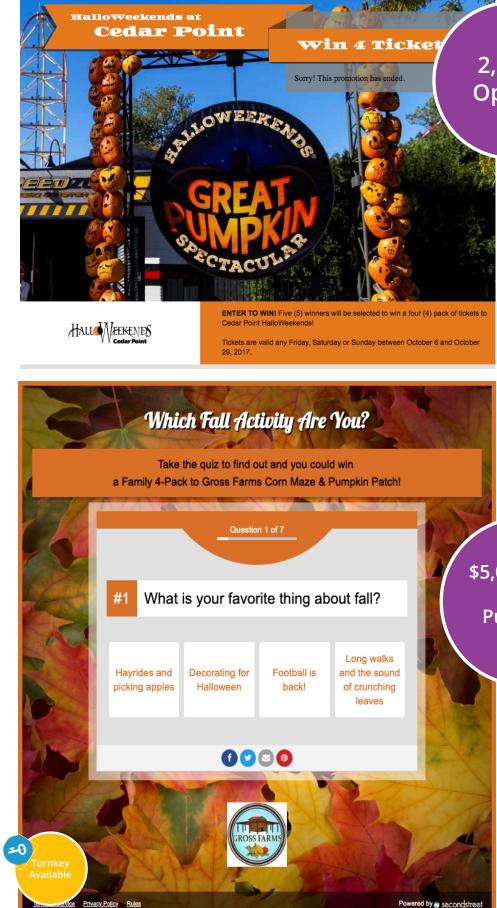
900+ opt-ins

#### **Case Study: Quiz**



## **Inspiration for October**





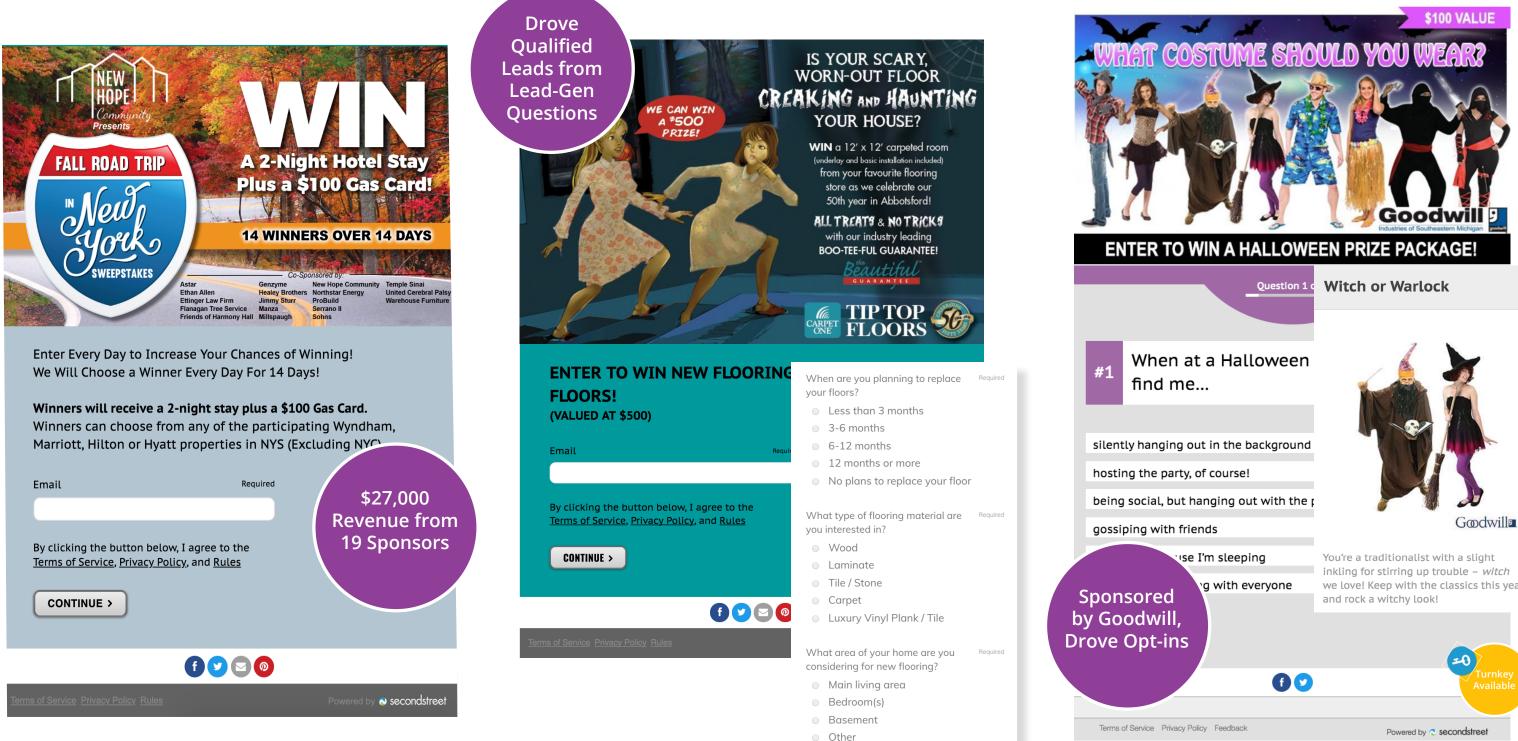
2,000+ **Opt-Ins** 

#### **Cedar Point** Halloweekend **Ticket Sweepstakes** WEWS-TV Cleveland, OH DMA: 18

\$5,000 from Local Pumpkin Farm

#### Fall Fun Activity & Giveaway WKML-FM Fayetteville, NC DMA: 27

## **Inspiration for October**



#### **Fall Road Trip**

Times Herald-Record Middletown, NY | Circulation: 80,000

#### **Squeaky Floor Sweeps**

Abbotsford News Abbotsford, BC | Circulation: 44,500

we love! Keep with the classics this year

#### What Costume Should You Wear The Daily Telegram Adrian, MI | Circulation: 50,000

## **Inspiration for October**



#### Halloween Joke Contest Ballot

St. Louis Post-Dispatch St. Louis, MO | Circulation: 238,000



#### Click to enter more great contests!

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Email Required \$2,000 **Revenue from** By clicking the button below, I agree to the Terms of Service, Privacy Policy, **Escape Room** and Rules CONTINUE > **() () () ()** secondstreet

#### **Escape Room Giveaway**

Times Herald-Record Middletown, NY | Circulation: 80,000



KYTV-TV

# Springfield, MO | DMA: 75

## **FEATURED ADVERTISER OPPORTUNITY** Healthcare

October is a perfect month to target healthcare professionals, clinics, and hospitals as it's a dedicated as National Breast Cancer Awareness month.

## **Plan of Action:**

CAMPAIGN IDEAS

• Quiz Bundle: Test Your Breast Cancer Knowledge, How Much Do You Know About Mental Illness?, How Healthy Are You?

• Sweepstakes: Win a Whiter Smile

#### LEAD-GEN QUESTIONS

- Do you see your primary care doctor on a regular basis?
- Are you considering [teeth whitening, cosmetic surgery, etc.]?
- Where do you get your prescriptions filled?

### **EMAIL OPT-IN**

Yes, I'd like to receive health tips and news about events and local causes from ABC Hospital Group.

Find more of these including prize ideas and customer needs analysis questions for 30+ advertisers, in the Seller's Guide.





# NOVEM BER

### Advertisers to Target:

- Grocery
- Retail Stores
- Financial Services



## Holiday Grocery Dash Contest

#### *Times Herald Record* | Middletown, NY | Circ: 80,000



Enter to win a Shopping Spree where you will get two minutes to grab as many groceries as possible on December 13th at one of three ShopRite locations.

Plus, \$50 Gift Card given away each week!

Enter every day and for every friend that en link, you earn an extra entry! Use our social

\$10,000 Revenue for Paper ow, I agree to the <u>plicy</u>, and <u>Rules</u>



#### • THE GOAL

To capitalize on the season of giving, the Times Herald-Record was looking for a promotion that could really give back to the community while driving revenue and results. And when it comes to November, everyone could use a little help with grocery money.

#### THE SOLUTION

The Great Grocery Dash was a sweepstakes where users would register to win a two-minute shopping spree to a local grocery store. The paper reached out to ShopRite, and the grocery store was thrilled to participate. Not only would the store get the brand awareness on the promotion itself, but they would also collect email opt-ins to grow their database.

#### **THE RESULTS**



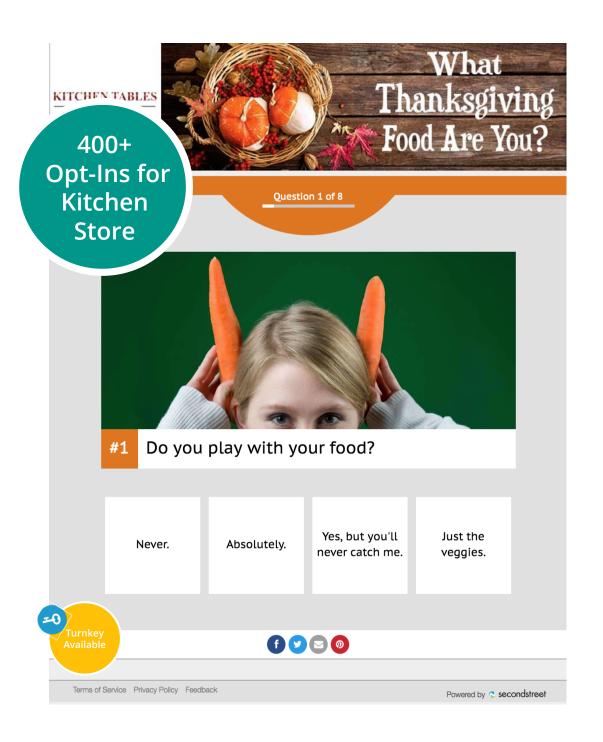


17,000+ registered users





## **Inspiration for November**

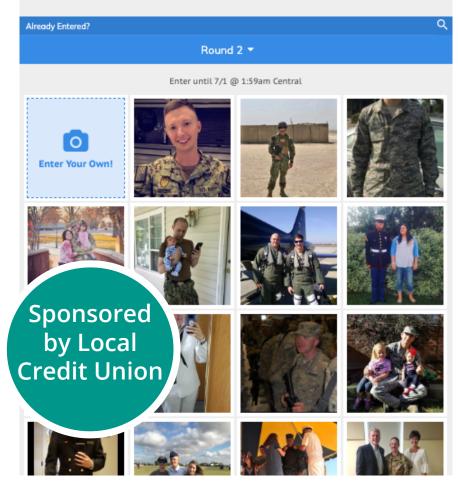


#### What Thanksgiving Food Are You? Quiz

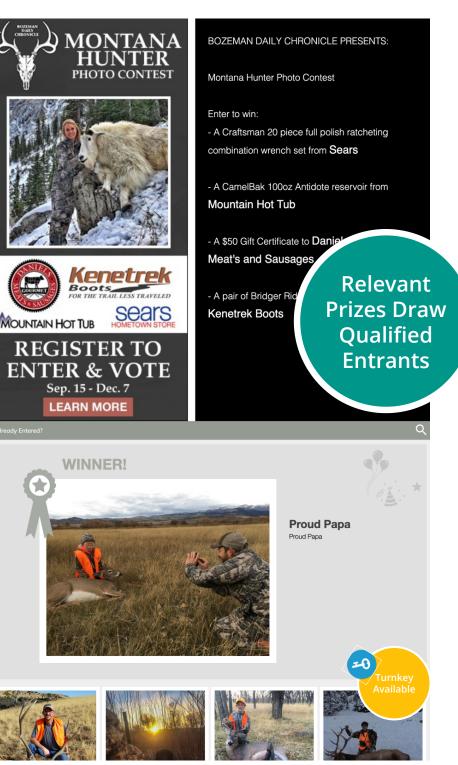
WSNY-FM Columbus, OH | DMA: 32

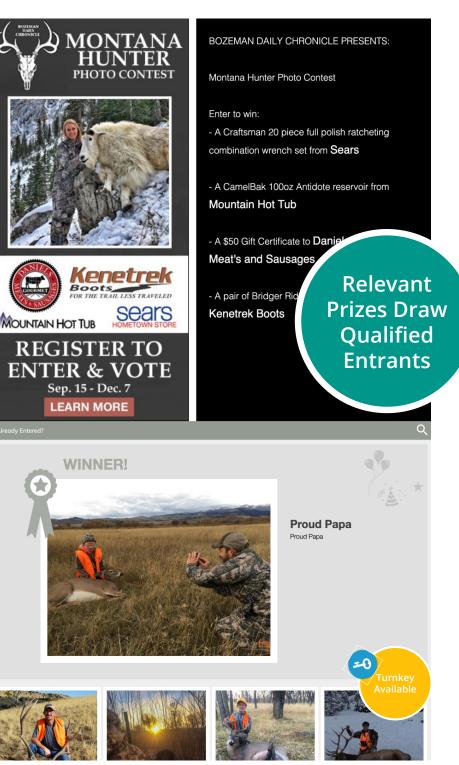


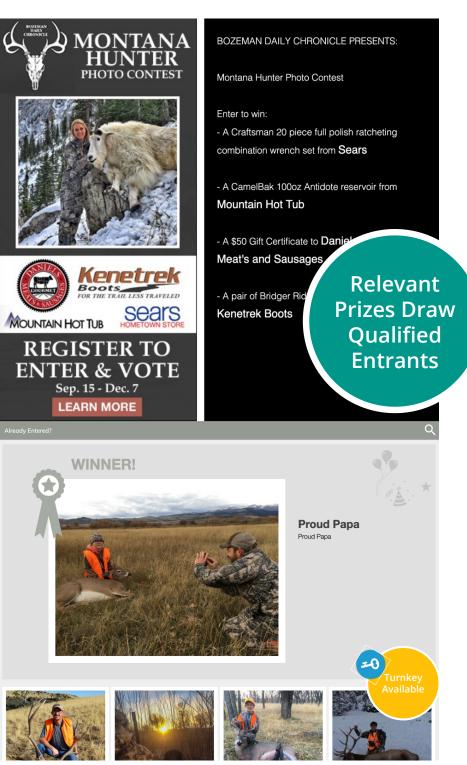
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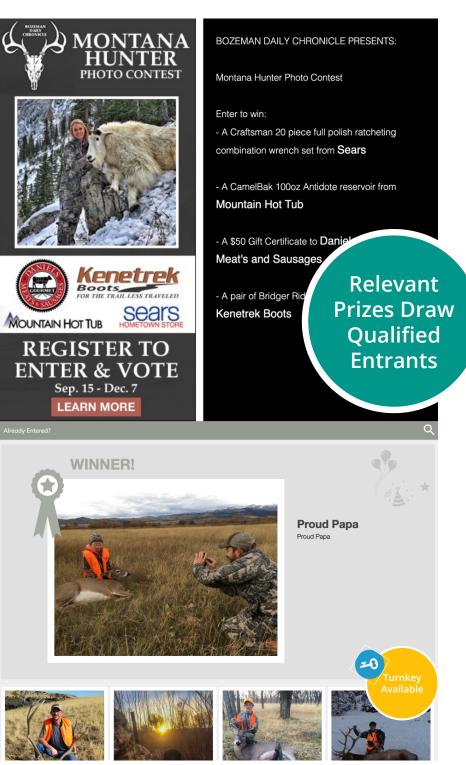


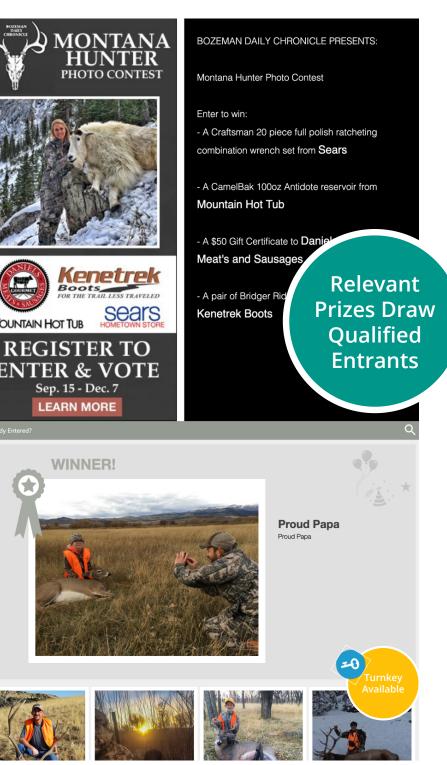
**Care Package for Soldiers** KIFI-TV Idaho Falls, ID | DMA: 162

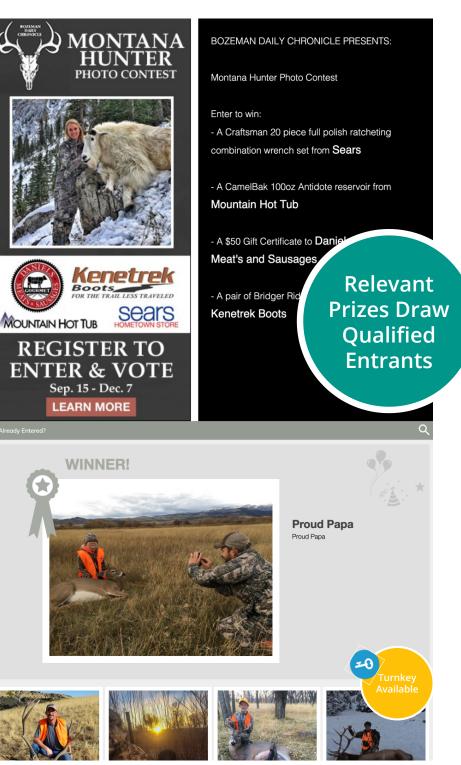






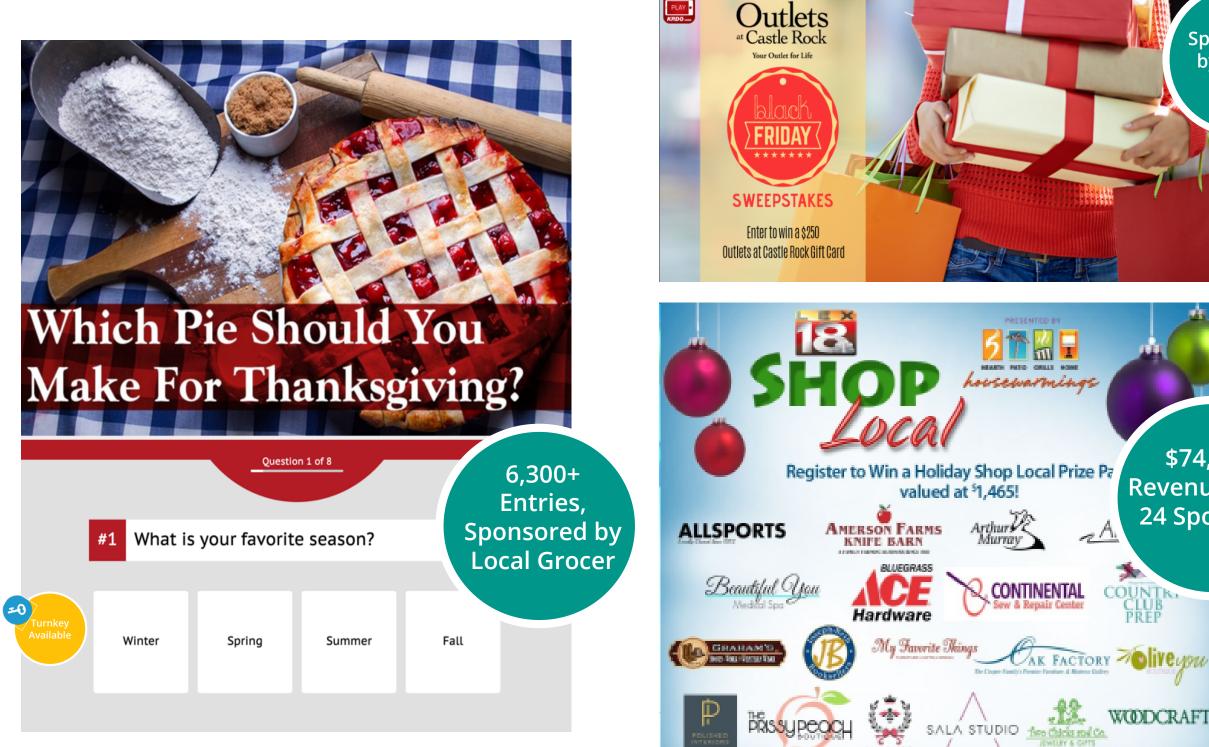






#### **Mountain Hunter Photo Contest** Boseman Daily Chronicle Bozeman, ID | Circ: 17,000

## **Inspiration for November**



Email

#### Which Pie Should You Make for **Thanksgiving? Quiz**

The Columbian Vancouver, WA | Circ: 54,060 Sponsored by Outlet Mall



#### **Black Friday Sweepstakes** KRDO-TV Colorado Springs, CO DMA: 91



\$74,000 **Revenue from** 24 Sponsors





**Shop Local Sweeps** WLEX-TV Lexington, KY | DMA: 64

## **Inspiration for November**



## FEATURED ADVERTISER **OPPORTUNITY Grocery Stores**

Thanksgiving is centered around family and food, so now is the perfect time to approach your grocery stores for targeted advertising opportunities.

## **Plan of Action:**



#### CAMPAIGN IDEAS

• Quiz Bundle: What Thanksgiving Food Are You?, Can You Guess the Calories?, What Should You Make for Dinner?

• Sweepstakes: Giftcard Giveaway or Shopping Spree

#### LEAD-GEN QUESTIONS

- Where do you most often shop for groceries?
- Have you ever shopped at ABC Grocery?
- Who are you most often buying groceries for? (self, family)

### Semail Opt-in

Yes, I'd like to hear about weekly sales and seasonal offerings from ABC Grocery.

Find more of these including prize ideas and customer needs analysis questions for 30+ advertisers, in the Seller's Guide.

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#### **Grocery Dash** KSTU-TV Salt Lake City, UT | DMA: 80 YOU COULD WIN A \$500 Gift Card for Macey's Groceries! **ENTER TODAY!** One lucky winner will receive a \$500 gift card to spend on Email Required Macey's groceries! Enter your email to get started for your chance to win. Good luck! Macey's Anywhere http://maceys.com/anywhere By clicking the button below, I agree to the Terms Macey's Anywhere™ is our online grocery shopping rvice, Privacy Policy, service currently available at all 12 of our Macey's and **Rules** locations. You might not love grocery shopping but guess what, we CONTINUE > do! Let us save you time and energy by doing the shopping for you! We've partnered with Rosie to offer curbside grocery pickup. It's easy, simple and fast. Create an account on Rosie, add items to your cart, select a time to pick up and we'll bring all of your groceries to y car. Macey's Anywhere, Happy Shopping®...online! Shop from anywhere on any device Select a time pickup time that works for you so Pick up your order and you're on way! maceys f 🔽 🖂 🔞 erms of Service Privacy Policy Rules

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