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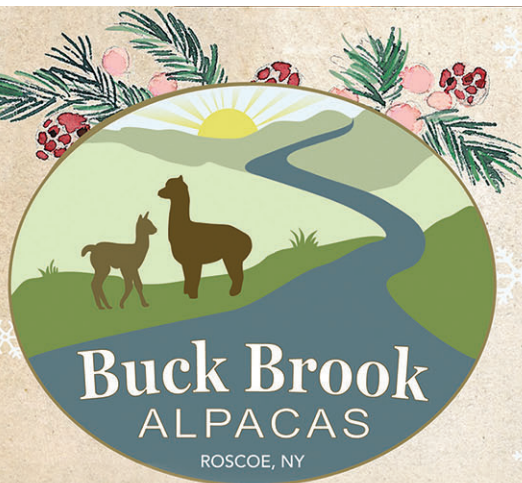
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# Give the gift of presence

**W**ith the holiday season quickly approaching, it's time to start sorting out your gifts and plans.

Sure, you can spend your time finding the perfect gift, or planning the most elaborate holiday party, but when the time comes, the most important thing is to be there in the present moment.

The holiday season is one that is supposed to bring joy to all who celebrate.

Rather than closing off the kitchen and becoming a manufacturing plant for holiday cookies, invite your children and grandchildren in to help. Make it about the

journey, not the destination.

Ask for help. Don't feel like you have to put the entire dinner together alone while everyone else is gathered in the family room spending time together.

You might be able to make something more efficiently if you do it on your own, but food preparation offers a great way to teach youngsters to focus and become task-oriented and appreciate the effort that goes into the food they will be consuming later.

While it's great to gather around the television and put on the game, or your favorite holiday movie, it should not

be the focus of family time. Spend time with the people you might not get to see too often.

Decorations are great, but if you have a singing and dancing snowman, don't be upset when the young guests press the sounds over and over and dance along. If it gets to be too much, find other things for the children to turn their attention to, maybe play a game with them or make a holiday craft.

Depending on how long your guests will be visiting, perhaps it would be worthwhile to visit some local shops in town or a local restaurant.

Sullivan County is home to some beautiful scenic views during the holiday season. Walk along a rail trail to see the snow-dusted trees and ice covered ponds, visit a holiday craft fair, grab some hot chocolate and find a local ice skating rink, or drive around and check out the lights and decorations around the neighborhood.

Whatever you decide to do this holiday season, make sure that you live in the moment. Enjoy your company and allow the joy of the season to reach your soul and bring you the happiness of the season.

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# Delaware Valley Dance Company to perform The Nutcracker

The Delaware Valley Dance Company will perform The Nutcracker ballet on Saturday, November 25 at noon at the Delaware Valley High School Auditorium, 256 US-6, Milford, PA.

This holiday classic can be enjoyed by the whole family. The production features students of The Dance Center, a studio in Sparrowbush, NY that offers classes in ballet, pointe, tap, jazz, and contemporary for students aged three and up.

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Above: Sophia Deyermond will dance the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy in a performance of 'The Nutcracker' on Saturday, November 25 at noon at the Delaware Valley High School in Milford, PA.

Paige Holden and Jackson Loretto will dance the roles of Clara and The Prince in the holiday classic, 'The Nutcracker,' on Saturday, November 25 at noon at the Delaware Valley High School in Milford, PA.



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# Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association to hold holiday market

The Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association in partnership with the Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to announce the inaugural Sullivan Catskills Holiday Market, a spectacular event that will bring together local artisans, vendors, and the community in a celebration of our local small businesses and the holiday season.

The Sullivan Catskills Holiday Market is set to take place on December 9 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. inside the Liberty Mall, located at 15 Sullivan Ave., Liberty.

This special marketplace will showcase the best of Sullivan County's artisans, crafters and businesses offering an array of unique, handcrafted gifts

and delicious treats for holiday shoppers.

Visitors can find the perfect holiday gifts and decorations, from handmade products to one-of-a-kind jewelry and artwork. Discover local businesses and their wares with something to suit every taste and budget. There will also be local food vendors to serve up a variety of options to please your palate.

"We are thrilled to host the first Sullivan Catskills Holiday Market," said Roberta Byron-Lockwood, President/CEO of the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association. "This event is a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate the holiday season while supporting local businesses and artisans. We invite everyone to join us for this festive



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Presents are prepared for wrapping.

occasion and experience the magic of the Sullivan Catskills during the holidays."

The Sullivan Catskills Holiday Market is set to be an unforgettable event for all ages. Mark your calendars, bring your holiday cheer, and join us for a day of shopping, entertainment and community togetherness.

A select number of vendor spots are still available; call the SCVA office at 845-747-4449 for more information.

For more information about the holiday market, please visit the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association website at [www.sullivancatskills.com](http://www.sullivancatskills.com) or follow us on social media for updates.

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This is the 4th year that Sullivan 180 has partnered with Bethel Woods to encourage walking through the lights as a way of getting out and getting active during the winter months. The campaign is also paired with a benefit for the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless. Walkers who bring a new, unwrapped toy will receive one free admission. In addition to collecting toys, a monetary donation will be made for each walker up to 600 walkers who participate. That donation is also matched by community

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organizations such as the Liberty Rotary. All funds support the toy drive or other immediate needs at the Federation.

“The holidays can be a financially and emotionally challenging time for families already struggling to make ends meet. The support provided by Sullivan 180 lets them know that people out here really do care,” said Kathy Kreiter, director at Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless.

Three themed nights will add to the excitement and fun. December 4 schools are encouraged to get creative and show off their school spirit. December 11 is Healthcare Night. Take a much needed break and enjoy a walk with your healthcare colleagues. Returning again on December 18 Sullivan 180 will kick off the Healthiest Fire Department Challenge with the Healthiest Fire Department Challenge Night.



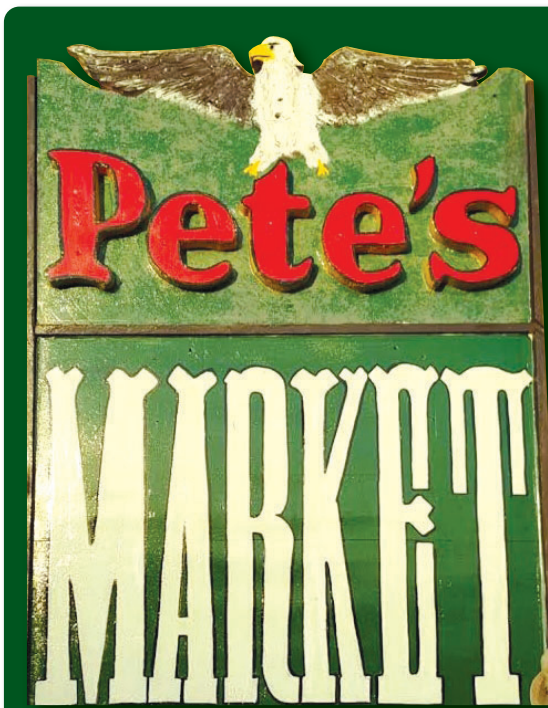
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Peace, Love & Lights at Bethel Woods has many groovy displays as well as many displays that are locally-themed and fun to enjoy. Walking along gives attendees even more time to enjoy the celebration.



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Kicking off at noon on Saturday, December 9th, the Victorian Holiday Wonderland in the hamlet of Callicoon will showcase the retail community, art galleries, and restaurants in all their holiday glam and spirit. Decorated to create the days of



yore, shopkeepers will be dressed in Victorian garb, along with a holiday photo studio, caroling, live music, a holiday market, activities for children, horse and buggy rides, free theater and dance performances, hot chocolate, eggnog, spiced wine, seasonal treats and so much more. You won't want to miss this special day!

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# Feeding your furry family members

BY ANTHONY MORGANO

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It's common knowledge that dogs can't have chocolate, but did you know that ham is also bad for dogs?

Instead, if you have a turkey, your dog can have some, as long as you leave off the skin, fat and bones.

Fruits and veggies that you can share with your pup include carrots, celery, corn (no cob), sweet potatoes, green beans, apples (no core/seeds) and pumpkin.

Fruits and vegetables that you should avoid giving to your dog include garlic, leeks, onions, grapes, raisins, raw potatoes, mashed potatoes and canned cranberry sauce.

Some starches that you can share with your dog include rice and quinoa, but you should avoid giving dogs raw dough, pre-made desserts, pie filling and stuffing.

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The Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre (HPAC) will be hosting a New Year's Eve, Eve celebration, in an elegant and modern 40's night club setting, infused with an art deco vibe. Join us for a night of dinner, dancing, and entertainment in the Grand Ballroom on December 30. Tickets are on sale now for this event at [www.hurleyvilleartscentre.org](http://www.hurleyvilleartscentre.org).

New Years Eve Eve at HPAC promises an unforgettable evening. Guests will be greeted with a one-hour open bar and delightful passed hors d'oeuvres, followed by a sumptuous sit-down plated dinner by Tango Café offering a choice of meat, fish, or vegetarian options. Dessert and a champagne toast to the New Year follows. The night will be set to

live music from a 10 piece New York City based band, ensuring a night of dancing and revelry. Guests are encouraged to dress in their finest festive or cocktail attire, adding to the glamorous ambiance of the event. For those looking to indulge in additional beverages, a cash bar will be available.

Janet Carrus, founder and president of HPAC, expressed her excitement about the event: "At HPAC, we believe in celebrating the human spirit through dance, music and film. The New Years Eve Celebration embodies the essence of joy and camaraderie that we foster at our center. It's not just a night of entertainment; it's an experience that will create lasting memories for everyone attending."



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live music from 1:00pm to 4:00pm featuring Donna and Rick Nestler, John Panella, and Carmine Gontz.

Main Street Dance will have two live performances in the HPAC ballroom. “Trolls Band Together” will be screened at the HPAC movie theater. A Holiday History Hike with John Conway will take place on the western O & W Rail Trail at 1:00pm.

Sponsored by the Hurleyville Hub, Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce and Bold Gold Media, with support from Party Master and Hurleyville – Sullivan First, “Holiday in Hurleyville” is a joyful annual tradition with something for everyone.

Food specials will be available at the Tango Café, the Pickled Owl, La Salumina, and Casa Mia Restaurant. Holiday craft making activities will be held at several locations on Main Street for kids and adults.

A map and guide for all activities will be available at the event and there will be a raffle for prizes.

The Sullivan County Museum will feature holiday gift vendors, refreshments, and the annual Holiday Theme Exhibit from noon to 5:00pm, along with

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# Holiday tree lightings for the upcoming season

BY JUSTIN MEDNICK

It's time for lights to sparkle bright and holiday spirit to shine once again. Sullivan County will be hosting holiday tree lightings all across the County for the public to enjoy.

**BARRYVILLE:** Hosted by Greater Barryville Chamber of Commerce, this event is sure to bring the community together for the holiday season. There will be performances from many different talented artists. This will be held on Sunday, December 3 at 7 p.m.

**BETHEL:** Experience drive-thru holiday winter lights on the Bethel Woods grounds from the comfort of your car with their annual Peace, Love and Lights performance. Enjoy the beautiful



Celebrations start in anticipation of the tree being lit in Callicoon.

lights when you turn off your car's headlights. This will occur throughout the winter season, but will begin on Friday, November 24 at 5 p.m.

**CALLICOON:** Located at Lower Main Street, there will be caroling, bonfires, hot chocolate, s'mores for the kids plenty of spirit to be held. This will take place on Saturday, November 25 at 5 p.m.

**HONESDALE:** The Greater Honesdale Partnership invites you to come to their Winter Wonderland celebration. Shop around the venue with the many vendors that will be in attendance and witness the Santa Parade as well as the tree lighting in Central Park. This will be held on Friday, November 24. The parade begins at 6 p.m. and the tree lighting follows at 7 p.m. Attendance is

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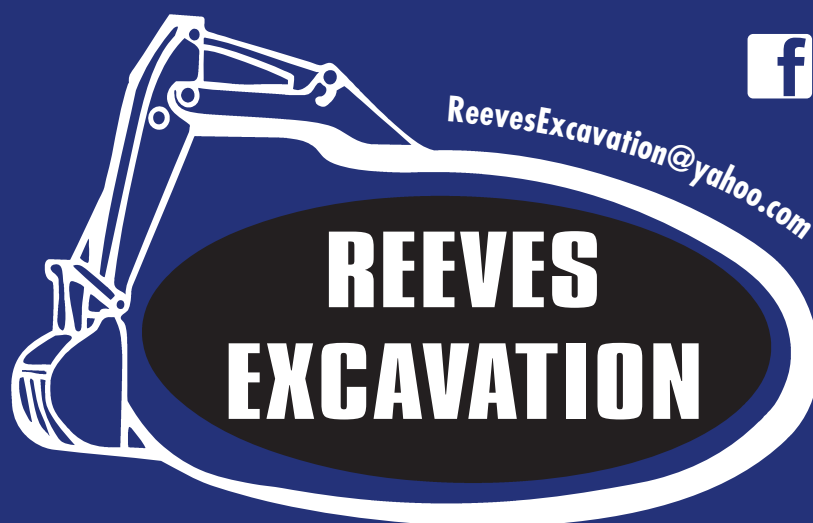
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**NARROWSBURG:** The Narrowsburg Chamber of Commerce welcomes all for the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony. This will be held on Friday, December 1 at 4 p.m. Located on Main Street.

**ROSCOE:** The Roscoe-Rockland Fire Department is hosting a Christmas tree lighting as well as pictures with Santa Claus on Friday, December 1. Santa will arrive at 6:30 p.m. in front of the Fire Department. This will be held at 1964 Old Route 17, Roscoe and it begins at 6:15 p.m.



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This year the party begins at 4 p.m. on Friday, November 24 at the Jeff Bake Shop as Santa Claus will be giving out presents to local youth. Parade lineup is at 6 p.m. at the Sullivan West Jeffersonville campus with a step-off time of 7 p.m.

Named after the Youngsville firefighter who passed away in 1995, the event honors Dworetzky's memory and his dedication to his community with emergency service volunteers taking center stage in the festivities.

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## Holiday Craft Fair in Grahamsville

The Grahamsville United Methodist Church will be hosting a Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, December 2 from 10:00 to 3:00 in their Fellowship Hall. Local artists and craftsmen will be selling their jewelry, ceramics, pottery, and much more. Chili, soup, sandwiches and desserts will be available for take-out only.

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# Create your own themed tree to show

It's time to start planning for the 2023 Holiday Theme Tree Open House at the Sullivan County Cultural Center & Museum in Hurleyville. Hosted by the Sullivan County Historical Society, this year's Open House will be held on Saturday, December 2, in conjunction with the Holiday In Hurleyville Festival.

The Sullivan County Historical Society invites organizations, businesses, and individuals to decorate a tree for display at the event. The decorating theme may be one which represents an organization, a business or an individual flight of fancy and can be in celebration of Christmas, Hanukkah and/or Kwanzaa.

All trees must be artificial (due to fire codes) and not taller than six (6) feet. If a tree is less than five (5) feet, please bring your own table. Note that since the display is in subdued lighting, trees will not be seen at their



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Themed trees from previous years.

best unless they have their own lights.

Trees and displays may be set up between November 21 and December 1 anytime from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

(or call the number below to make an appointment). Exhibits may be removed after January 3, 2024 or by appointment.

The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville. For more information, call 845-434-8044 or [emailscecil@scnyhistory.org](mailto:emailscecil@scnyhistory.org).

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# Loving Leftovers a Turkey Day Tradition

Lots of people look forward to Thanksgiving for a variety of reasons. For some, time spent with the family reigns supreme, while others enjoy spending some quality time on the couch watching football. But for most, the best thing about Thanksgiving is the food. Turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and, of course, leftovers.

Perhaps more than the freshly cooked turkey itself, Thanksgiving celebrants love their leftovers. To many, the joy of the Thanksgiving feast comes on Friday afternoon, when they get their pick of the leftovers litter. Among the more popular choices is the turkey sandwich, such as the following recipe for "Open-Faced Turkey Sandwich with Sweet and Sour Onions," courtesy of The Culinary Institute of America's "The Professional Chef: 8th Edition" (Wiley).

## Open-Faced Turkey Sandwich w/ Sweet and Sour Onions

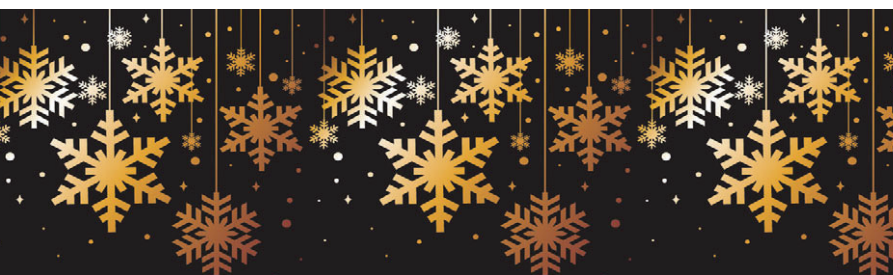
Makes 10 Servings

- 1 pound, 4 ounces onion julienne
- 4 fluid ounces clarified butter
- 4 fluid ounces soy sauce
- 8 fluid ounces duck sauce
- 4 fluid ounces water
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder, or as needed
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger, or as needed
- 10 slices white Pullman bread, 1/4-inch thick, toasted
- 2 pounds, 8 ounces thinly sliced roasted turkey
- 20 tomato slices
- 1 pound, 4 ounces thinly sliced Swiss cheese
- Salt, as needed
- Ground black pepper, as needed

1. Saute the onions in the butter until translucent. Add the soy sauce, duck sauce and water. Simmer until the onions are fully cooked and dry. Season with garlic powder, ginger, salt, and pepper.

2. For each sandwich, spread some of the onion mixture on a slice of toast. Cover with about 4 1/2 ounces of turkey. Spread the additional onion mixture over the turkey. Place two slices of tomatoes on top, then cover the tomatoes with two ounces of cheese.

3. Bake in a 350 F oven until the sandwich is heated through and the cheese is melted. Serve immediately.



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Producer Franklin Trapp enthused, "Our 78th Anniversary Season is an incredible lineup of top-notch, blockbuster and wildly entertaining productions. We believe this season has something for everyone – comedy, incredible music, drama, big dance numbers and, of course, the unparalleled talent we bring to our stage each year!"

The curtain rises in mid-June on Forbidden Broadway's Greatest Hits, an iconic and comic spoof capturing the Best of Broadway. Trapp assures audiences, "This show will provide endless entertainment! Get ready to laugh until your face hurts." This is followed by the poignant How I Learned to Drive, the 1998 Pulitzer Prize-winning drama.

As summer heats up, the Playhouse transports its audience to a musical beach party with Jimmy Buffet's Escape to Margaritaville. It's guaranteed to have everyone singing along. July brings the electric energy of The Prom, straight from its acclaimed Broadway run. Trapp adds, "In addition to our wildly talented NYC professional actors and Resident Company, The Prom will also spotlight The Promsemble – our finest teen talents from the Sullivan Catskills and adjacent counties. Stay tuned for audition information!"

August will indeed be a blockbuster month at the Playhouse, starting with Beautiful: The Carole King Musical, chronicling the life and timeless hits of the iconic Carole King. The summer crescendos with the rock anthem-infused Rock of Ages, bringing the infectious energy of 80s rock back to the Playhouse. The season culminates with the side-splitting comedy, Hand to God, a hilarious romp featuring a twisted ministry group, an overly aggressive puppet (yes, a puppet), plus a dash of comedy, mayhem and fun!

"We genuinely believe this lineup is among the most thrilling we've ever presented," states Trapp, urging theatergoers to take advantage of early ticketing offers. "Now is the perfect time to secure discounts and premium seating with a Flex 6-Pack or a Season Pass."

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