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Ninth Annual Callicoon Holiday Tree Lighting
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Come to Callicoon to officially kick off the Holiday Season with your community at our Ninth Annual Holiday Tree Lighting – starting at 5 pm at The Callicoon Depot.

Join the Callicoon Business Association (CBA) plus Special Guest Host, Jenn Clarke from 98.3 WSUL for the festivities.

There will be a Bonfire with FREE S'mores for the kiddos, a Hot Chocolate Bar, performances from the Sullivan West High School Select Choir and Faith Kelly plus a special



The Callicoon Tree Lighting ushers in the holiday spirit in the hamlet.

visit from Santa!

The CBA will once again be helping to collect toys for the Sullivan West Elementary School PTO's 'Holiday Toy Drive'.

Bring a NEW (unwrapped) toy or other appropriate item and receive a Raffle Entry for a chance to win a \$100 Gift Certificate to the Callicoon Business of your choice!!

Start your Holiday Shopping and visit our local shops and eateries for Small Business Saturday on November 30.

Dickens on the Delaware
Saturday, December 14
Noon – 6 pm
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Dickens on the Delaware showcases the retail community in the picturesque hamlet of Callicoon on the Delaware just in time for your Holiday shopping!!

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Dickens on the Delaware is a step back in time

restaurants will highlight their Holiday goods and dazzle town visitors with their Holiday Spirit. Shopkeepers will be dressed in Victorian garb, with stores, restaurants and the surrounding environs decorated to create the days of yore.

Holiday Markets of Local Artisans & Seasonal Treats, Holiday Photo Studio, Caroling, live Music, Activities for Children, Free Horse & Buggy Rides, Theater Performances, Hot Chocolate & Eggnog & Spiced Wine, and much, much more!

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Walk Through Peace, Love & Lights with Sullivan 180



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Peace, Love & Lights is filled with color that will bring back memories. To enhance the experience, four themed nights will add excitement and fun:

active during the winter months. The campaign is also paired with a benefit for the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless and other community organizations. Walkers who bring a new, unwrapped toy will receive one free admission.

“The holidays can be a financially and emotionally challenging time for families already struggling to make ends meet. The support provided by Sullivan 180 and the community lets

them know that people out there really do care,” said Kathy Kreiter, Director at Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless.

December 2: Schools are encouraged to showcase their creativity and school spirit.

December 9: Kick off the Healthiest Fire Department Challenge with First Responder Night.

December 16: Healthcare Night for healthcare professionals to take a well-deserved break and enjoy a walk with colleagues.

December 23: Participants are invited to wear their favorite festive Holiday attire and donate toys or hygiene products for one free adult admission.

In addition to collecting toys, a monetary donation will be made for each walker up to 600 walkers who participate.

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Peace, Love & Lights is fun for the whole family.

Sullivan 180 is inviting the community to explore Peace, Love & Lights at Bethel Woods up close and personal, out of the car and amidst the magic.

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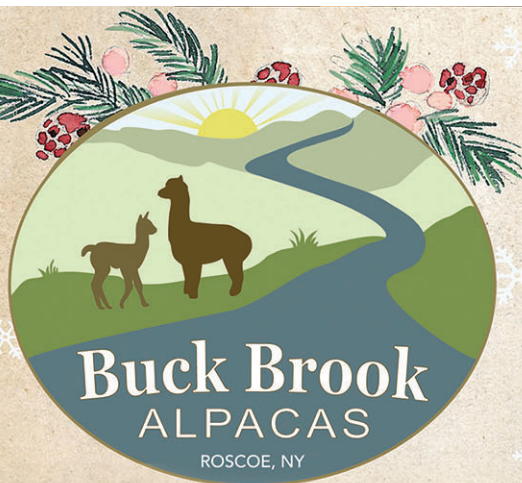
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Radio Catskill hosts One Small Step community listening event

Radio Catskill announces a special "One Small Step Community Listening Event" on Sunday, December 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. at The Arnold House in Livingston Manor, NY. Radio Catskill has partnered with StoryCorps, the national nonprofit dedicated to helping us believe in each other by illuminating the humanity and possibility in us all, one story at a time, as part of StoryCorps' One Small Step (OSS) Radio Station Hubs project.

At the free event, local residents who participated in the One

Small Step program will share their personal experiences with audience members about discovering common ground with someone with different backgrounds and beliefs. The audience will also have the opportunity to engage in a live Q&A session with the interviewees, learn how to get involved, and enjoy some holiday refreshments.

"We're thrilled to be one of only seven radio stations selected nationally to participate in One Small Step this year," said Tim Bruno, General Manager of Radio Catskill. "We're excited to share this work with the community and hopefully improve civic discourse and mend political division."

Isabel Braverman, producer and facilitator, remarked, "Facilitating One Small Step has been an enriching experience. Everyone is welcome to listen to a selection of these recorded conversations and learn more about the process."

The event is free, but registration is required. Please

RSVP by November 28, to mimi@wjffradio.org. For more information, visit wjffradio.org. StoryCorps' OSS initiative

and the Radio Station Hubs program are made possible by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.



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Donna and Rick Nestler.

Live Music with Donna and Rick Nestler at the Sullivan County Museum on December 1

On Sunday, December 1 at 2 p.m., the Frederick Cook Society will present a live music performance featuring Donna and Rick Nestler, a Hurleyville, NY-based duo with over 20 years of touring experience in the US and Australia. They will bring their unique blend of blues, folk, old-timey music, and Tin Pan Alley pop to the stage. Little

Sparrow (Aldo Troiani and Carol Smith) will host the event and open the show with classic rock and folk songs from the sixties and seventies.

The concert will take place at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville. For more information, call 845-434-8044 or visit www.scnyhistory.org.



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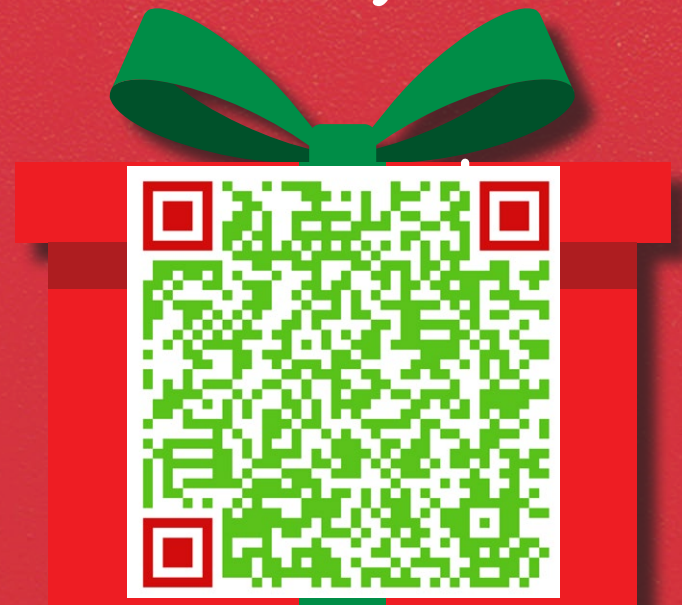


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SCHS Holiday Theme Tree Exhibit

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We would like all trees and holiday decorations to be ready for the annual Holiday in Hurleyville on Saturday, December 7 from Noon – 5 PM. You must provide your own tree and decorations including lights. It can be no taller than 6 feet and must be artificial.

We also welcome Kwanzaa and Hannukah displays.

To reserve your space, email scecil@scnyhistory.org or even call it in at 845-434-8044.

Whichever way you choose, be sure to include the contact person's name, phone number and email address.

Trees may be set up beginning Friday, November 29 until Friday, December 6. They are to remain until after New Year's.

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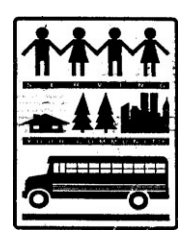


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Delaware Valley Dance Company presents The Nutcracker

The Delaware Valley Dance Company will perform The Nutcracker ballet on Saturday, November 30 at 12 p.m. at the DelawareValley 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 Sparrow Bush, NY that offers classes in ballet, pointe, tap, jazz, and contemporary for students aged three and up.

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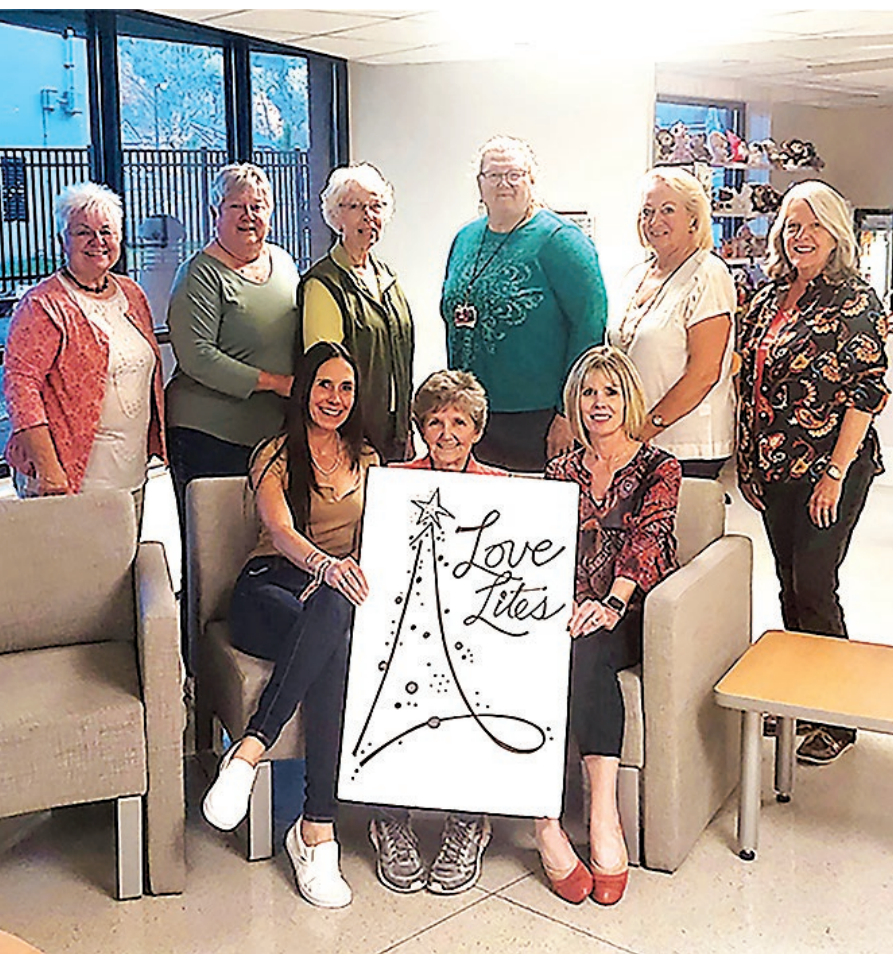
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Love Lites 2022.

Holiday Love Lites honor and remember

The seasonal tree-lighting tradition at Wayne Memorial Hospital to honor and remember loved ones during the holiday season is coming up. The hospital Auxiliary's annual Love Lites program, a fundraising event since 1991, will take place Monday, December 4th, at 6:00pm. The ceremony will include holiday music, a blessing and refreshments. Afterwards, a "Memory Book" will be displayed in the hospital lobby and on the hospital website listing all the names of those honored or remembered. To participate, download a coupon from www.wmh.org, fill it out and send in \$5 for each name "in honor of" or "in memory of" and send to the address on the coupon. "It's a heartwarming event," said Joyce Malicky, Love Lites committee, "and a continuous symbol of love through the holiday season."

The deadline to submit names is December 1st.

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Afterward, guests are welcome to enjoy light refreshments and fellowship. The service will be led by Pastor Rolf Buchmann of Shohola, PA. For more information, call Pastor Buchmann at 570-559-7608 or visit www.milfordbiblechurch.org. All are welcome to attend and celebrate the season in this traditional setting.

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Highlights of the 2025 Season include:

Boeing Boeing – June 17-22
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plenty of laughs and an intricate plot, Boeing Boeing promises to soar as the ultimate comedy of the season. "This play soars right out of its time zone and into some unpolluted stratosphere of classic physical comedy." – The New York Times.

Next to Normal – June 24-29
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Head Over Heels – August 12-24

Featuring the iconic songs of the Go-Go's, Head Over Heels is a raucous musical comedy that follows a royal family's quest to save their kingdom. With 80s

classics like We Got the Beat and Vacation, this production is a high-energy celebration of love and self-discovery.

The Cottage – August 26-31
Closing the summer season with a comedy twist, The Cottage is a side-splitting play that brings a modern sensibility to the skirmishes of love and marriage. Set in an English countryside cottage, the story unfolds with unexpected guests and comic entanglements in this fresh, clever farce.

As always, the Playhouse will offer its Family Fun Production, this year featuring Shrek the Musical, running Thursdays and Saturdays beginning in July.

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10th Annual Christkindlmarkt – Sunday, December 1st, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

The Port Jervis holiday season kicks off with the 10th Annual Christkindlmarkt, a beloved tradition inspired by the charming holiday markets of Germany. This enchanting festival will take place in historic downtown Port Jervis, where the streets will come alive with

twinkling lights, the sounds of holiday music, and the irresistible aromas of seasonal treats.

More than 100 vendors will line the streets offering a wide array of unique gifts, local goods, specialty foods, handmade crafts, and more. New this year, vendors will also be inside the R.H. Smith Mercantile Building (22 Jersey Ave.), directly across from the Erie Depot, as well as inside the Erie Trackside Manor (1 Jersey Ave.).

A highlight of the festival will be the return of the Jingleheimer German Band, adding a festive touch with their lively tunes. Families can also enjoy a



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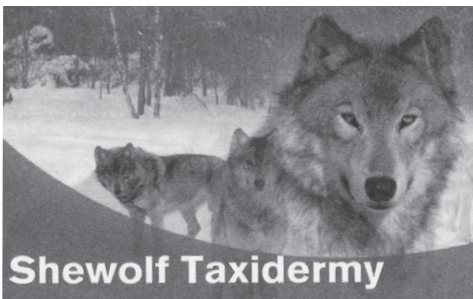
bring their trademark silliness and holiday spirit to life. Enjoy some delicious roast beast, play games, create holiday crafts, and take photos with your favorite characters from the Grinch's

world. This family-friendly event invites everyone to come dressed as their favorite Whoville character! Like all Port Jervis holiday events, Whoville Returns is free to attend, with free parking

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Theatre on the Road's interactive dinner theater performance of 'A Christmas Carol' returns for its 25th year

It wouldn't be the holiday season without Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," and it wouldn't be a Hudson Valley holiday season without Theatre on the Road's live performance of the nostalgic classic. For 25 years, Theatre on the Road has been sharing their family-friendly tribute at some of the region's most loved venues, and next month the traveling theater troupe returns with a run of 13 shows over 11 dates (listed below) at locations including the historic Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck, the accessible Venue Uptown at the Best Western in Kingston, and the stunning Hudson House Distillery in West Park.

True to the traditional tale, guests can experience the joy of Christmas as they're invited to feast with the Cratchit family: Bob, Mrs. Cratchit, Belinda, and everyone's favorite—Tiny Tim. In scenes right out of Dickens' classic novel, you'll be treated to visits from Ebenezer Scrooge, his Nephew Fred, the Woman of Goodwill, the ghost of Jacob



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Marley, and the three spirits of Christmas. Included within the ticket price of this live and interactive performance is a three-course dinner and Victorian holiday carolers as tableside entertainment both before the show begins and during the dinner break.

Adapted from Charles Dickens' classic, the script was written by Theatre on the Road founders Frank and Kristen Marquette. Kristen is also providing her high-quality handmade costumes, while Frank, who is also the producer and co-director, will be sharing the role of the Narrator with Ellen Pavloff. Marisa Gorsline, who is co-directing this year, is a 20-year veteran of musical theater and acappella Victorian caroling.

This 25th anniversary production also features the talents of Griffin Stanger, Bob Greffrath, Dennis Wakeman, Steven Giammettei, Erin Hebert, Heather Roland Franco, Joe

Maxwell, John Thayer, Scarlett Gorsline, and Georgie Berman. The 2024 season lineup includes:

Sun., December 1 at 1pm & 5pm: The Beekman Arms, Rhinebeck

Sun., December 8 at 5pm: The Meadowbrook, New Windsor

Mon., December 9 at 6pm: VFW, Kingston

Wed., December 11 at 7pm: The Beekman Arms, Rhinebeck

Fri., December 13 at 6pm: Historic Hotel Broadalbin, Broadalbin – SOLD OUT!

Sun., December 15 at 4pm: Restaurant Six at Curry Estate, Hopewell Junction

Wed., December 18 at 7pm: The Venue Uptown at the Best Western, Kingston

Thurs. & Fri., December 19 & 20 at 6pm: Buttermilk Falls Inn, Milton

Sat. December 21 at 12pm: Soyuzivka Heritage Center, 216 Foordmore Rd, Kerhonkson

Sat., December 21 at 7pm: Hudson House Distillery, West Park

Sun., December 22 at 7pm: The Eldred Preserve, Eldred

“This annual event has grown to become a Hudson Valley holiday tradition for many of our audience members, and we’re thrilled to share the joy that this classic story brings,” says co-owner Frank Marquette.

Originally founded in Las Vegas, Theatre on the Road owners Frank and Kristen Marquette moved the company to the Hudson Valley in 2009. In the ensuing years, they cemented the brand’s reputation for quality shows with high-

caliber actors by performing at some of the region’s top venues, entertaining nearly 100,000 people in seven states and two countries. Interviews and press passes to upcoming events are available.

Photos of past “A Christmas Carol” performances are available upon request.

Theatre on the Road, founded by Frank and Kristen Marquette, offers traditional theatre pieces such as Poe Live, A Christmas Carol, Whiskey Women, War of the Worlds, Dracula, Arsenic and Old Lace, and A Taste of Shakespeare. These productions, along with a selection of music, comedy, drama, and variety shows are available to be performed at almost any location including cafes, restaurants, theaters, performance spaces, and schools. Theatre on the Road also specializes in “living history” and produces and performs at historic sites in Kingston, Hurley, Woodstock, and Rhinebeck, New York.



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Volunteers are working to ensure that all veterans laid to rest in three Roscoe area cemeteries: Westfield Flats, Riverview and Beaverkill are honored this December on National Wreaths Across America Day. Roscoe will be one of more than 4,700 locations to participate in the national event on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at noon. The Roscoe ceremony will be held at the Westfield Flats Cemetery, 1955 Old Route 17. The ceremony will bring the community together in patriotic commemoration, and volunteers will place wreaths in all three locations.

This event is open to the public. All veterans, active-duty military and their families as well as the local community are invited and encouraged to attend. Come and learn more about Wreaths Across America's yearlong mission

to Remember the fallen, Honor those that serve, and Teach the next generation the value of freedom.

The Wreaths for Roscoe campaign is asking for community and business support. Each wreath sponsorship costs \$17. The sponsorship goes toward a fresh balsam wreath to be placed on the headstone of an American



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Above: Last year United States Air Force Veteran Dick Smith received a ceremonial wreath from Roscoe-Rockland Ambulance Corps Captain Karrie Jara to lay alongside the road.

Left: Last year Patrick Killian played Taps to close out the Wreaths Across America event in Roscoe.

hero as we endeavor to honor all veterans laid to rest at the Westfield Flats, Riverview, and Beaverkill Cemeteries this December. Wreaths Across America is the non-profit organization best known for placing wreaths on the headstones of our nation's fallen

at Arlington National Cemetery.

To sponsor a wreath and be part of Roscoe's efforts to remember, honor and teach, please go to www.wreathscrossamerica.org/NY0414. Contact Valorie Rittendale at theritts@frontier.com for further information.

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Peter Horn, who has brought holiday cheer to Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York for years, continues the tradition started by his father, the Reverend Gilbert Horn.

This 70-minute performance is suitable for all children ages 5 and older and promises to be a festive and heartwarming experience. Donations are \$5 per individual or \$10 per family. For more information or questions, email libertynyumc@gmail.com.

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