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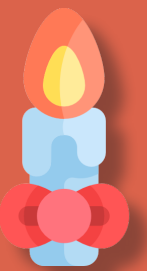
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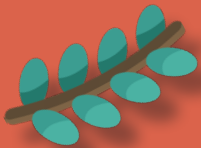
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Editor's letter: Holidays, wrapped in potato prints

It's Holiday Season 2021, and the world is slowly opening.

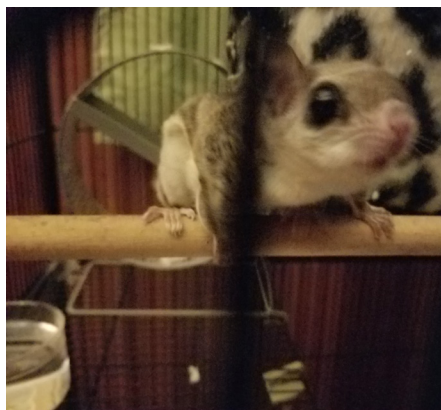
It's not the same. We're juggling change and the anxiety that comes with it. It's hard. But the **River Reporter** is here to offer something to make part of the holidays a little easier.

Planning something special food- or drink-wise? Writer Jane Anderson gives you a list of local breweries or restaurants that will give you something marvelous for the bar or wine glass. (Or coffee cup). And then we top it off with delicious edibles: three bakeries in our region that will put sweets and savories on your table.

For those who can't shop the way they used to, or who want to embrace a simpler time, Hunter Hill and Amanda Weisenmiller give us a DIY holiday. Make your own cards and wrapping paper!

Sometimes we decorate for the beauty of it, and sometimes because the items or ornaments have special meaning. Two **River Reporter** staff members share photos and stories. What are yours?

Counselor Kim Olver gives us her wisdom on the challenge of interacting with family and friends who believe differently from us. How do we get to a place of non-judgment? Follow her advice.



RR photo by Joe Cooke
Slightly fuzzy, just like the real Squirrel. He came down the chimney a few years ago and refuses to leave. If you give him a peanut he vibrates with pure joy.

You might be looking for something to do as the season winds on. Roger Snedeker has put together a list of events, scheduled as of this writing. Check back online for more!

Welcome to the holiday season, 2021. Different, of course, from what's gone before, but the elements of happiness are still there. Seek them out.

Annemarie Schuetz
Section editor

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A collection of ornaments made by family and friends. The good ship Titanic is an exception.

Homemade, handmade

By ANNEMARIE SCHUETZ

There's something special about homemade ornaments. Each one represents the skill and love of the person who made it.

Many of our ornaments date back to the 1970s, when families had little money and prices were skyrocketing due to inflation. My mother-in-law had a tree filled with clothespin superheroes, small needlework creations, special crafted things.

We inherited several of the homemade ornaments and added to them over the years. The toilet-paper-roll Santa, made by our daughter in kindergarten. My mother-in-law's handmade lace snowflakes, starched and bright white against our (fake) tree. Metal ornaments made by our friend Sue. My husband's steel and aluminum pieces, made after his workday at the metal shop was over.

The Good Ship Titanic is an exception. My husband bought the ship ornament and dubbed it Titanic, commemorating a year remarkable for its awfulness. The family survived the Titanic year, but that moment is frozen for us in a little ship that bobs on the tree, reminding us to be grateful.



RR photo by Barbara Winfield

This 79-year-old ornament has traveled with me throughout my life.

A treasured keepsake

By BARBARA WINFIELD

My parents were married in the spring of 1941, eight months before Pearl Harbor. My father was drafted into the Navy the following year. Because my mother was pregnant with my sister, he was given a six-month postponement and wouldn't have to ship out until January, 1943.

December 1942 was a bittersweet time for my family; this was my sister's first Christmas and could possibly be my father's last. My mother wanted to make it as festive as possible. This ornament was purchased that year, one of a set of six. Note the top holding the string is waxed paper; because of the war, metal was being rationed.

Fortunately my father survived the war and came home two years later. I arrived in November 1946 in time to celebrate a very merry peacetime Christmas!

This 79-year-old ornament has traveled with me throughout my life, decorating decades of Christmas trees, surviving many moving days and numerous playful cats. For me, one of the best parts of the holiday season is decorating the tree. I'm always amazed at how each ornament is filled with special memories of Christmases past.

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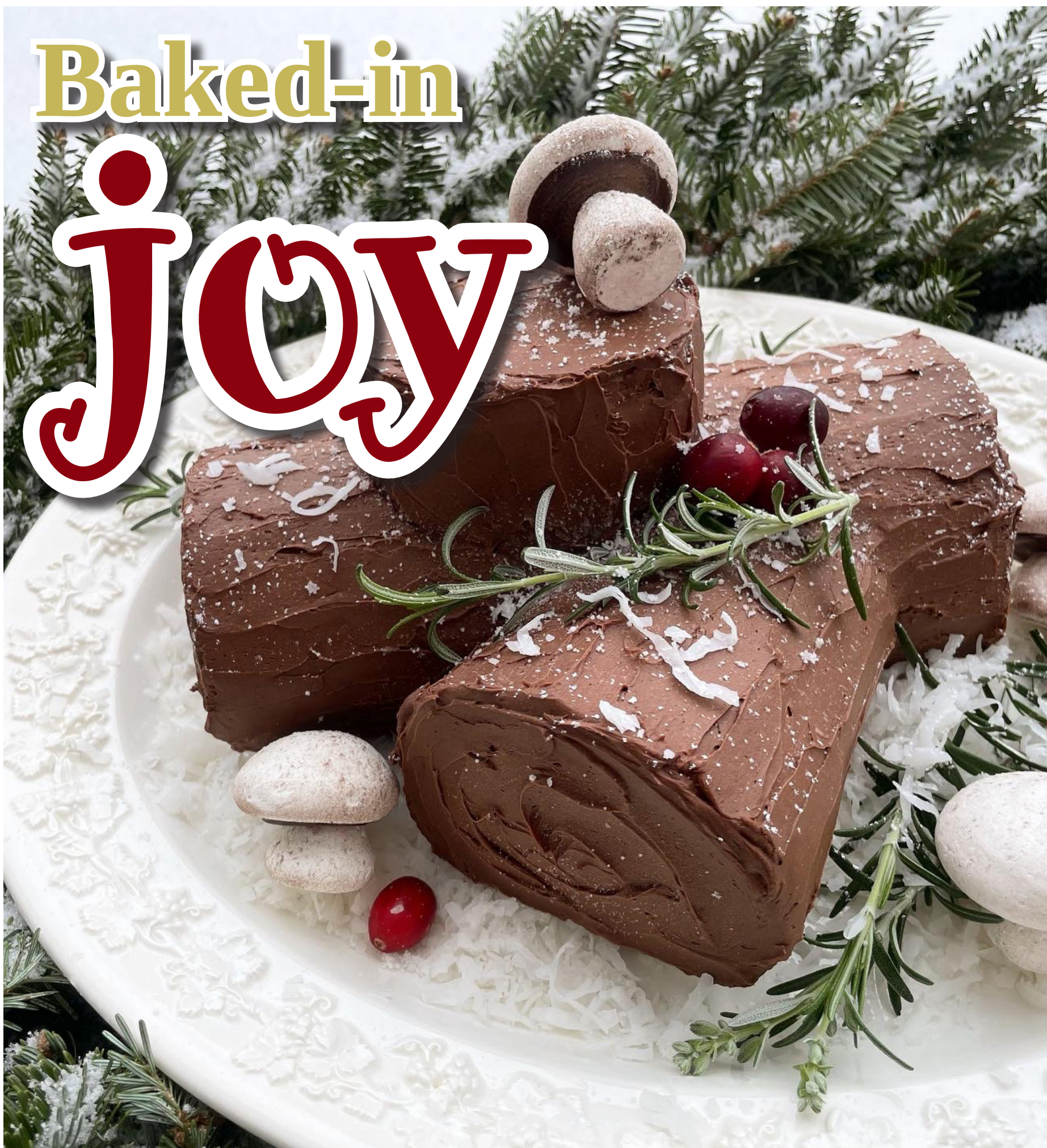


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The Yule log, in cake: a Bûche de Noël from Beach Lake Bakery.

By ANNEMARIE SCHUETZ and LIAM MAYO

You can keep your turkeys, stuffing and squashes. For some of us, the winter holidays are all about the baked goods.

Cakes, pies, breads. Cookies and more cookies, the fancier and more brightly colored the better. (One year Annemarie made Julia Usher's peacock cookies, made brilliantly blue with gel coloring, and overdid it a bit. The color was great, it

was perfect—but it turned the eater's mouth blue. For days.)

For those who don't want to bake, or who don't want to make all the things, our region sparkles with bakeries. These folks are talented and guess what—their goods won't turn your mouth blue.

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What are your most popular items?

Our gingerbread cookies, lemon-glazed ginger cakes, meringues, decorative breads, and our Bûche de Noël.

What do you love best about the season?

We love this festive season because it's almost always a guarantee that the people around you feel cheerier and friendlier.

What do you like best to make?

We always look forward to baking holiday cookies and cakes.



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A sourdough wheat boule from Beach Lake Bakery.



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Pumpkin pie on the table at the Jeffersonville Bake Shop.

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Are there specialty baked goods that you only make around the holidays?

We have seasonal pies that we make for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Around Thanksgiving, pumpkin spice is the flavor that people are craving, so that might go into a muffin, a scone, a cheesecake. For Christmas, we'll turn to peppermint, ginger, cranberries and orange spice.

What are some of your more popular holiday baked goods?

Pies, pies, pies. Yes, they are traditional, but they are also the perfect dessert for sharing with a crowd.

What else do you do?

We can also put gift baskets together for the holidays. Our little marketplace is filled with gifts made right here in the Catskills that you can add to your basket of fresh treats. They make a wonderful gift!



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Pastry pinwheels, safe for celiacs. From County Road Bakery.

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County Road makes gluten-free baked goods, so even the strictly gluten-free can enjoy the holidays. "People deserve to have good food," said co-owner and baker Alex Matsu.

Your facility is safe for celiacs?

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What special holiday items do you sell?

Crescent rolls, stuffing, apple cider doughnuts, banana bread, pumpkin pie. People can pick up [the food] at our farmstand in Fremont Center.

And you have savory pastries.

My dad bakes the morning pastries. We have ham and cheese, blueberry and Swiss cheese. There's chicken pot pie. That way everyone has something that's good and delicious.

Why did they start a gluten-free bakery? Read the full interview with Alex Matsu at County Road, at <https://www.riverreporter.com>.

And for you home bakers, here's some bonus advice from the Jeff Bake Shop:

Our advice is: Invite others to help, have fun and get messy. Turn on some festive music and make it a fun experience from start to finish. Enjoy the time you spend together and then, of course, the delicious treats when they're ready!

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Tater wrap

DIY wrapping paper is as easy as one potato, two potato, three

By AMANDA REED

You've checked your list and bought the gifts. Now comes the fun part: wrapping them all. While wrapping paper can be bought easily at any store, making your own can be twice as rewarding at a fraction of the price. It can also be a great way to keep kids occupied on colder days. (Just remember to supervise them and that you may need to make the stamps for them.)

Regular stamping supplies can be expensive, but a bag of potatoes and some paper is relatively cheap.

What you need

Potatoes
Water-based paint
A kitchen knife
A paring knife (or X-Acto knife)
Paper large enough to wrap your gift

Directions:

Cut a potato in half

Cut in half with a kitchen knife; which way you choose depends on your size and design. Generally, cutting them lengthwise works best if your potato is thick enough.

Draw a shape

Use a pencil or marker to draw the desired shape onto the surface of the potato. Be creative, yet simple with your drawing. The more complicated the drawing, the more likely you'll have problems cutting your design out. Stars, lines and plain geometric shapes can be made fancy with a bit of texture.

Cut your design

Trim around your drawn shape with a paring knife or an X-Acto knife, leaving the design raised on the surface of the potato.

Bonus: Using a serrated knife will give a textured surface. Use a fork or skewer to make tiny holes in the potato for added design interest.

Add paint

Pour some paint on a small plate and dab the potato in it lightly. The goal is to evenly coat the surface while not over-saturating it.

Stamp it

Do a few test stamps on scrap paper to get an idea of how much paint is too much on your stamp. If there is too much paint, it will slip or create a blotchy image. You might find that stamping once on scrap paper, then using your potato on your real paper makes it easier.

You should be able to use the stamp several times before needing to dip it in paint again. The potato can be rinsed after use and used again with another color.

Let dry

Let the paint dry completely before decorating or finishing the design.

Bonus Tips

Newspapers can be a fun print to use and decorate. Try pulling pages from an old **River Reporter** and stamping over them.

Sprinkling a small amount of glitter on top of the drying paint can make a design pop. Remember though, the excess glitter will need to be shaken free from the paper.

Simple shapes can be decorated when the paint is dry by using markers or by painting decorations on top of the stamped area. A square stamp could be turned into a gift with just a few lines of paint to make a ribbon. A circle could be an ornament with just a hook added to the top.

Reverse stamp: Use a small cutter to make a shape in the potato. You'll get the potato shape with the paint and the design will be a negative. Cookie cutters, apple corers, pumpkin carving tools and other utensils can be used to make a shape in the potato.

Don't limit yourself to potatoes. Pumpkin pieces, carrots, and apples are great stamp-making material.

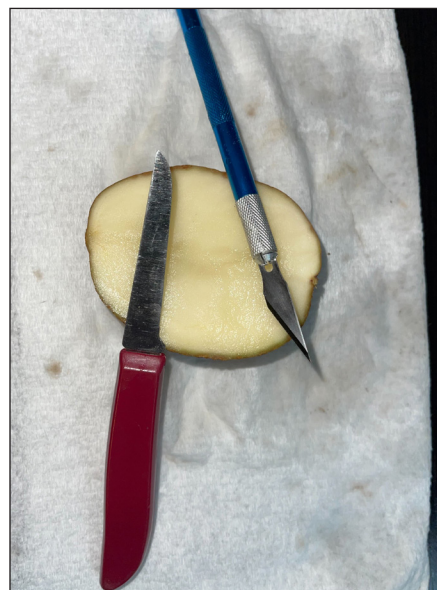
This technique can be used for more than just holiday presents. You can make custom cards, birthday paper, or even stamp a wall.

If you don't get your stamping all done the first day, rinse the potato clean, add a wet paper towel and put it in an air-tight container in the refrigerator. The potato should be good for another day or two.



Slice the potatoes in half lengthwise.

RR photos by Amanda Reed



Get your tools: a paring knife or X-Acto knife. And, of course, your potato.



Draw the image you want to stamp on your potato.



Carefully cut the shape out. We added paint to this to make it easy to see.



Lightly coating the potato is key. Too much paint makes a blotchy mess on the paper.

*Want to see the end result?
Flip back to the cover!*

Best gift, ever

By ANNEMARIE SCHUETZ

If it could only happen, this year's top gift might be a return to the way things used to be.

That's the sense one gets from talking to counselor and **River Reporter** columnist Kim Olver. That this raw longing for pre-COVID holidays, pre-COVID socializing, pre-COVID life underlies much of the rage people and families are dealing with now.

There's no question that the pandemic has changed celebrations.

Last year, holidays were "typically smaller and people connected over Zoom," Olver said. Some chose to disregard COVID precautions and held a normal holiday gathering. Some did nothing.

"It depends on how safe people felt," she said. "Some people declined to have others over. There was anger and frustration."

What will happen this year? "It's so varied," she said. "I imagine the same will be true this year. People are weary of the pandemic and they want it to be over."

Which leads to the thorny subject of beliefs.

We surround ourselves with information with which we're comfortable, and the tendency to accept something that supports your beliefs is human nature. "Suspend judgment" of others, she said. Sometimes it's not possible to convince another that what you believe is right. Or for them to change your mind.

"Masking, social distancing, whatever people decide to do, they need to take responsibility for their own health," Olver said. "Know the risks and make decisions based on those risks. Don't judge."

Judgment vaccine

Being able to hold off on judging others is a kind of inoculation against rage, against division. It goes a long way toward healing rifts.

"Think about perceptions," said Olver. "They're individual. They're based on your five senses."

Knowledge comes from the information our senses give us. "You will have completely different opinions based on the knowledge you have."

Experiences differ too. Just because you went through an experience doesn't mean others did. And even people who shared an experience come out of it differently, because of their previous

experiences or because of their differing knowledge.

"People have such faith around what they believe, around what they know," Olver said.

Not passing judgment means taking a step back and remembering that this other person has different experiences and different knowledge.

Choice v. safety

Then there are values. Some people focus on the right to choose, others see the right to safety. Each group believes that their preference is correct. "There may be more than one right," Olver said. When you start pushing your preference, "people turn away from you."

What can be done? "Stay open," she said, "to the possibility that they may be right."

Taking responsibility

As a specialist in choice theory and reality therapy, Olver sees the ability to choose and to accept others' choices as key in interactions. But that also means that people should take responsibility for their choices and what happens afterward.

"What is the reality?" she asked. "Not

everyone is vaccinated, not everyone will wear a mask." At the same time, a business can choose to not allow unvaccinated people in.

When it comes to the holidays, "there is no fighting reality." People will make the choices that are best for them. We have to accept that.

"The person who is lonely might feel hurt," if relatives prefer not to visit. "Don't try to change their minds," she said. "People are not making decisions lightly."

Getting back to normal

"We want everyone to think like we do," Olver said, "because then we can get back to normal."

Fear lies underneath the rage and the hurt. Fear that things will never be "normal" again.

We get angry, she said, at the people who behave stupidly—and remember, they are defining stupid differently.

Can we get past those barriers?

It's not hard, and yet it might be the hardest thing to do.

"If you truly listen, they might listen to you," she said. "It's not an easy path to walk, but it's the path that brings the most peace."

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Heralding the holidays

By HUNTER HILL

It's post-Thanksgiving and the last of the leftovers are being weeded out of the fridge for the 13th meal in a row. Work resumes and day-to-day routines start up again as you begin the final push towards Christmas, Kwanzaa, Chanukah, or maybe just the idea of a brief winter vacation. As you check the mail you begin to see cards from loved ones, acquaintances, and occasionally someone you struggle to remember knowing. (it's OK, we all have those).

Christmas cards, holiday cards, end-of-year family portraits, and even letters with a multi-page yearly update on the family begin to arrive before, during and throughout the holiday season. It's something that has been a tradition for millions over the years and can be as simple as a photograph or as elaborate as collaborating with the family to wear matching sweaters in June in order to have the Christmas logistics all wrapped up in time before the holidays.

With technology these days, it's easier and cheaper than ever to mass-produce these mementos that collect on family fridges over the years. Where you may have had to pay to print photos before, you can now just send a digital card or email to your family and friends. Even old traditions have new variations.

So what can you do to share this manifestation of the holiday season? Well, there are a number of options, but photos seem to be the true centerpiece of Christmas cards. Now, not everyone has a great stone fireplace to gather in front of and others will never be so organized as to be able to find the photo they took at last year's Christmas for this one, but those aren't the things that matter.

If you truly want to embrace the tradition, follow one simple rule: Don't overthink it.

For years now, the standards of Christmas card etiquette have been fading into the doily-garnished archives of the past. Can you still embrace the old ways? Of course. However, far fewer people expect it and you can feel comfortable sharing non-holiday-related photos in your cards. Common yet great photos to use include engagement photos, newborn photos, family vacation photos, etc. If it happened in the last year or so, it's fair game.

Mostly what you are sharing is the message of inclusion. You want them to feel close to you, to simply feel that you are involving them in your life. These kinds of photos are great conversation starters for when you make those phone calls around the holidays to catch up with relatives you haven't heard from all year.

Not everything needs to be shared on social media, and for some who have family that aren't on social media; this is a genuine insight into your life and what has been happening. Perhaps it was a vacation photo, so talk about what you did, where you went, where your family member or friend has been thinking about going and so on.

The holidays are about being together, if not in the brevity of a card, then in the conversations and interactions we have as a result of them. This may have been the problem with old-fashioned cards where everyone was always dressed for the holidays and were posed the same way every year. There's nothing new going on, there's no insight or conversation starter to be had.

Some people send pictures of their dogs, why not? If it's something that means something to you, it will mean something to those you send it to. Take the money out of the equation. With cards like these, it's about



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Holiday cards are an inexpensive way to communicate on many levels with friends and family.

the exchange of personality, passion, and individuality. What better to warm everyone's spirits?

In terms of your actual budget, the digital option is all but free. If you have a phone with a camera, you can take pictures that are just about as good as any fancy Nikon or Canon camera. Take the picture, edit it if you feel so inclined, and send an email with it to your contacts. If you are a citizen of experience that lies outside of the tech world, use this to your advantage. Recruit your grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc. Use the time they help you to send this out as an opportunity to spend time with them and spark a little of that holiday cheer.

Again this isn't about the technology per se, but in all options lies the chance for spending time with those we love.

Finally, when it comes to those store-bought cards that you take the time to write out for yourself, don't change a thing. A handwritten note goes a long way and it means something to get a card, especially one with words and thoughts not generated from the Hallmark company.

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Holiday gift list for the picky drinker



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By JANE ANDERSON

REGION — The best gifts are the ones that get used up: no muss, no fuss, no little tchotkes left over to clutter your mantel. Shop this list of local places to fill your loved one's belly, and they'll love you for it.

Irving Cliff Brewery,

2 Chapel St., Honesdale, PA
<https://irvingcliffbrewery.com/>
 570/647-0644

If you're looking for a gift for a favorite imbiber, how about a growler from Irving Cliff Brewery? With names like Crazy Train Double IPA and Stourbridge Lion Blonde Ale, the craft beer here harks back to the area's railroad roots. Toss in a gift card with the growler, so the lucky recipient can sip amid the historic surroundings: The Irving Cliff Brewery was founded in 1851, right there in Honesdale.

Black & Brass Coffee Roasting Co.,

520 Main St., Honesdale, PA
<https://blackandbrasscoffee.com/>
 570/251-7713

For a mind-altering drug you can drive with—we're talking caffeine, people—you can't miss with Black & Brass gourmet coffee. Go for a bag of Darling Dark or Morning Brass: All of the roasts are packaged in dramatically artistic black bags. Or for something truly out of the ordinary, tuck a jar of Black & Brass beard balm under the tree. Yes, it's made exclusively for the shop. And yup—it does smell like coffee!

Native Food & Drink,

560 Main St., Suite B, Honesdale, PA
<https://www.nativehonesdale.com/>
 570/647-4933

A gift card to this locavore's delight would be much appreciated. Native Food & Drink loves their local farms and artisans: a kraft-paper scroll near their bar lists everyone who contributes ingredients. And yes, even their cocktails contain local celery juice, fruits, and maple syrup.

Hancock Liquor Store,

27 West Main St., Hancock, NY.
 Find them on Facebook at Hancock Liquor Store, Inc.
 607/637-5364

Hancock Liquor Store knows their customers—it's one of the perks of being a small-town shop. It also means that if you don't find what you need (although the shop's inventory is expansive), they'll be happy to order it for you. For the holidays, you'll find the perfect wine or bourbon (how about a tequila in a fancy ceramic vessel? They've carried that, too) to gift to a friend.

The Carriage House,

3351 State Rte. 97 Barryville, NY
<https://thecarriagehouseny.com/>
 845/557-0400

Set on 120 acres on the banks of a beautiful bend in the Delaware River, The Carriage House offers up home-cooked meals in an Old World atmosphere. Why not pick up a gift card for a delicious dinner—or, better yet, book a room in one of the alpine-esque cottages as a gift... and don't forget to throw in a fishing pole for your loved one to use at Halfway Brook on the 120-acre property.

Cochection Pump House,

7895 Rte. 97, Cochection, NY
<https://www.cochectionpumphouse.com/>
 845/932-5277

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November 20

Thanksgiving market at the Narrowsburg Union

NARROWSBURG, NY — Narrowsburg Farmers' Market's outdoor Thanksgiving market, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Narrowsburg Union, 7 Erie Ave. <https://www.narrowsburgfarmersmarket.org>.

November 22

Peace, Love and Lights walk at Bethel Woods

BETHEL, NY — From the week of Thanksgiving until just after New Year's Day, experience the Bethel Woods grounds. Take the Sullivan 180 Peace, Love and Lights walk, Mondays, 5 p.m.-9 p.m. through December 27. \$10 per adult 12 and older; free to youth 11 and under. Get tickets at <https://www.bethelwoodscenter.org/events/walkthrough-wednesdays-peace-love-lights>.

November 26

Santa Express at the Stourbridge Line

HONESDALE, PA — The Stourbridge Line's Santa Express offers a visit with Santa. You can buy a Christmas tree and enjoy hot chocolate, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 per adult, \$15 per child and are free for infants. Get tickets at <https://www.thestourbridgeline.net>.

Santa Express at the Stourbridge Line

HAWLEY, PA — Stourbridge Line's Santa Express offers a visit with Santa. You can buy a Christmas tree and enjoy hot chocolate, 11:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 per adult, \$15 per child and are free for infants. Get tickets at <https://www.thestourbridgeline.net>.

November 26 - 27

Holiday tree lighting at Callicoon

CALLICOON, NY — Callicoon's 6th annual tree lighting to officially start the holiday season takes place at 5:30 p.m.

Winter Wonderland at Honesdale

HONESDALE, PA — Annual Santa parade at 6 p.m. on Friday, with a tree lighting ceremony to follow. Holiday shopping on Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Stourbridge Line rail excursions too. For more information, visit <https://visithonesdalepa.com/event/winter-wonderland-2/>.

November 27

Holiday market at Bethel Woods

BETHEL, NY — Shop a wide selection of unique holiday gifts and support regional vendors, Saturdays and Sundays through December 19, 3 p.m.-9 p.m. at the Event Gallery at Bethel Woods, 200 Hurd Rd. 866/781-2922.

Holiday open house at WCHS

HONESDALE, PA — Wayne County Historical Society will hold its holiday open house from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 810 Main St. 570/253-3240.

November 27- December 19

Santa Express at Stourbridge Line

HONESDALE, PA — The Stourbridge Line's Santa Express. Friday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 per adult, \$15 per child and are free for infants. Get tickets at <https://www.thestourbridgeline.net>.

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December 2

Eileen Ivers at Bethel Woods

BETHEL, NY — Bethel Woods presents Eileen Ivers in "A Joyful Christmas," 8 p.m. at the Event Gallery, 200 Hurd Rd. Purchase tickets at <https://www.bethelwoodscenter.org/events>.

December 3-4

Dinner with Santa at Bethel Woods

BETHEL, NY — Bethel Woods and the Kartrite Resort and Indoor Waterpark will hold a dinner with Santa on Friday and Saturday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Event Gallery, 200 Hurd Rd. Tickets cost \$50 for adults 12 and older, \$25 for youth 11 and under. Purchase tickets at <https://www.bethelwoodscenter.org/events>.

December 4

Holiday Concert with the Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra

HURLEYVILLE, NY — The Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra presents a holiday family concert at 6 p.m. at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre ballroom, 219 Main St. Tickets cost \$25. 845/798-9006.

December 9-10

Dinner with Santa at Bethel Woods

BETHEL, NY — Bethel Woods and The Kartrite Resort will hold a dinner with Santa, Thursday and Friday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Event Gallery, 200 Hurd Rd. Tickets cost \$50 for adults 12 and older and \$25 for youth 11 and under. Purchase tickets at <https://www.bethelwoodscenter.org/events>.

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December 10

Winter Wonderland at Hawley Winterfest

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December 11

Dickens on the Delaware at Callicoon

CALLICOON, NY — A Victorian holiday wonderland, 12 noon-8 p.m. Local artisans and seasonal treats, holiday photo studio, caroling, live music, free horse and buggy rides, free theater and dance performances and more. <https://www.visitcallicoon.com/upper-delaware-events-calendar>.

Gingerbread experience at Liberty Museum

LIBERTY, NY — The Liberty Museum and Arts Center presents a gingerbread house experience, 12 noon-4 p.m. at 46 S. Main St. A celebration of the holiday season. 845/292-2394.



Holiday jazz concert at the Ritz

HAWLEY, PA — The Ritz Playhouse presents the Ritz Holiday Jazz Concert, featuring the Rixner Quartet, 8 p.m. at 512 Keystone St. Cost is \$10. Get tickets at <https://www.ritzplayhouse.com>.

Holiday party at Liberty Museum

LIBERTY, NY — The Liberty Museum and Arts Center will hold its 25th annual holiday party, 5 p.m. at 46 S. Main St. A celebration with friends. 845/292-2394.

Winterfest in the Village in Bethany

BETHANY, PA — Bethany Library hosts Winterfest in the Village at the Borough Park, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. There will be a band, roasted chestnuts, carols, crafts, raffle, tree lighting, plus Mrs. Claus in the library.

December 11-12

Hawley Winterfest in Hawley

HAWLEY, PA — Hawley will hold its annual Winterfest throughout town.

Artisan fair at Hawley Winterfest

HAWLEY, PA — Hawley Winterfest will hold an artisan fair from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hawley Silk Mill, 8 Silk Mill Dr. Shop a marketplace of juried artisan and fine craft goods, hosted by Art on the Edge. 570/226-1337 or info@cococoncoffeehouse.com.



Brunch at Hawley Winterfest

HAWLEY, PA — The Settlers Inn is holding a Hawley Winterfest brunch, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at 4 Main Ave. Live music with harpist Kristy Chmura. \$44/person. 570/226-2993.

Christmas show at the Ritz

HAWLEY, PA — The Ritz Playhouse presents its annual Christmas show, Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. at 512 Keystone St. Free. Special visit by Santa Claus after the show.

Holiday cheer at Kindred Spirits, online

ONLINE — Kindred Spirits is streaming "Holiday Cheer" from Take 3 with a holiday-inspired selection, 5:30 p.m. on their homepage, Facebook and YouTube.

December 16-18

Dinner with Santa at Bethel Woods

BETHEL, NY — Bethel Woods and the Kartrite Resort and Indoor Waterpark will hold a dinner with Santa, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Event Gallery, 200 Hurd Rd. Tickets cost \$50 for adults 12 and older, \$25 for youth 11 and under. Purchase tickets at <https://www.bethelwoodscenter.org/events>.

December 17-18

Saturnalia solstice at Farm Arts

DAMASCUS, PA — The Farm Arts Collective presents Saturnalia Solstice, featuring the Farm Arts Collective ensemble in a winter performance around a large fire. Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Willow Wisp. \$25. 570/798-9530.

December 24

Santa Express on the Stourbridge Line

HONESDALE, PA — The Stourbridge Line's Santa Express: come visit with Santa, buy a Christmas tree and enjoy hot chocolate. Christmas Eve, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 12 noon to 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 per adult, \$15 per child and are free for infants. Get tickets at <https://www.thestourbridgeline.net>.

December 26-30

Winter Wonderland Express on the Stourbridge Line

HONESDALE, PA — The Stourbridge Line's Winter Wonderland Express, a trip from Honesdale along the Lackawaxen River. Sunday through Thursday, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 per adult, \$10 per child and are free for infants. Get tickets at <https://www.thestourbridgeline.net>.

December 31

Masquerade ball at the Settlers Inn

HAWLEY, PA — The Settlers Inn will hold a New Year's Eve masquerade ball from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at 4 Main Ave. Live music and a farm-to-table menu. \$105/person. Reservations required at 570/226-2993.

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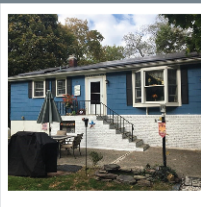
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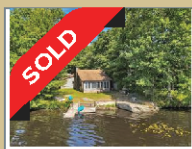


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New Year's Eve bash at Silver Birches

HAWLEY, PA — Silver Birches welcomes you to a New Year's Eve bash, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at 205 Route 507. Buffet, music and dancing, champagne and a balloon drop at midnight. \$80/person.

New Year's Eve dinner, Bethel Woods

BETHEL, NY — Bethel Woods and the Kartrite Resort and Indoor Waterpark will hold a New Year's Eve early-countdown family dinner, Thursday and Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Event Gallery, 200 Hurd Rd. Purchase tickets at <https://www.bethelwoodscenter.org/events>.

New Year's Eve at the Ledges

HAWLEY, PA — The Ledges Hotel is holding a New Year's Eve celebration from 5 p.m. to 12 midnight at the Glass Restaurant, 119 Falls Ave. Hors d'oeuvres, champagne, a tasting menu and live music by the Eric Rudy Duo. <https://www.ledgeshotel.com/events> or call 570/226-1337.

New Year's Eve dinner at Settlers Inn

HAWLEY, PA — Join a New Year's Eve dinner at the Settlers Inn, with live music by Dan Bradley, from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at 4 Main Ave. \$85/person. Reservations required at 570/226-2993.



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