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Remember, the COVID-19 pandemic requires that we remain vigilant in our everyday lives. We can each take some simple steps to help slow the spread of coronavirus disease and protect ourselves, our families and our communities—including wearing a mask and practicing social distancing.



SMALL TOWN SHOPPING

1/8 OF A MILE UP White Church Rd in the small town of Brooktondale, NY you will find a little barn called The Summer House Gift Shoppe. Don't let the size fool you because we are stuffed to the brim with lots of goodies for everyone!

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We carry several items made by local crafts people. Crocheted creations by Judy Yonkin, Candles by Krista Perkins, Local Photography by Joe Scaglione, Handcrafted Jewelry by Luanne of Rock-Hound jewelry, Copper Horse Coffee, & Furniture by Shari. Stop in and check out all the adorable items. You can find us on Facebook & Instagram or simply by googling us. We restock the gift shoppe every week so we constantly have new items for you to check out. We will also have hidden door prizes from now until Christmas.

If you find us on Facebook, like and follow our page, you will get updates on hours, specials etc. We will be hosting a couple "Facebook live" shopping events that will be announced on our page.

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THE HOLIDAYS ARE ALWAYS OUR favorite time of year at The Second Knob. Though the amount of work that goes into bringing in and displaying new merchandise is exhausting, we still love the glow of holiday lights in the displays at the end of the day.

It's different this year. The displays are up and the new merchandise is here. But there will be no Santa and Mrs. Claus or Tink Bennett singing us Christmas Carols this year!

As we watch the COVID numbers climb nationally, like most small businesses, we worry about making it through this holiday season without disruption! Another closing will definitely put many local small businesses in jeopardy. In order to "do our part," we've opted to NOT have a big in-store celebration on Black Friday or Small Business Saturday. This is the first time in 10 years that we will not be celebrating these two HUGE shopping days in the store and it saddens us! But NO sale is worth risking our customers' and staffs' health over.

While the final details of what we WILL be doing to celebrate these two shopping days in the safest manner possible are not yet "worked out," we do intend to be open our regular

hours(10am-5pm) BOTH Black Friday, 11/27 and Small Business Saturday, 11/28. We will take great precautions with our cleaning and in monitoring the number of customers shopping in-store at any given time.

Shots by Shana Photography is still offering Christmas Mini Sessions— with precautions in place. Anyone who has had a potential exposure or experiences ANY symptoms is asked to reschedule and a lot of hand sanitizer and Clorox wipes are being used in the studio.

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- 1 med onion (ground up)
- 1 egg
- 1/3 - 1/2 c ketchup

Mix together (add ketchup till holds together...not too wet.)

Set to one side

Dough

- 2 c flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4 Tablespoons Shortening
- 1 egg
- 1/2 c milk

In a bowl whisk together flour, baking powder and salt, cut the shortening in till it is pea size pieces, add 1 egg and milk mix till holds together, (should be a sticky dough but not wet.)

Flour a board and rolling pin. Put dough on the board, sprinkle with flour and roll out to about 1/2 inch thick rectangular shape.

Spread ham mixture on the dough and roll up the long way, like a jelly roll. Slice into 1 1/2 inch slices and place laying down on a 9X13X2 inch pan. (make sure rollups are touching each other. Bake at 400 degrees for about 30 to 40 minutes until golden brown.

While baking make your cheese sauce.

Cheese Sauce

- 1/2 stick of butter or margarine
- 1/4 c flour
- 2 cups of milk
- 1 cup of velveeta cheese (grated or diced)

Melt butter/margarine in a sauce pan, add flour mix till totally incorporated. Add milk and whisk till smooth, bring to boil over medium heat, remove from heat and add cheese, whisk till smooth

Serve hot,,,Pour sauce over rollups

*** You can change the cheese if you want to. ***

SOUTHWORTH LIBRARY PRESENTS
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

Looking for some ways to experience the holidays safely?

Come to the library at 24 West Main Street to pick up a Nutcracker Scavenger Hunt Sheet and solve the riddles to find the 12 nutcrackers displayed in village businesses and organizations. When you have found them, just turn in your sheet to the library for an opportunity to win prizes, including gift packs of movie tickets to the Crown City Cinema, gift cards & merchandise from our local businesses and more in our weekly drawings! All sheets must be turned in by December 21.

We will also welcome Pete the Cat for Stories in the Snow with Ms. Diane on Saturday, December 5 at 11 am. We will spread out in our outdoor reading area for a safe venue for stories with take home kits with crafts, activities and a free book as well. (sponsored by the Rosen Library Fund of the Community Foundation of Tompkins County)

All kids can sign up for a free Holiday take home bag with crafts, activities and a free book as well by calling or emailing the library at southworthlibrary@gmail.com. Kits will also be available to make a caring card and ‘send a hug’ to reach out to our neighbors and friends. We will also deliver homemade cards to those who are isolated in nursing homes or those who are socially distancing due to covid19 restrictions. Cards must be returned to the library by December 14 for safe and timely delivery. Contact the library for more information.

Don’t miss Santa reading the Holiday Classic, The Night Before Christmas by Clement C. Moore on our youtube channel December 5. You may win a beautifully illustrated copy of this classic when you watch it and message us!

You may even spy Santa lighting the Christmas Tree on the Village Green!

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FIDDLER CRABS

A LOT OF PEOPLE COME to me and wonder why their fiddler crab died.

Fiddler crabs are only semi-aquatic, meaning they live both in water and on land. Males and females are easy to tell apart.

Male fiddlers have one large claw and one small one; females have two small claws. Hardy and easy to care for, crabs can live up to three years and grow to 2 inches in length. Regardless of what you are told, they can not survive indefinitely in water.They have to be able to get out of the water. I usually keep the tank half full with a decoration that sticks out of the water. That way they can come out when they want to.

Like all crabs, fiddler crabs shed their shells as they grow. If they have lost legs or claws during their present growth cycle, a new one will be present when they molt. If the large fiddler claw is lost, males will develop one on the opposite side after their next molt. Newly molted crabs are very vulnerable because of their soft shells. They are reclusive and hide until the new shell hardens.

Sometimes you will see the male waving his big claw, it can be a signal to other males to stay away or it is a courtship kind of thing to attract a female.

As far as feeding, they are scavengers and eat almost anything. I give them shrimp pellets because it sinks and they can eat it easier.

Another crab that is fairly hardy are the red crabs. They are red in color and do not have big claws. They seem to mix ok with the fiddlers. Keep in mind, if a small fish gets too close to a crab,they may get caught and eaten.

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