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Bucks County Restaurant Week kicks off Sunday



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The flavor of Bucks County's diverse food scene will be served up all next week as local chefs' culinary creations are the main course during the first-ever countywide Restaurant Week.

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There's veal saltimbocca with prosciutto, spinach, sage and fontina cheese and the homemade tiramisu at Villaggio in Lahaska; shrimp cognac and stuffed flounder at The Borough Pub in Bristol Borough; or pork belly confit, grilled octopus or the Charleston Meeting Street Crab at the Black Bass Hotel in Lumberville. And those are just a small sampling of the hundreds of dishes and desserts to choose from during the week from the prix fixe (fixed price) menus at eateries from Quakertown to Bensalem. All meals are either \$25 or \$35 during the event.

Restaurant owners and Visit Bucks County officials say the first countywide event will be a boon for the eateries and surrounding local businesses.

"I think more and more people are looking for good culinary experiences, so if that draws more visitors to Bucks County, I think that's a win-win," Visit Bucks County President Jerry Lepping said Wednesday.

Restaurant weeks are not new to the area, but this is the first event including restaurants throughout the county in the same event.

"It gives consumers an opportunity to try something new at a fixed priced," said Genevieve DiFilippo, of Genevieve's Kitchen in Dolyestown Borough.

DiFilippo has participated in similar past events hosted by other organizations including the Kiwanis Club of Central Bucks and said they usually attract new customers not just to her eatery, which offers New American cuisine with an Italian influence, but also to nearby borough businesses.

The chef added the reach of the countywide event should draw people into areas they might not usually frequent.

"Visit Bucks does a really good job of promoting all the small towns within Bucks County... it'll be really interesting for me as a business owner," DiFilippo said.