



## What's Going On

### Community Easter Egg Hunt set

A community Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 7 at Faith United Church of Christ, 1300 Maple Road at Hopkins Road. For more information, call 689-9274.

### Easter egg hunt to be held at post

The AJ Jurek Post on New and Smith Roads in East Amherst will hold an Easter egg hunt at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 7 at St. Mary's School, 6919 Transit Road, East Amherst for children 14 years old and younger. Call 636-4636.

### Lifeguarding classes set at JCC

The Jewish Community Center will host Lifeguarding class for certification from the American Red Cross. Classes will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, April 9 through 13 and from noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays, April 21, 28 and May 5, 12 and 19. Participants must be 15 or older. Call 688-4114 ext. 326 to register.

### Spring Break Workshops held at Artyard

Various workshops at various costs for children ages 5 through 8 years will be held at Artyard Studio, 5701 Main Street, Monday, April 9 through Wednesday, April 11. Registration is required and is on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information or to register, call 634-0989 or visit [www.artyardstudio.com](http://www.artyardstudio.com).

### Amherst BPW to present panel at meeting

The Buffalo/Amherst Business and Professional Women will present a pay equity panel featuring well-known employment relations professionals at its meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 12 at the Fairdale Restaurant, 672 Wehrle Drive. Cost for dinner and the program is \$25. For reservations, call 832-9327 or visit [www.buffaloamherstbpw.com](http://www.buffaloamherstbpw.com).

## Resident performs in Theatre of Youth show

Tia Lee Piotrowski was among the cast of young performers in the Theatre of Youth's ongoing production of "The Giver."

A fourth-grader at Christ the King School in Amherst, Tia performed in the role of "Lily" in the show, an adaptation



**Piotrowski**

of the Newberry Award-winning science fiction novel, which ran last month at the Allendale Theatre in Buffalo.

Tia has been acting since she was 5, earning roles in a number of Lancaster Opera House shows, as well as several local commercials and industrial videos.

She also studies ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, musical theater and voice at The Walh Performing Arts Center.

### Adoption STAR to hold orientation session

Adoption STAR will hold an orientation session from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 10 at Adoption STAR, 47 Plaza Drive, Williamsville. For more information, call 639-3900 or e-mail [info@adoptionstar.com](mailto:info@adoptionstar.com).

### ECO membership meeting, presentation set

At the next Eggertsville Community Organization, Inc. general membership meeting, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, Town of Amherst Assessor Harry Williams will give a presentation on how the town assesses property values. After his presentation he will answer any questions related to assessments and tax bills to the best of his ability. The meeting will be at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, parish hall, 4007 Main Street, Eggertsville. For more information visit [www.eggertsvillecommunity.org](http://www.eggertsvillecommunity.org).

### Mothers & More to meet April 11

The Buffalo chapter of Mothers & More will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesdays, April 11 and 26 at Elderwood at Glenwood Village, 5271 Main St., Williamsville. For more information, call 691-0005 or 839-2345.

### NAMI to hold meeting April 12

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 12 at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4007 Main St., Amherst. The Family Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 25 at the church. For more information, call 832-4035.

### Autism spectrum disorders program set

"Enhancing Social and Behavioral Skills of Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders" program will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 12 and 13 at the Holiday Inn, 1881 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst. Call 691-8181.

### Church offers 'Catholics returning home' sessions

Beginning Thursday, April 12, St. Mary's Catholic Church, 6919 Transit Road, Swornville, will conduct an ongoing series called "Catholics Returning Home" on six consecutive Thursday evenings at 7:30 in the parish center. For more details, call Carol at 741-8490 or Tom at 689-7448.

### Ladies auxiliary to present auction

The Main-Transit Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary will present a Chinese auction and luncheon from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 21 at Main-Transit Fire Department Banquet Facility, 6777 Main Street, Williamsville. The event is pre-sale only and cost is \$20 and includes lunch and sheet of tickets. Call Diane Zeitler at 634-2119 no later than April 13.

### Village Meetings

The following events will be held at Village Hall, 5565 Main St. Williamsville, unless otherwise noted. For more information, call 632-4120

**Municipal Buildings Closed** in observance of Good Friday, April 6.

**Village Board** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 9.

**Tree Board** will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 10.

**Farmers Market** meeting will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 11.

**Beautification Committee** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 10.

**Environmental Committee** will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, April 16.

**Youth and Recreation Committee** will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 17.

**Meeting House Events Committee** will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 17.

**Zoning Board of Appeals** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18.

## Horseshoe club plans organizational meeting

The Getzville Crow's Nest Horseshoe Club's spring meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11 at the Crow's Nest restaurant on the corner of Campbell Boulevard and Dodge Road.

Activities for the coming season will be discussed and anyone interested in becoming a member is invited to attend the meeting.

The pitching format for the club is informal and each week's partnerships are drawn by chance, so players have a variety of partners and opponents throughout the season and are not penalized if he or she cannot make a meeting.

The first pitch is scheduled for 6:55 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2. Anyone who missed the spring organizational meeting can sign up then or on any Wednesday thereafter.

The club will then meet for 15 weeks, weather permitting, starting May 2 and the season will end with a picnic and a tournament.

For more information on the club, call Rollie Rupp at 839-1842 or Bob Osborne at 876-3349.

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## Enhance your cooking with homegrown herbs

by MARY HANNA

Nothing will enhance the flavor of your food like fresh herbs. Fresh herbs have intense flavor that makes even the plainest meal sing. Because of the high prices of herbs in markets, why not consider growing your own? They are pretty plants, with the added benefit of being used in your culinary delights. With just a few good tips and techniques, you will be using fresh herbs in your food picked straight from your herb container garden.



First, you want to choose the right containers for your herb garden. Small pots or plastic will do just fine. If you want the containers to fit into your decor, terra cotta or ceramic pots are perfect. The most important aspect of the pot is the drainage; the container must have adequate drainage holes in the bottom of the pot. Herbs do not like to have "wet feet." If the roots are too wet, your plant will be damaged and die. To stop loss of soil through the drainage holes, line the pot with a coffee filter.

If you are a novice to an herb container garden, on your first attempt try oregano, rosemary, basil, sage, chives or thyme. These herbs will grow slowly but steadily in small spaces and are great choices when starting out.

The next step, after you have chosen what to grow, is to purchase seeds or seedlings for your herb container garden. All plants need good soil, and your herbs will need it, too. Purchase a light soil and mix in some vermiculite to help with drainage. Herbs are not very persnickety about the soil, but for best results, use good potting soil. Soil, light and water are essential to your herb container garden.

Don't use harsh chemicals; remember, you will be eating your herbs.

Harvesting your herbs is relatively simple, especially if they are on your kitchen counter. Most of the time, you can just pinch off the amount you wish to use in your cooking. However, they will need periodic clipping. Basil especially needs to be pinched back to encourage it to grow bushy. Also with basil, pinch off the flowers to keep the plant producing leaves. You can do many things with the herbs from your herb container garden, including freezing them, drying them or simply giving them to your family or friends. If you know someone who is an aspiring chef, a gift of fresh herbs will be mightily appreciated.

An herb container garden will surely spice up your life and enhance your culinary dishes. Gather your supplies and get started.

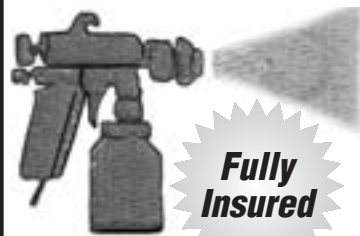
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