

**Meetings**

**Education center to hold seminar on business**

The Western New York Regional Education Center for Economic Development announces the sponsorship of a "Seminar for Business," to be held from 8 to 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 7 at the Conference Center in Niagara Falls. The purpose of the seminar is to furnish information for companies on the training of employees. It will also provide grant information for companies to access training dollars. Participants in the seminar include Niagara University, Empire State Development, New York State Labor Department, Niagara County Community College and the Niagara County Workforce Investment Board. The seminar is co-sponsored by State Sen. George Maziarz, the New York State Labor Department and the Western New York Regional Education Center for Economic Development. Speakers will describe how individuals or companies may receive information, assistance or training to assist their business and companies in the upgrade of existing employee training.

**Program to look at managing business**

SCORE of Buffalo Niagara has scheduled a program on starting and managing your own business from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28 at the Lackawanna Public Library, 560 Ridge Road, Lackawanna. The workshop is a must for new business startups to learn all the elements of business management required for success. It is also very helpful for those in business who may be experiencing problems or want to fine-tune their business for greater efficiency and success. Participants will learn about marketing research, marketing, business planning, insurance, federal and state taxes, legal structures, government resources, financing, counseling and more. Representatives from the private sector, SCORE and government agencies will make presentations. SCORE members will be available for counseling if desired. For more information, call 551-4301.

**Gingerbread, Gifts & Glitz set at Gilda's**  
*Amherst artists to appear*

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Shaun Silverwood's work with art has helped her cope, and selling it will help others.

Silverwood, owner of Road Kiln, will be featured at Artists in Buffalo's Open Studios and Galleries, as a fundraiser for Gilda's Club of Western New York.

"I have known a number of people that died from cancer so it is dear to my heart," the Getzville resident said.

Working in copper enamels, Silverwood will sell switch plate covers, jewelry and pictures at the event. The switch plate covers were recently added to her inventory.

An award-winning artist, Silverwood started in the craft as a release. The mother of a girl with disabilities, she found working on her art gave her an avenue to relieve her emotions.

Silverwood's art is her hobby, as she works in special education at a school in Buffalo.

She has placed first several times at the Lewiston Art Show.

Her pieces will be on display with those of 19 other artists, including Williamsville resident Sheila J. Morrison, who will feature traditional American crafts and fine arts, such as handcrafted heavy-duty floor cloths, painted



Shaun Silverwood of Getzville, above, will have her jewelry on sale during the show at Gilda's Club next weekend. The one of a kind pieces are fired in a kiln at a temperature of between 1,400 and 1,600 degrees. Sheila J. Morrison, of Williamsville, right, will showcase her heavy canvas floor cloths, painted paper mache items, and grain painted frames and boxes.



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With nearly 25 years experience in crafts and a lifetime of experience in painting, Morrison said she chose to show at Gilda's because it is a good cause.

"I believe it is a very worthy charity, as it helps so many people through difficult times," she said.

Twenty percent of the artists' sales benefit Gilda's Club, an or-

ganization that provides a place where people with cancer and their families and friends can join with others to actively involve themselves in building social and emotional support.

The items will be on sale during the Gingerbread ... Gifts ... Glitz event being held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1 and 2 at Gilda's Club, 1140

Delaware Ave. at Ferry Street in Buffalo.

In addition to shopping for holiday gifts, such as jewelry, quilts and pottery, attendees can view, and bid, on gingerbread houses created by amateur and professional bakers.

For information, visit [www.gildasclubwny.org](http://www.gildasclubwny.org) or call 332-5900.

**Wilson Farms honored by two community foundations**

Wilson Farms Inc. was recently honored by two community foundations for their partnerships.

The Meals on Wheels Foundation recognized Wilson Farms with its 2007 "Friend of the Community Award" while Hospice Buffalo named the Nanula Family and Wilson Farms as "Hope, Care, and Dignity Award" recipient.

Wilson Farms most recently supported the Meals on Wheels Foundation with its "Step Up to the Plate" program, which raised more than \$30,000 by selling paper plates in its stores.

During the past three years, Wilson Farms has collected \$100,000 for the foundation. Nick Gallegos, vice president of sales and marketing, accepted the award at the "Plate Expectations" dinner held in downtown Buffalo.

For the second consecutive year, Wilson Farms partnered

with Hospice Buffalo and other Hospice Foundations across the state to raise \$34,000 through the selling of paper sunflowers during the foundation's "Sunflower Days."

Wilson Farms Chairman of the Board Savino Nanula and his wife, Virginia, were recognized for their efforts as they both continue to serve Hospice Buffalo as active volunteers; Virginia is a foundation trustee. The Nanula family accepted the award at Hospice's "Harvest Festival."

"As a locally-owned and operated company, Wilson Farms is proud to give back to the communities we work and live in," said Paul Nanula, Wilson Farms president and chief executive officer. "We are thrilled to receive these awards and are honored to be partners with worthy organizations like Hospice Buffalo and Meals on Wheels."

**Wine tasting, treasure auction set**

Buffalo/Amherst Business and Professional Women will hold its annual Holiday Wine Tasting and Treasure Auction at its monthly dinner meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13 at the Fairdale Restaurant, 672 Wehrle Drive.

Buffalo Amherst BPW, together with "Let's Do Wine" will hold a wine tasting and sell the Buffalo Amherst BPW signature wine, \$10 per bottle. A treasure auction of holiday gifts will also be held at the meeting.

Reservations can be made by contacting 826-5378 or by e-mail at [LBer633655@AOL.COM](mailto:LBer633655@AOL.COM) or [www.buffaloamherstbpw.com](http://www.buffaloamherstbpw.com). The cost of the dinner and program is \$25. Guests are asked to bring an item to donate to Cornerstone Manor.



Moore

Pullman

Savino

Yungbluth

**Damon & Morey attorneys named best lawyers in America**

Damon & Morey LLP had 11 of the firm's attorneys selected by their peers for inclusion in "The Best Lawyers in America 2008."

For more than 20 years, "Best Lawyers" has conducted independent peer-review surveys in which more than 25,000 leading attorneys evaluate their professional peers in the United States.

The following Damon & Morey partners were selected for 2008: Melinda G. Disare, Christopher T. Greene, Thomas J. Drury, Anne C. Evans, Vincent J. Moore, Robert J. Plache, Gust P. Pullman, William F. Savino, James N. Schmit, Frederick A. Wolf and Gregory C. Yungbluth.

Additionally, Schmit has been listed in the guide for the past 20 years and Plache for the past 10 years.

Moore, who is in real estate law; Pullman, intellectual property law; Yungbluth, corporate law; and Savino, commercial litigation, all reside in Amherst.

Employing nearly 200 people in Western New York, the firm currently maintains four offices in Buffalo (firm headquarters), Clarence, Batavia and Rochester. For complete information, visit [www.damonmorey.com](http://www.damonmorey.com).

**Business News**

Jamie Jordan, financial planner and long term care insurance specialist affiliated with Lincoln Financial Advisors based in Williamsville, has been elected to serve a three year term on the board of the Network in Aging of Western New York.