

## Opera-Lytes set 'romantic' Valentine's concert

The Opera-Lytes will hold its annual Valentine's Concert with an evening of romantic Broadway ballads at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8 at Amherst Community Church, 77 Washington Highway, Snyder.

The concert will also include refreshments. Opera-Lytes is a light-opera group based in Amherst. For 14 years, the group has staged Gilbert and Sullivan operettas and vintage Broadway musicals throughout the area, most recently at the Lancaster Opera House, Ujima TheatreLoft and the Alleyway Theatre.

The Valentine's Concert will feature 35

Opera-Lytes members singing loves songs and choral favorites from the Broadway stage.

The program will include arrangements of such heartfelt melodies as "Try to Remember" from "The Fantasticks," "You are Love" from "Showboat," and "You'll Never Walk Alone," from "Carousel," along with tunes from "South Pacific," "The King and I," and other Broadway shows.

The concert is a benefit for Amherst Community Church. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the door in advance by calling 837-3440. Reservations are strongly encouraged as space in the church is limited.

### What's Going On

#### Ash Wednesday fish fry set at church

S.S. Peter and Paul Parish and Boy Scout Troop 22 will hold their annual Ash Wednesday fish fry from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6 at the church school's cafeteria, 5480 Main St., Williamsville. Dinner will include fish, potato salad, coleslaw, bread, dessert and beverage. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. A cheese pizza dinner will also be available for \$3. Takeout is available. For more information, call 633-3977.

#### Free appraisals set for antique collectors

The Greater Buffalo Bottle Collectors Association will hold a free antique appraisal night Wednesday, Feb. 6 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 205 Longmeadow Road, Amherst. Appraisals will be done by Sam Haney, a professional antique auctioneer and expert in paintings. The general meeting will begin at 7 p.m. FCall Peter Jablonski at 834-2249.

#### Necklace class set at Village Artisans

Village Artisans, 5544 Main St. Williamsville, is taking registrations now for classes taught by local artisans. Learn to make a necklace with your choice of stones at 6:30 Thursday, Feb. 7. Call 633-2384 to register or get info about other jewelry or painting classes.

#### S.S. Peter and Paul HSA to hold auction

The S.S. Peter and Paul Home School Association will hold a theme tray auction and family social from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8 at the school's gymnasium, 5480 Main St., Williamsville. Big-ticket items include a Tiffany heart bracelet, Webkinz, Build a Bear basket and a countertop wine fridge.

#### Scholar to speak on the shaping of Christianity

The Center for Inquiry will premiere its Spring Speaker Series with "The Crucified Child: How the History of Childhood Suffering Shaped Christianity," presented by Dr. Benjamin Abelow at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8 at the center, 1310 Sweet Home Road, Amherst. Abelow will expound on the fact that New Testament themes closely parallel historical patterns of childhood punishment and abandonment, revealing much about the origins, appeal and meaning of Christianity. Admission is \$10; \$5 for students, and free for friends of the center. Parking is free. For information, call 636-4869, ext. 409.

#### Memorial service set at Mount Calvary

"Always" will be the theme of Mount Calvary Cemetery's Memorial Service being held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10. The service, at the Pine Lawn Chapel, corner of Harlem Road and Genesee Street, recognizes that love never dies and that thoughts naturally turn to those we love and miss as Valentine's Day approaches. Provide your loved one's name and they will be recognized during the service. Open to the community. Seating is limited. Call 892-6600 by Feb. 6.

#### Baby Care Class set at Adoption STAR

Adoption STAR will hold its annual baby care class at 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7 at 47 Plaza Drive. The class is run by a registered nurse and covers all aspects of caring for a newborn. Cost is \$5 per family and free for Sofia members. Call 639-3900.

#### Harold Ford to continue speaker series

Harold Ford, chairman of the Democratic Leadership Council, will continue the University at Buffalo Distinguished Speaker series at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7 in Alumni Arena on UB's North Campus. Call 645-6666 or visit the Web site [www.specialevents.buffalo.edu](http://www.specialevents.buffalo.edu).

#### Williamsville Art Society to hold meeting

The Williamsville Art Society will meet at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8 at the Harlem Road Community Center, Room 2, 4255 Harlem Road. The demonstration will be by Jeffrey Swaluk. The meeting is open to the public. Call 634-7015.

#### South juniors to host Krolick's fish fry

The junior class at Williamsville South High School, 5950 Main St., will hold a Krolick's fish fry from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8 in the school's cafeteria. Tickets will be sold at the door and will cost \$9 for a fish fry and \$7 for a chicken finger dinner. Dinners can also be picked up on the side entrance of the school. Call 626-8200.

#### Children's dental health event set at mall

Promoting good dental hygiene will be the focus from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9 at the Boulevard Mall at Niagara Falls Boulevard and Maple Road in Amherst. The Eighth District Dental Society will have dentists, hygienists and students on site to answer questions on orthodontics, dental traumas, X-rays, infant oral health, smokeless tobacco and cavities. Call 995-6300.

#### Hand, pawprint keepsake opportunity set for Feb. 9

Pat-A-Cake Prints will be at Village Artisans, 5544 Main St., Williamsville from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9 to make impressions of children's hands or pets' pawprints for a ceramic keepsake. Appointments are recommended. Call 633-2483.

#### Valentine card workshop set

A free workshop titled "Make Your Own Valentine Cards" will be given by artist Mee Jo for women who want to make their own professional cards at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9 at the Williamsville Library, 5571 Main St., Williamsville. Admission is free and supplies are provided. Call 632-6176.

#### Valentine Variety set at Clearfield

The Amherst Recreation Department will present Valentine Variety from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9 at the Clearfield Community Center, 730 Hopkins Road, Williamsville. Participants will make crafts and decorations. All participants must have a valid Town of Amherst Recreation Department ID. Call 631-7132.

#### VFW Post to hold Valentine's dance

Lancaster VFW Post 7275 will hold its Valentine's dance from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 9 at 3741 Walden Ave., Lancaster. The Rock N' Soul Band will perform classic rock and oldies, and drink specials, raffles and bell jar tickets will be available. Admission is \$2 per person. Call 681-8387.

#### The Nields to perform

The Buffalo Friends of Folk Music will present The Nields at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9 at the Village of Williamsville Meeting House, 5658 Main St. Tickets are \$16 general admission and \$7 for students. Call 684-2362 or visit [www.BFFM.org](http://www.BFFM.org).

#### Amelia Piano Trio to play at Randall Church

The Amelia Piano Trio will present an evening of chamber music featuring the violin, cello and piano at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10 at Randall Baptist Church, 6301 Main St., Williamsville. The concert is free. Call 634-9800 or visit [www.randallchurch.org](http://www.randallchurch.org).

#### Irish music set at Glen Park Tavern

An Irish session with music by Laurence Shine and Co. will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10 at Glen Park Tavern, 5507 Main St., Williamsville. Call 626-9333.

## Youth board to hold Kiddie Carnival

The Amherst Youth Board and the Amherst Youth Foundation will celebrate the coming of spring with the annual Kiddie Character Carnival from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16 at the Boulevard Mall Food Court on Alberta Drive in Amherst.

Children's characters including Elmo, the Princesses and Spiderman will be on hand for pictures and autographs. The event will also include a bounce house, carousel and games, crafts and face-painting.

Tickets for the Kiddie Carnival are \$6 per child and can be obtained prior to the event at the Amherst Youth Board Office in the Harlem Road Community Center, 4255 Harlem Road, Amherst.

Tickets will be available the day of the event at the food court entrance at the mall.

Proceeds from the carnival will benefit the Family Room program, which offers a unique place for children up to 5 years old and parents to play and learn together year-round.

For more information on the event or the Family Room program, call 631-7215.

### What's Going On

#### Card party set at A.J. Jurek Post

The A.J. Jurek American Legion Post will hold a pinochle-euchre card party at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10 at the post at Smith and New roads, East Amherst. Prizes, 50/50 split and pull tabs will be available at the event. Doors will open at 1 p.m. and a complete, light dinner will follow the party. Cost for cards only will be \$4 and cards with dinner is \$8. Call 688-9011.

#### Adoption STAR orientation set

Adoption STAR will hold an orientation session for anyone interested in learning more about adoption from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10 at 47 Plaza Drive. The session is free of charge and open to the community. Call 639-3900 or e-mail [info@adoptionstar.com](mailto:info@adoptionstar.com).

#### Benefit set for Lockport youth with cancer

A Pancakes & Prayers benefit for 7-year-old Evan Tringali, who has bone cancer, will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10 at the Southard Elementary School, 6385 Locust St., Lockport. The benefit will include a pancake breakfast, basket raffle, silent auction and children's activities. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children. Donations are being accepted. Tickets will be sold at the door or contact Krista Jones at 531-3290 or Dara Lis at 523-0960.

#### Village Historical Society opens to public

The Village of Williamsville Historical Society Museum, containing artifacts, maps, genealogy research, models, toys, military and fire department uniforms, business memorabilia, books and other items relating to the village, will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10 at the Village Meeting House, 5658 Main St. Admission and parking are free. Call village hall at 632-4120.

#### Plastic surgeon to address Achim group

Dr. Jeffrey Meilman, plastic surgeon and chairman of the Hope for Tomorrow Foundation, will address the Achim Study Group at 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 10 at the Meadows, at Weinberg Campus, second floor, 2700 N. Forest Road, Getzville. Achim is a monthly forum for residents and friends of the Weinberg Campus sponsored by the Brotherhood of Temple Beth Zion. Call 681-9885.

#### Epilepsy lecture set at senior center

"What is Epilepsy?" will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 11 at the Amherst Center for Senior Services, 370 John James Audubon Parkway. Attendees will learn about different types of seizures and more about the disorder. A representative from the Epilepsy Association will be the presenter. The lecture is free. For more information or reservations, call 636-3059.

#### Smallwood Garden Club to meet Feb. 11

The Smallwood Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11 at Forest Elementary School, 250 N. Forest Road. The annual meeting and election of officers will precede the program, "Spring into Action." Designer Diane Sippel will show how to add movement to arrangements using found objects and interesting containers. Maria Klipfel and Ann Gallagher will hostess.

#### Open house set at CCA

Christian Central Academy, 39 Academy Street, one block north of Main Street, will hold an open house 8:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12 at the school. No reservations are necessary. The event is designed for parents only of prospective kindergarten through eighth-graders, featuring in-action classroom observation. For more information, visit [www.christianca.com](http://www.christianca.com) or call Debby White, Director of Admissions and Public Relations at 634-4821 ext. 107.

#### Sisterhood to meet, hear lecture

Temple Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood will meet at noon Tuesday, Feb. 12 at the temple, 621 Getzville Road, Amherst, for lunch and an informative talk by Chana Revell Kotzin on the history of Jewish Buffalo. For more information or reservations, call 838-3232.

#### Spaghetti diner set for Amherst MOW

Bristol Homes, Bristol Village and Amherst Meals on Wheels will hold a spaghetti dinner to benefit MOW from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13 at the Amherst Senior Center, 370 John James Audubon Parkway. Cost for the dinner, is \$7 at the door. Takeout will be available. For more information, call 636-3065.