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Just Chill's owner and self proclaimed lead happiness ambassador, Carol Hill is a native of Cortland NY and explains what makes Just Chill stand out, "giving gifts is easy, creating a 'gifting experience' on the other hand, is what I'm striving to achieve with every purchase. From the packaging of the individual soaps we carry to the design and construction of each custom ordered basket, it's the whole package gifting experience I want my customers to ultimately feel when they visit the showroom."

Just Chill Custom Gifting By Carol LLC is located at 4 Main Street next to the Community Restaurant and is currently operating winter hours on Thursdays 11-6, Fridays 11-6, and Saturdays 10-4. For more information about the showroom or to order a custom specialty basket contact Carol at 607.229.4564, or 607.423.2650 or visit justchillcustomgifting.com. Follow on Instagram at Justchillha1 or Facebook @ justchillcustomgifting



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LIVE NATIVITY BENEFIT DECEMBER 4

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JOIN US FOR OUR 28TH annual Live Nativity Benefit, to share a gift with a special local family and community. With this gathering of characters, animals, music and food (hot dog and chili roast) we hope the Christmas spirit is enjoyed. Every twenty minutes a new group of folks, young and old exchange provided robes, wings, Shepard staffs and baby Jesus. We so appreciate the folks that have done this for years, but there is always room for anyone or any group that would like to join a setting (no lines spoken)

Just give us a call ask for Kay at 607-842-6322, to sign up for a time in our casual nativity scene. It’s a fun memory to make with family and friends. We hope you can take the time for the road less traveled and stop in at our farm market open Thurs and Fridays 9-6, Saturdays 9-4, and Sundays 11-3. You might be surprised to find a treasure here on the front porch, produce, gift or antique shop. We appreciate those who still shop Small Town USA.

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COUNTRY MOOSE IS PREPARING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THANKSGIVING, this week means that Christmas is right around the corner and the shopping season is in full bloom. The Country Moose is on board and ready for shoppers to stop by and browse, enjoy the many items for sale, and pick up gifts for those special folks on their list.

New crafters are being added to the marketplace each week with a wide array of gifts, ranging from jewelry,



towels, paintings, gnomes, knitted and crocheted wares, Americana, travel cups, aprons, pot holders, cloth books, resin coasters, candles, soaps, and much, much more.

Antiques and collectibles are also coming in every day with new and unusual items. The Potters enjoy meeting folks who enter their shop with that old item from Grandma's house, or something that they can't identify. Dawn enjoys meeting visitors to the Country Moose with an item in their hands, and helping them identify and put a price on it that is amenable for everyone involved. Consignments are welcome and displayed at a reasonable rate. Just ask her what the process is and how to make the Country Moose display and sell your item or group of wares.

Located at the Richford Plaza at the intersection of Routes 38 & 79 makes it a convenient stop with plenty of parking.

Folks coming to the Country Moose during Black Friday will receive a special gift.

In addition, this coming Saturday, November 26, Cool Radio 106.7 will be broadcasting from the Country Moose from 3-4pm. Various crafters and vendors will be at the shop presenting their wares and items for sale. There will also be specials during the broadcast as well as refreshments to enjoy while visiting and shopping.

And...Santa will be at the Country Moose to greet customers and help them with gift suggestions between 3-4pm. He and Mrs. Clause are eager to visit the Country Moose and visit with everyone. And children are more than welcome to come shop with an adult and visit with Santa, with their list of things they'd like for Christmas.

Later, that same day, the Richford Plaza will have their annual lighting of the Veterans Memorial Tree. Folks are invited to stop at the shops at the Richford Plaza and buy a bulb in memory of their favorite veterans. Bulbs



are \$4 each and will be hung on the tree for the Holiday season. Santa will also be there to read the names with a representative from the Owego VFW prior to the lighting. All proceeds from the bulb sales will be donated to the local VFW. Afterward, bulbs are available for pick-up at the Country Moose.

Any questions, or if you would like more information, call and talk with Dawn at 607-280-9750. She is available and happy to assist.

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ENJOY TWO WEEKENDS OF ICE, lights, family fun, and holiday celebrations! Come shop, dine, and engage with festive holiday lights and ice sculptures and take part in the many festivities! Starting Friday, December 2nd, you can enjoy a glow bar, ice thrones, and a speed ice carving competition. On Saturday, December 3rd, it’s the return of the annual Chowder Cook-Off, as well as big block ice carving. The following weekend starting on Friday, December 9th, silent discos will be returning! Events for the festival will conclude on Saturday, December 10th, with fire dancers and the family favorite, “Santa’s Arrival,” as well as last year’s Lightsaber demonstrations. Follow us for updates on Facebook.



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ANNUAL HOLIDAY WORKSHOP DECEMBER 3

10am to 1pm

GET INTO THE SPIRIT OF the holiday season by making a unique 3-dimensional star with help from members of the Dryden Town Historical Society. This event is great fun for all ages and all materials will be supplied. To make things really festive, there will be refreshments and a holiday display set up in the

Southworth dining room. As always, there are interesting exhibits to explore and a good selection of local history books that make thoughtful holiday gifts. Free and open to all. Come help us celebrate the season. For more information call 607-898-3461.

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Alpacas are very social animals, quite gentle and very curious. They live in herds of at least three. Like any livestock animal they each have their own temperament depending on how they are handled from a young age. With much handling they can be more like “pets” to the person who takes the time to be with and train them.

FAQ

Do they spit? Spitting is a defensive action taken when they are stressed, arguing with one another or feel in danger. So, yes, it does happen and you don’t want to be in the middle of an argument!

What do they sound like? Alpacas make a calm humming noise when all is right with the world. They can shriek when they suspect a potential predator is near sending up what we call a warning cry. Males can get into arguments and, in addition to spitting, will scream at each other.

What do they eat? During the summer, they munch on grass in their pasture and in the winter we provide hay. Year round they receive pelleted grain and a mineral block. Basically, they eat 1.5 percent of their body weight—about 2 pounds per day.

How long do they live? We are finding they live between 17–21 years in the States.

Are they easy to care for? Absolutely!! Surprisingly they have a communal dung pile they all use for a ‘bathroom’ area—which is easier to clean up. Otherwise, once every 4 weeks they receive a shot to ward off parasites.

How long is their gestation period? 11 months. Once the 15 lb. baby (cria) is born, it is up on its feet and feeding within an hour.

What colors can they be? Alpacas come in a variety of colors from very black to browns, tans, grays and brilliant white. The fiber is prized for yarn and knits up wonderfully. Each fiber is hollow, providing excellent insulation properties while not retaining water.



The Farm: Here at Tartan Acres Farm we currently house 65 alpacas. We started raising them in 2001 and have learned much over the years. In addition to raising, breeding and selling alpacas, we have a gift shop filled with products made from their luxurious fiber including socks, scarves, gloves, mittens, hats, blankets, sweaters and a number of crafted items.

Give us a call at (315) 729-9358/7 and treat yourself to a farm visit. Being retired, we are frequently available. Learn all you ever wanted to know about alpacas, get an alpaca selfie, and visit the shop for great gifts or get warm and cozy for the winter!! Remember—Christmas is just around the corner.



Photos

1. Newborn cria – July 4. We named her Independence.
2. Keeping the cria warm.
3. Peaceful morning
4. This is Bryce – who loves kisses!

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