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Town of Porter Highway Department 2021 Brush Pick Up Schedule

Brush Pick Up will commence on Monday, April 5th & 6th, 2021 under the following schedule below.

TOWN WIDE PICK UP: Monday, April 5th Lutts Rd & West
Tuesday, April 6th Areas East of Lutts Rd

Starting Monday, **May 3rd** regularly scheduled pick up as follows:

- 1st Monday of the month, those areas from Lutts Road West
- 3rd Monday of the month, those areas East of Lutts Road

FINAL TOWN WIDE BRUSH PICKUP: Monday, November 1st to Friday, November 5th

Guidelines for Brush Pick Up

This service is for reasonable and routine homeowners tree trimming only. This does not include trees in wooded areas behind homes. **WE DO NOT OR EXTEND LOTS FOR BUILDERS OR PRIVATE OWNERS. If you utilize the services of a contractor, he is responsible for clean up of the trimmings.**

ALL branches MUST be no larger than 3" in diameter.

ALL BRANCHES MUST be piled as neatly as possible with all cut ends facing the road, piled as close to the road as safety permits, approximately waist high. This enables crews to pick them up quicker and easier.

We do not go on private property. Please do not request us to do so.

BRANCHES MUST BE FREE OF ROOTS AND DIRT. We do not pick up rocks, stumps, leaves, lawn sweepings, twigs, vines, rubbish, etc. Please do not put these items out with your branches. We will not pick them up as they could pose a great danger to the men and equipment.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Highway Department at 791-3831 from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Thursday.

Check out our NEW website townofporter.net

MODERN WILL PICKUP: Large items will be picked up quarterly

TOWN HALL: In the fall BAGGED Leaves place in dumpster in the parking lot

TOWN GARAGE ACCEPTS: USED Motor Oil, NO Antifreeze

Local support has buoyed Lewiston businesses

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what he had in Queens, because my dad was very busy during lunch. He had the police academy across the street, so we're used to the change of pace, fast-paced curbside, either handing out lunch, dinner, sandwiches. We kind of reverted back to that — his menu from Queens — with my twist on everything."

The Italian restaurant debuted a family pack, which included different main course tray options, plus salad, rolls and a pizza pie to boot.

"We've always been doing take-out and catering," Soldano said. "We've been blessed — catering every year has been growing and growing. ... We used this as an advantage, we marketed it out, and we brought in a little bit more clients that we never used to have. You know, more affordable, more family-oriented. I mean, we are a family restaurant, but it's different pricing when someone's coming in ordering a \$49 steak, as opposed to coming in and getting a \$16 sandwich.

"We have a lot of bullets in our repertoire. We're very blessed to have that."

Like Soldano, Inspirations on Canvas owner/artist Kathy Pignatoro said the realization Lewiston would be without its signature festivals and popular Artpark concerts was a "dark moment."

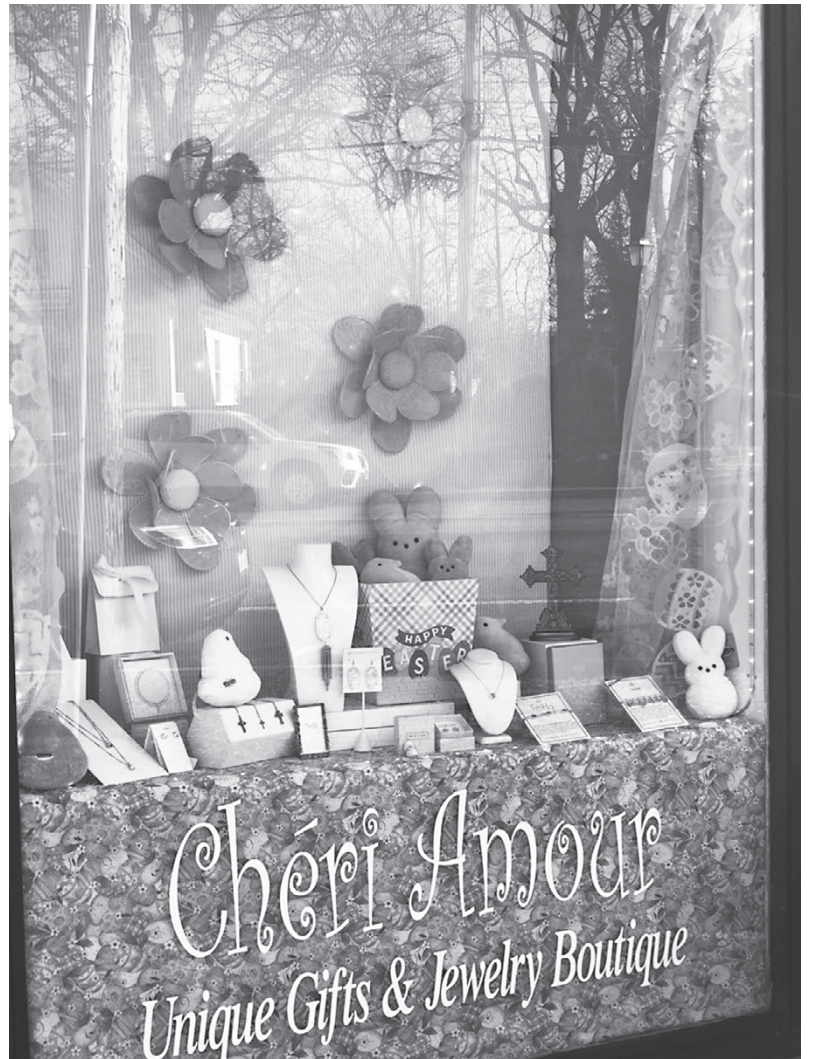
Listening to event updates — cancellations, to be more precise — "I just thought it was over," she said. "I don't know what it was; I just thought, 'How do I overcome this?'"

Pignatoro reasoned, "We need food, you know, and it's like, well, is art — something I always say, 'It's something you want to have, it's nothing you have to have.'"

"So it just all started, like, 'Oh my gosh,' and everything has been going so well; the business has been building. I had at that point put in three years, and I'm like, 'OK, it's taken off.'"

"I literally fell to the ground, like, slipped to the ground, and just laid there. My husband was there, and I just started sobbing," she said. "And I don't know that I could have gotten through it without the support of my family, because I had a hard time seeing. I'm a resilient person, but I don't know."

Fortunately, "My family was amazing, and they are like, 'OK; let's go.' And they just got me thinking," Pignatoro said. "And Olivia, my daughter ... she knew about TikTok. She's really good with that stuff, and I couldn't have done it without them. We started our own schedule. We were like, 'OK, we need a thing.' And so before we had curbside, because that didn't happen ... until the end of May or something, when I could at least open the door and put a table in front. But we started coming in — Olivia and I called it 'TikTok Tuesday' — and we'd do a couple



Cheri Amour
Unique Gifts & Jewelry Boutique

WINDOW DISPLAYS

Looking to get out of the house with the warmer (for now) weather? Lewiston merchants are decorating their storefront windows with unique motifs in April. Pictured is Cheri Amour at 522 Center St. (Photo by Elyse Maloni)

TikToks, because I'm like, 'I need to reach people differently.' I wanted them to know who I am.

"I never thought people cared, like, 'Who's the artist? I don't care. I just want the painting.' But suddenly it seemed to be — we did a couple just for fun, and that got a reaction. And the people were buying stuff from me. And they cared.

"I think that whole thing, for me, made me realize that people felt I was important to the community. And I don't know that I've ever felt that before — and that gave me strength and courage. And so, it kind of got a snowball effect. I don't know how to say it any better; but it was like family first, and then I started, 'Oh, my god, people want to help; people want to make us get through this; they see us as important — they want to get us through.'"

In 12 months, every Lewiston merchant interviewed by this newspaper — to a person — said the local community stepped in to fill the gap with the border closed, travel constrained, and tourism scarce.

The "PAUSE" order, "was devastating," Village Bake Shoppe owner Michael Fiore said. "The thought I had was that everything we had built the last 10 years was just going to go away overnight.

"But I had faith in God and in this community that we were go-

ing to be OK. And we've come to find out we were better than we've ever been before."

Neighbors who perhaps hadn't shopped or dined locally with any past regularity suddenly turned into steady patrons.

"I noticed love, and empathy, and total support," Fiore said. "We knew we just had to put our heads down and do the best we could with what resources we had, and the environment the way it was. And, you know, we weren't surprised, but we were overjoyed just to see the phone was ringing, the orders were coming in, the door kept opening. Again, too, it also helped us to re-create and go in different directions while still maintaining the Village Bake Shoppe we were founded on."

Having been "propped back up" by her family's support, Pignatoro said she became laser-focused.

"I am going to make it, and nobody's going to stop me. And then that was it; that was like the turning point for me, and there was just no going back," she said. "I was encouraged by all the support that I had around me, and it was really amazing. And it continued. I mean, it was a slow start in June, and man, when July and August — especially September, October, right through till December — I was even busier, I think, through the first two weeks of January.

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