

Vincenzo's is open

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mortar location, "Wherever I go, that's not really my focus right now," Sullivan said. "I'm just trying to deal with the here and the now, which is doing whatever I have to do to be out of that space, and the restoration process of artwork. I don't know what the future holds."

She reiterated "As far as opening up a new location, that's something that my husband and I are looking at. It's so far down the line - I gotta get through December, before focusing on a future location."

"I need the restoration people to do their job without my interference, except where my expertise and knowledge is needed," Sullivan said.

She noted, "I was quite busy, because Christmas is coming. All projects in progress, as well as finished, were taken out to be assessed."

Sullivan will contact her customers as soon as possible. If necessary, she can be reached at suesfom@aol.com.

For The Vintage Barber, a "Plan B" implemented during the coronavirus pandemic has eased some of the pain of losing the Center Street shop that opened in 2020.

"What we're doing is we already had a little station set up here at the house, down in the basement; and it's a cute little spot, which he set up during COVID, when they closed everybody down. He was doing a few cuts downstairs," Stephens said. "So, what we're going to do is by appointment only at this point. And they could come to the house, because we do have a nice little station down there that we already have; thank goodness. Until we find another spot - which we are definitely going to open up again; we just don't know where - he's going to do them at the house."

Customers call contact Aaron (at 716-804-3282) or Lynn (at 716-867-3293) to make an appointment and receive the address.

As Aaron works this impromptu station, "I am going to start searching for a new place to either rent or lease or something," his mother said. "We'd like to say on Center Street, because we got a lot of walk-in business that way."

"We do plan on reopening - and we will definitely reopen - but it probably won't be for about three months, by the time we find a place. We need all-new everything: Barber chairs, stations, everything."

Stephens was able to salvage some items from The Vintage Barber.

"We got the sign, and we got the barber pole," she said. "The firemen were so nice. They took everything out of there - that they could - and put it in the back room."

"We didn't have any fire damage. It was all water and smoke."

"So, they got the barber chairs and stuff out, but they smell so bad. You can never get that smell out of there. We can't reuse them. I could never bring it to another spot."

Stephens added, "Whatever I could save, I did. Like at least his barber tools and stuff. They were in the back. And we unplug all of



our equipment at night before we go - thank God - or those clippers would have been destroyed; you know, because that power surge. I don't care what kind of power surge thing you got to protect it, it would never have for that.

"None of our things were plugged in. So, those were able to be saved, thank God, because they're expensive. ... But any of the furniture; the mirrors; the stations; our nice, bright lights - we couldn't save any of that."

Tremblay's situation is worse. "I don't have any plans in the future to open up," she said, noting tens of thousands of dollars' worth of materials in the store were lost. "I don't know; I've lost everything. ... I'm devastated right now, because I have no money coming in. I just don't know. I don't know where to turn. I don't know."

She was planning to consult with the Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce and possibly start a GoFundMe page.

Souly Created was about to mark its 20th anniversary in Lewiston.

Community Support

In response to the fire, "Everyone's been so helpful," Stephens said. "Tops gave us a nice gift card. The Brickyard's doing something. Everybody stepped up. It's overwhelming, really. It's really nice."

Even Home Depot chipped in. "I was in there, and they didn't even know, and I was looking for just a couple of things for downstairs, a station; we needed a bigger mirror," Stephens said. "And, I mean, they stepped up to the plate. They donated it to me."

I didn't ask for that. He was like, 'Oh my God, what do you need such a big mirror for?' And I told him, and they gave it to me."

Sullivan teared up as she thanked first responders, patrons and people who helped that day, and those who have sent good wishes since the fire.

"Everybody that was involved, has been not just doing their job, but considerate of us," she said. "I cannot thank my people enough for their kind words." An outpouring of "virtual hugs" has helped her soul "and is much appreciated."

At Monday's Village of Lewiston work session, Mayor Anne Welch said, "Thank you to our businesses and people in the community who stepped up to help. I know Anthony DiMino gave the fire victims Tops gift cards. Brickyard is selling their '17' and 'Lewiston Lager' beer, and donating proceeds to them. Century 21 Realtor Sam Talarico is working with Sue's Frame of Mind. ...

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Those looking at photos and video of the incident know firefighters and first responders actually set their sights on *four* businesses.

Thanks to a fire wall, next-door neighbor Vincenzo's Pizza House didn't fall victim to the blaze, or take on the smoke or water damage of its next-door neighbors. Owner David Munzi reported his eatery, remarkably, reopened Saturday.

Mayor thanks those who fought Center Street fire

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Prior to Monday's Village of Lewiston work session, Mayor Anne Welch provided her thoughts on the fire that shuttered three Center Street businesses last week.

"I would just like to thank our great Lewiston No. 1 firefighters and the other responding fire companies for fighting that devastating fire on Center Street last Wednesday," she said. "Youngstown, Upper Mountain, Sanborn, Niagara Active, Niagara Falls Reserve Station (firefighters); and Ransomville and Lewiston 2 were also on standby. They had to fight the cold, wind and the rain, while fighting the fire. They did a fantastic job containing the fire, especially with the wind. Our Lewiston Police; DPW, Superintendent Larry Wills; Fire Inspector Barry Beebe; and the building inspector, Ken Candella, were also on site and helped."

"Our hearts go out to the businesses and tenants of that devastating fire, and we hope they will rebuild."

"Thank you to our businesses and people in the community who stepped up to help. I know Anthony DiMino gave the fire victims Tops gift cards. Brickyard is selling their '17' and 'Lewiston Lager' beer, and donating proceeds to them - I bought some, by the way. Century 21 Realtor Sam Talarico is working with Sue's Frame of Mind to help relocate her business temporarily in the Rite Aid plaza."

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Christmas Walk Weekend

Following Lewiston Christmas Walk weekend - which included a tree-lighting Friday at the Alphonso I. DiMino Memorial Band Shell at Academy Park, Santa's arrival on a float Saturday, and the Lewiston Holiday Lights Parade on Sunday - Welch praised those who worked behind the scenes on the annual holiday celebration.

"Thank you to Superintendent Larry Wills and the village DPW for the beautiful Christmas lights along Center Street. ... They did a fantastic job," she said. "The village looked beautiful this (past)

weekend - and there's a lot of hard work that goes into this event - and they always do such a wonderful job."

"I would also like to commend Tasia Fitzpatrick and Susan Hofert and the Lewiston Beautification and Garden Club for decorating the village for the Christmas Walk and holiday season."

Hofert said, "We've had lots of help from a lot of people."

"The husbands were volunteered; I get it," Welch said.

She continued, "Thanks to Trustee Tina Coppins and Women of the Lower Moose Lodge No. 584 for helping to decorate the bandshell. It was outstanding in there - the bandshell never looked better."

"Tina and Trustee Dan Gibson and the Heart of the Community volunteers who decorated the Chamber office, also. Great job!"

Welch offered kudos to the festival organizers, too.

She said, "I'd like to thank Jennifer Pauly and her staff for all the hard work that goes into the Christmas Walk and the Electric Light Parade. Center Street was filled with people for the parade, and everyone loved it."

"Also, I'd like to thank Vince Canosa for another great job as Santa. ... He does this every year, and the kids love it. He really does a great job - and he really looks the part."

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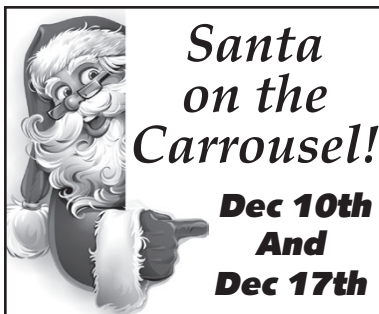
Juggling your already stress-filled days with marathon shopping sprees and holiday entertaining can wear you down physically and emotionally. Not to mention lifting and wrapping bags and boxes of gifts, putting up the tree, handling excited children and their activities, baking the holiday goodies and shoveling the "white" in Christmas.

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- * Environmental Commission
- * Board of Ethics
- * Historic Preservation
- * Signage Committee
- * Zoning Board of Appeals
- * Lighting Advisory Board
- * Modern CAC
- * Parks & Recreation Advisory

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