**National Donor Day**

This Valentine’s Day Have a Heart, Give the Gift of Life

One Donor Can Save Eight Lives

The 39,717 organ transplants (representing 1,644 donors) performed in the United States in 2019 set an annual record for the seventh straight year, according to preliminary data from United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS).

**CAROL FISHER**

Imagine this: your child, your spouse, your parent, or you go to the doctor because of signals that “something is not right.” Maybe there has been chronic pain or cough, malaise, flushing, lack of appetite, etc. Tests are ordered; results are in. Now, imagine being told that you or your loved one’s kidneys, lung, or intestines, etc., are catastrophically failing. What do you do? Where do you turn? This is the scenario for thousands of people across the globe, every day. Currently, there are approximately 113,000 Americans waiting for precious organ transplants. Hopefully, you are blessed not to be one of them. But, you can be a grace-filled part of the solution. They are waiting for you to sign in with your state’s organ donor registry on this Valentine’s Day. Roses and heart-shaped candy are awesome ways to show love this day. But, include doing the simple act of signing up to save lives. See “DONATE” Page 10

**Women Entrepreneurs in EVL**

Creativity Abounds from Platters to Planters

Lisa Gartner, a resident of Ellicottville and a long-time resident of Cattaraugus County, is excited about the new business venture she is about to open.

“Rafi’s Platters” is a Mediterranean food truck that will be parked in front of the Fire & Ice Celebration on Saturday, February 15th. It will offer a variety of dishes that are sure to please any palate.

**NEW YORK TIMES’ WINTER MUSIC JAM**

February 21st & 22nd – 8pm

FAT BIKE RACE

February 21st & 22nd – 10am

FLY BRAND NEW – February 21st & 22nd – 6pm

**FIRE & ICE CELEBRATION**

Saturday, February 15th – 7pm

For more information on this week’s events, see page 18.

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**Salamanca Seeks a Takeover**

City Vies for HGTV “Hometown Takeover”

A collaborative partnership team of the Seneca Nation of Indians, Salamanca City School District, Seneca Salamanca Chamber of Commerce and City of Salamanca officials crafted the video and submitted the HGTV application.

**BY JEN SHRIER**

Fans of HGTV have likely seen “Hometown” with Ben and Erin Napier. The show follows the couple as they save vintage and historic homes in their town of Laurel, Mississippi, population 18,500, while reinforcing the city’s history and character. For the first time they’re taking on a “Hometown Takeover,” promising rehabilitation of multiple individual family homes and revitalization of the downtown district.

See “TAKEOVER” Page 10
Prepared by Jim Boucharde, Weekly Column

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Nominate your favorite small business owner. (One entry per person please) and if your recommendation is chosen, we will feature that small business owner in our publication for one month. (Minimum of five nominations)

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**Local Artist Spotlight:**

**Psycho Seamstress**

Frewsburg Native Scores Big at Super Bowl!!

**By Casey Carlson**

Have you ever imagined what it would be like to have your designs, skills, and creativity displayed in front of millions of people on the Super Bowl? Celebrity seamstress and Frewsburg native, Gina Vincenza Van Epps, can speak from first-hand experience.

Van Epps, aka Psycho Seamstress, described the moment she knew she had made it: "It was at a music convention in Los Angeles and I literally screamed that I just got a job to work for Shakira at the Super Bowl!"

She explained how she gave her designs to the Grammy Awards to fly back to Orlando, Florida, where she currently resides. "I was really sad to leave the Grammys but it had a really good excuse!" Van Epps joked. According to the Frewsburg School, "She flew out from L.A. to Orlando and then drove to Studio 54 to drop off the rest of the costumes for the show. She got the news that she had been selected to work for Shakira in the Super Bowl halftime show for nine days."

Van Epps explained what it was like to work with Shakira's seamstress of 12 years and working on the set, "It was very fast and really exciting! She was a very good person and made the whole experience very fun."

Van Epps took several behind-the-scenes photos to document her time at the Grammy Awards. "I had to wait until all photos started coming out before sharing them on my own social media. She noted how everything they worked on was "on point" and "exciting!"

Van Epps has worked with several A-list celebrities, including: Paul McCartney, Lady Gaga, Cher, Taylor Swift, Justin Timberlake and more. Among her favorite memories is when Elton John's costumes became the number one story on Twitter during the 2020 Grammy Awards. Van Epps is also featured in Beyoncé's Formation World Tour Videos and has had a dress on the 62nd Grammy Awards red carpet.

However, an estimated $2.7 billion dollars spent just for Valentine's Day. For more information please visit www.snocross.com/events/snocross-frostycx or call 716-288-7880. For info: jfrostyczx@gmail.com. Please come prepared for the cold weather. There is no indoor area to hang out so please come prepared for the elements. There are 2 heated bathrooms available. For more information please visit www.twitter.com/AMSOLanuts.
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room is on this level as well. Drop your gear in the mud/ski room. There is plenty of storage in the utility room. You definitely want to take a look at this fabulous deal!

bedroom with ensuite bath. The upper loft is ideal as an office or overflow sleeping area. The lower level boasts a large family room, two more bedrooms and a fourth bathroom the laundry

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someone once said that originality is very artfully disguised imitation. After all, the Rolling Stones have freely admitted that their "Greatest Rock Band in the World" credentials are based on the riffs of Muddy Waters and Chuck Berry. So, I claim no originality with this ski tip. It did not come from Nick, Muddy, or Chuck, but

Josh Foster tip is about "turning your toes, not your toes." But what does it mean? Essentially, Josh is saying that ski turns are primarily created with the lower, not the upper body. In terms of skiing, your lower body is defined as everything from the ball points in your hips to the bottom of your feet. Your upper body is in your hips to the top of your head. Fun Fact: 65% of your weight is in your upper body // 35% of your weight is in your lower body.

This fact grows strangely more compelling if you reflect on it while eating chicken wings. That said, body is using "toes" to reference the lower body and "noose" to reference the upper body. He is saying, in essence, that we should primarily turn our skis with our lower body and primarily balance on our skis with our upper body.

In summary, our skier in the photo is turning his "toes" (in reality his feet and legs) in the direction he is going while he is keeping his "noose" (in reality his hips, torso, hands, and head) oriented down the hill. The bottom line is that a very common skiing error is to also rotate the upper body in the direction of the turn (in terms of the photo, that means the skier would have his left hand and entire upper body rotate in the same direction his toes are headed). That means that instead of using the upper body as a stable mass to turn under and balance against, we are disrupting our balance by throwing around the 65% of our weight found in the upper body.

The solution: Hockey Stops. Imagine if someone suddenly yelled out to the (underfunded) ski instructor in the picture, "If you stop within two seconds, I'll give you $100K." Hah! Wouldn't he throw his upper body around by quickly rotating it to the right (up the hill)?! No! He would know that disrupting his balance by causing his upper body to over rotate. Instead, he would keep his upper body (not his toes) oriented down the hill, while turning his ten toes (lower body) further up the hill. Think about the same concept while making your own ski turns – toes turning under a stable nose. As for myself, I'm easily taught. If someone offers (hey, you never know), I'll suddenly stop for a mere $10K.
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Solar Discussion Heats Up

CCIDA Debates Solar Project Fees

In the ever-evolving energy production market of the country, solar power generation has become the golden child of energy production. It’s renewable, environmentally friendly, and relatively cheap. At the recent meeting of the Cattaraugus County Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA), the Board held a lengthy discussion about the fees it should charge developers for its assistance on solar panel generation projects. Executive Director of the CCIDA, Carl C. Cahir started the meeting by informing the panel there is a minimum of five solar energy generation projects in the works in the County. The CCIDA has proposals total about 45 megawatts of potential generation and includes three projects in Portville and a 25-megawatt project for Allegany. Cahir explained that development agency charges $5K per megawatt for helping solar projects get started. But that rate said Mr. Cahir was established over ten years earlier for wind projects, and it is time to look at a fee for solar projects.

One of the board members gave examples of some of the public discussions he has heard. If solar panels are installed on prime agricultural land, that land is taken out of production for at least 20 years. That is unlike a wind installation in which agricultural production can still continue below the turbines. The board member said he had been asked why the Agency would allow wind turbines to go into the forest, installed panels, provide a profit, and retain little to the local community. The panels require almost no maintenance, so few local jobs are created. The local power companies have paid billions for the infrastructure and the company utility and the power is often sold out of the area.

In previous CCIDA meetings, the Board has discussed a $135,000 fee for a solar permit payment in lieu of tax”, he said, and no final decision had been rendered. Mr. Cahir said he had received a letter from NRG Energy requesting the Board consider a lower PILOT payment. The letter suggested the Board align the fee with the guidelines published by NYSERDA, which range from $130,000 to $5,000.

One member stated the CCIDA adopts $135,000 fee, pretty ida all across the state will want the same fee. That could slow down greenhouse, solar development. Another member countered, in a developing market, the PILOT cost shouldn’t make any difference. The Director pointed out any solar project over 25MWs comes under state authority, and the PILOT would have no control over the project. The Board will also add requirements for PILOT agreements to have a decommissioning plan and a Host Community Agreement. The resolution was supported. The Board adopted a sliding scale based on the size of the proposal. After some discussion, the Board approved the $135,000 fee for a structured fee scale. Projects from 25 to 50MW $6,000, 50 to 75MW $9,000 and 75 to 99MW $9,000. A motion was passed to hold a public hearing on the rate structure. The Board also passed a resolution to adopt Uniform Project Criteria, when discussing PILOT projects. The resolution would bring the Agency’s evaluation criteria in line with State’s State 59-a of General Municipal Law, and provide a basis for rejecting, without a public hearing on the rate structure.

Day Trippin’: Outside Catt. County

Events Happening in Chauntauqua and Surrounding Areas

2020 Annual Tree & Shrub Sale

Offered By Chauntauqua Soil & Water Conservation District

"High School Musical"

Olean Community Theatre Presents, February 21 & 22, 7:30pm

Olean Community Theatre’s “High School Musical” is in its 41st Season! Celebrating their 41st Season, take your date for a musical event to enjoy! The play starts at 7:30 pm at Portville Free Library, 2 North Washington St. Portville, NY. Advance tickets are $14 for adults, and $12 for seniors and youth under 18. Tickets & show info can be found on the Theatre's website For more information, please visit http://www.oleancommunitytheatre.org.

“Power of Native Plants”

Jennifer Miller Presents at the Portville Free Library, February 22, 10:30am

Learn about the pitfalls of ‘natural’ fertilizers, the benefits of certain plants, and how to safely use them in your yard. Dr. Jennifer Miller will speak about the benefits of native plants and how to use them in your yard. She will talk about the different types of plants available and how to choose the right ones for your yard. She will also discuss how to care for some of the most commonly grown native plants. Dr. Miller is a botanist and environmentalist with over 10 years of experience teaching at the University of Michigan. She holds a PhD in Botany from the University of Michigan and is currently an assistant professor at the University of California, Davis.

Tiki Weekend @ Empty Bottle

Hosted by Southern Tier Distilling Co., February 14-16, Times Vary

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What's Shakin' In Evil?  Whether Outside or In, Ellicottville is the Town to Be In

BY MOUTH&TONGUE

If it's President's Day and Valentine's Day, you know what that means... it's love. And for us here at Ellicottville, that means all sorts of music to listen to. Let's see who's playing where.

Our never-ending weekend starts Thursday at The Gin Mill with Kody and Herron from 8-11pm. This show plays a roots/blue/country Americana set of covers and originals. If Allstar's big enough, any draft for $50.  Friday is first up with Rusty Nickel on the main stage from 7-10pm. They play classic rock covers from the 70's/80's. Owen Eichensveil will be in the back bar from 10-1am. Fimminger's will be hosting The Missing Numbers that weekend at the Benonics vs. David Donovan with a show to hit the stage from 8-1am. An ecletic set of covers and originals. The latest kitchen in town is open till 11pm each night.

On Monroe Street Ballouns has Open Mic Night from 9-12am. Singh's will be open and their Burger night will be from 3-9pm. You can try our high end cocktails in The Carriage House bar. If you're keeping the roof over your head and the party going with $12 PM.  Tony specializes in southern dobro and banjo. Don't forget to get the audience involved. Think James Taylor, Jim Croce and Bob Seger. We're back at The Gin Mill from 6-11pm for our 1st annual St. Valentine's Day. We're back on Monroe Street with Terry Savastano from 8-11pm. He plays acoustic roots/bluegrass. Covers and originals. Try the spaghetti and meatballs is the bomb. We'll keep you in touch with all the news and events and will burn down the sound booth with the missing numbers that weekend. Your drinking pleasure and the staff is always great.

Long Time Local Memorial
Grace L. Abriatis Of Ellicottville Passes Away At 94 Years Old

She was born August 28, 1925 in Pittsfield, PA. She is also survived by a daughter of the late Perry and Besse (Divinity) Kelly. On September 6, 1947 she married William J. Abriatis who predeceased her on March 5, 1994. Mrs. Abriatis and her husband resided in Ellicottville, NY until 1977, moving then to Pennsauken, New Jersey. They returned to Ellicottville in 1987 and have lived in the town ever since.

She was a member of the Theta Nu Xi Sorority and a member of the Eagle Crest Property Owners Association. She also leaves behind several nieces and nephews. Besides her husband, parents and sister, she is survived by her daughter of three sons and one daughter.

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The Lenten Season Begins
St. Paul’s Lutheran Church Announces 2 Activities, February 26

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on February 19, 2020. Many Christians observe Ash Wednesday by placing a cross of ashes on their forehead to commemorate the Lenten season. This practice dates back to the 4th century, when the ashes were collected from the burning of palm branches on Palm Sunday. Today, the ashes are still used as a symbol of penance and reflection.

Many churches around the world hold special services on Ash Wednesday to mark the beginning of the Lenten season. These services typically include prayer, reflections, and the imposition of ashes. The ashes are then used for various other purposes, such as crafting and decoration.

In Ellicottville, NY, the St. Paul’s Lutheran Church is holding two special events for Ash Wednesday. The first event is the Ash Wednesday Lenten Study, which will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, from 6-8pm. This study will explore the meaning of Ash Wednesday and the significance of the Lenten season.

The second event is the Ash Wednesday Prayer Service, which will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, from 6-8pm. This service will include prayers for the community, as well as for the individual members of the church. The service will be followed by a meal of food and fellowship.

These events are open to all members of the community, and are a great opportunity to join others in prayer and reflection during the Lenten season. For more information, please contact the St. Paul’s Lutheran Church at 716-397-9727.
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Views from the Village
Architectural Spotlight of Ellicottville

Two Ellicottville Beauties

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