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Richardson's Fourth Street development in final stages



The future of Fourth and Center streets in Lewiston. (Image courtesy of Giusiana Architects and Engineer)

by **Joshua Maloni**

Three years ago, when Edwin Mellon Press founder Herbert Richardson began the process of rebuilding the corner of Center and North Fourth streets in Lewiston, he made his vision very clear. He was not building offices for doctors, lawyers or bankers. Rath-

er, Richardson was creating an art district in the historic village.

Having stuck to his guns, Richardson on Monday was pleased to say his three-building, promenade-enclosed design will come to fruition this summer. Work began this week on the corner lot's crown jewels: a two-story building that

will house 31 kiosks on the first floor and a small theater or lecture room up above, and surrounding pillars to frame the location.

"I'm thirsting to see the promenade and building up. It will make major progress on that corner," Richardson said.

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Hastings not eager to accept buyout

by **Joshua Maloni**

A pair of unexpected twists enlivened a rather predictable Village of Lewiston Planning Board meeting on Monday. Most notably, Edwin Mellon Press founder Herbert Richardson suggested residents pool their money and buy the Frontier House from developer Richard Hastings at a price of \$2 million. He pledged the first \$100,000, and said those chipping in would serve as overseers of the property.

Hastings more or less dismissed the offer, and is continuing with plans to refurbish the historic Frontier House and build an adjoining, four-floor condominium complex for "baby boomers."

At the start of the meeting, EI Team architect Timothy E. Kupinski, as he's done five meetings in a row, presented Hastings' proposal in detail. This

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Lewiston Town Board work session an active one

by **Terry Duffy**

Not many showed up, but that's not to say Monday's noontime Lewiston Town Board work session wasn't eventful.

OK - maybe not as lively as having fire engines, firefighters and State Sen. George Maziarz on hand, as was the case at the April 28 session (*Sentinel* May 3), but news did occur. Some highlights:

- Supervisor Fred Newlin continued discussion on the contentious low-cost NYPA power issue from the April 28 session when the topic of attorney's fees came up. It was "money well spent," said Newlin as he went on to defend the town's involvement in getting its fair share from the Niagara Power Coalition.

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2008 Chamber Gala

Mill Marketplace, J.F Machining cited

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The Lower Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce invites the community to partake in "An Evening in Paris" at its annual gala, Friday, June 13, at the Niagara Falls Country Club, Mountain View Drive in Lewiston. The event begins at 6 p.m. The annual affair recognizes the achievements of prominent area individuals and businesses and their contributions to the quality of life of the lower Niagara region.

In today's *Sentinel*, we continue our series of profiles of this year's nine honorees, spotlighting The Mill Marketplace, located at 5890 Ward Road, Sanborn, and J.F. Machining, 2382 Balmer Road, Ransomville.

Sanborn Business and Professional Association
2008 Business of the Year Award
Mill Marketplace

Five years ago, on April Fool's



Lou Ann Gosch of The Mill Marketplace in Sanborn - Sanborn's Business of the Year.

Day, Lou Ann and Paul Gosch purchased the old Sanborn Milling Company, an antique co-op that

had 18 tenants housed in a 3,200 square-foot building.

Paul made regular stops to the businesses co-op to drop off scrap wood to use as a heat source for their building. In exchange, the owners offered Lou Ann retail space to sell crafts that she made. Not long after, when the owners were considering selling their business, they approached Lou Ann and Paul. They took to the idea quickly and once the deal was signed, they went to work remodeling with new electrical, drywall, insulation and a new roof. In just five years, they have expanded their location by nearly 10,000 square-feet and today they have 47 tenants.

Owning a business of this size takes hard work, something that doesn't scare Paul or Lou Ann. Paul has his own very successful business and for more than six

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