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PLANS PRESENTED FOR FRONTIER HOUSE



Pictured is artist Chris Nenstiel's rendering of the proposed new look at the Frontier House in Lewiston. (Image provided by Fittante Architecture)

BY JOSHUA MALONI

The Village of Lewiston has its first look at plans to restore the historic Frontier House at 460 Center St.

Architect Jim Fittante presented on behalf of owners Bill Paladino and Ellicott Development, Jeff Williams, Jerry Williams and

Bill Game, pitching their ideas to the Historic Preservation Commission and to the Planning Commission on Monday.

The exterior of the 197-year-old building will resemble what was seen in the municipality's horse-and- buggy days. Inside, the plan calls for a total of 10 dwelling

spaces spread across the second, third and fourth floors.

As of now, the first floor is described as a "vanilla box," with no formal designations for the four-room footprint residents will remember as a McDonald's Restaurant dining room.

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Lewiston Tops adding a Starbucks



Starbucks is coming to DiMino's Lewiston Tops. (Image courtesy of Starbucks)

BY JOSHUA MALONI

GM/Managing Editor

Since 1964, DiMino's Lewiston Tops has been the River Region's go-to source for groceries and everything chefs need for home-cooked meals.

This fall, it will become the go-to place for America's No. 1 coffee company: Starbucks.

"Sometime in the third quarter – close to September – we will have a full-service Starbucks located inside our store," owner Anthony DiMino said.

The Starbucks serving area will be located upfront, next to the U-Scan self-checkout lanes.

"It's similar to Target, which is a full-service Starbucks in their store," DiMino said. "We'll have

all the same things if you're going into a drive-in store. We will have their new technology, so you'll be able to get on their app, order the product in your car, drive up to a specific parking area to park, walk in the store and, by the time you walk in the store, your coffee or your product will be available for you instantly – as soon as you walk in the door."

Starbucks' line of sweet treats will complement Tops' own collection of pastries, desserts and freshly baked items.

"Absolutely. It's all about coming up with the most variety, and the most choices for my consumer," DiMino said.

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YBPA awarded 2021 Mayne Community Enhancement funding

Annual program benefits communities, businesses, and local economy

BY TERRY DUFFY

Editor-in-Chief

As COVID-19 slowly drifts into history, the Youngstown Business and Professional Association has set its eyes for the future.

YBPA announced it is the recipient of a \$3,474 matching grant for 2021 provided by the Niagara County William G. Mayne Jr. Business Community Enhancement Grant Program. YBPA's Cheryl Butera and 1st District Niagara County Legislator Irene Myers announce the Mayne grant funding award. (Photo By Terry Duffy)

gram. A presentation was held last week at Porter Town Hall, where YBPA received its award from 1st District Niagara County Legislator Irene Myers. YBPA is among the 18 business associations throughout Niagara County that applied for and was awarded funding for this year.

"These associations operate at a grassroots level across Niagara County to promote business through projects that enhance their local business districts," said Legislator Rich Andres, chairman of the economic development committee. "Now, more than ever, as we emerge from

the pandemic, we need to get behind efforts that bring people to main street businesses, so we are thankful to have the Mayne fund to do that."

YBPA President Cheryl Irish Butera credits assistance from this grant program for enabling YBPA to weather the storm through COVID-19.

"Because we were able to use last year's grant money to create a new website and YBPA email address, we survived COVID through technology," she said. "Of course, no in-person meetings since January 2020, but we did hold Zoom meetings with our

board members. ...

"So much loss and change, but finally our country is on the mend. Good news for all of us who one year ago were on total lockdown. Now we prepare to get back to some kind of normal."

Myers praised the Mayne grant for helping spur the Niagara County economy.

"Big thanks to our fundraising partners at (the) Niagara Falls Bridge Commission for making the William Mayne 25th enhancement program possible for another year," she began. "The program's founding father was

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