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Plascore gets approval for new industrial building in Zeeland

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ZEELAND – The Zeeland Planning Commission recently approved construction of a new industrial building from Plascore at 500 E. Roosevelt Ave.

Plascore is a manufacturer of honeycomb cores for the aerospace, marine, mass transportation and construction industries. The honeycomb cores are manufactured in aluminum, aramid fiber, stainless steel and thermoplastic.

The company’s site plan for the new 83,500-square-foot building received approval Oct. 1, contingent on a stormwater management plan and final utility and fire access plans.

The new structure will be located



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between two existing buildings, with a ground-floor loading area and offices. The project includes a parking lot expansion, landscaping and other site improvements, with construction expected to begin before winter or in the

early spring of 2027.
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Your guide to Goose Festival in Fennville



Fennville’s premier festival is returning in full force this fall after organizers reevaluated operations with a scaled-back event in 2025. CODY SCANLAN/HOLLAND SENTINEL

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After a year-long hiatus, the Fennville Goose Festival is returning Oct. 9-11 — with early offerings beginning Oct. 8.

The festival includes new and returning events for 2026.

“We absolutely pulled out all the stops and have put together an incredible festival,” City Administrator Katie Beemer wrote in a release. “We were so fortunate to get an incredible response from sponsors, and we have been able to offer a large number of new things to do this year.”

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A festival-goer points to the cotton candy during the carnival at the Fennville Goose Festival in 2024. ADAM VANDER KOOF/HOLLAND SENTINEL

Zeeland OKs city’s first ADU

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ZEELAND – The Zeeland Planning Commission unanimously approved the municipality’s first Accessory Dwelling Unit on Oct. 1.

Officials adopted an ordinance allowing ADUs in August 2023. ADUs are separate, smaller dwelling units on residential properties meant for renting to tenants or using as a guest house.

“Our ordinance was a good step to allow (ADUs), but it was really tailored toward, rather than solving the housing crisis, folks that wish to have a family member live on their property independently,” Zeeland Community Development Director Tim Maday previously told The Sentinel. “Or folks that wish to have a small amount of rental income, or a lot of times, we heard folks were ... looking for a caregiver on-site.”

The city’s ordinance requires applicants to verify their unit won’t be used as a short-term rental, which are only allowed in the Central Business District and Washington Avenue Mixed-Use District. The owner must also live on the property. Commissioners approved a site plan and special land use application for the construction of a 384-square-foot detached ADU at 44 W. Garfield Ave. The unit will be an addition to an existing detached garage.

The homeowner plans to live in the ADU, while her daughter and grandchildren live in the main house.

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