



# Pen City Current

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## Vitality gives local artists another downtown art venue

BY CHUCK  
VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Self expression is paramount to any artist or creator, and locally those people have now have downtown outlet to market those expressions.

Jessica Northrup has moved her "Vitality" into the Main Street district into a retail space at 809 Avenue G and inviting anyone who has a penchant for creating be it sewing, drawing, or other specialized creations, to grab a shelf and market your goods.

The location opened in May and on Friday Northrup and partner Mandy Land, invited the Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors to stop in and hear what the store features.

Land, a registered nurse, was brought in by



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Jessica Northrup talks to members of the Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Club on Friday. Vitality opened in May in the new location at 809 Avenue G.

Northrup as a partner and Land will be focusing on healing and massage.

Before moving into the Main Street District, Northrup had a location out on the city's west end by Dollar General.

"I opened back in January at a different location. The building wasn't big enough and everything started going wrong all at one time and I was either going to lose my business

or move it. So I went against everyone's advice and moved it," Northrup said with a chuckle.

She said the store is full of locally produced wares from paintings, to clothes,

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## EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



## Vacation taking on full meaning

Ginnie and I are on a genuine, live, for-real vacation. And it feels like one! My mother's side of the family, whom I don't really know that well, has a reunion every other year. One of my cousins (a retired Army Colonel) and his wife, are the organizers. They travel around the country in a motor home and check out locations—perform "reconnaissance."

They look for sites that have a variety of accommodations from RV parking, to tent camping, to motel rentals, and everything in between. Past sites have been the Grand Canyon, the Black Hills of South Dakota, and the Smoky Mountains of North Carolina. This year they selected Grand Lake, Colorado, which is just outside of Rocky Mountain National Park as the destination. Not only do they select the site, but they plan out group meals and activities. Groovy. All the work had been done for us—we only had to suit-up and show up. This is the first year I (we) have attended—(being the black sheep of the family, I was never invited until this year). Ginnie has made a respectable man out of me, I think.

On our way, Ginnie and I over-nighted in Loveland, Colorado where

I used to live. The next morning, we toured Loveland's Benson Sculpture Garden. If you've never been to Loveland's Sculpture Garden, this is a must stop of bucket-list proportions. There are close to 150 sculptures in this garden (half dozen or so are added yearly), each one being a "Wow!" moment. Somewhat of a hack sculptor myself, I was immensely inspired.

Then it was over Trail Ridge Road to Grand Lake. On the western edge of Rocky Mountain National Park, we came upon a group of motorists pulled over to the side of the road. People were milling about, pointing and gawking, cameras in hand. Ginnie buzzed down her window and asked what was going on. "Baby

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## OFP looking for "Steel Magnolias" for fall

*Auditions to be held Aug. 2nd and 3rd at OFP playhouse*

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Old Fort Players will hold auditions for their Fall Production on August 2 and 3 at the theater at 725 Avenue G. 'Steel Magnolias' will need 6 women of various ages to fill the roles in this heart-warming comedy written by Robert Harling.

Steel Magnolias was originally presented in 1987 in New York City and has drawn rave reviews across the country ever since. This is the second time that OFP

has presented this great show on our stage. The first time around with this production was the only time we have ever turned people away for lack of seating. We would like to refer to this as an Encore Performance. We will be auditioning for six women; 2 older ladies, two middle age and 2 younger in their early to mid twenties. Truvy, 40s is the owner of the beauty shop. Her assistant Annelle is in her late teens or early twenties. Clairee is in her sixties and a widow of the former Mayor. Shelby in her twenties and her mother M'Lynn in her 50s. Rounding our the cast is Ouiser (Weezer) is in her 60s a very wealthy but lovable woman.

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# Obituaries/Lottery Numbers

## OBITUARIES

### LEROY W. MUELLER

Leroy W. Mueller, 67, of rural West Point, Iowa, passed away at 10:54 a.m. Friday, July 20, 2018 at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa surrounded by his family.

Born November 19, 1950 in Fort Madison, Iowa the son of Wilfred Caspar and Germaine C. (Krogmeier) Mueller. On March 12, 1976, he married Carol Hellige at St. James the Less Catholic Church in St. Paul, Iowa. She preceded him in death on January 24, 2002. He later married Barbara Jean (Kavanagh - Johnson) on November 5, 2005 at St. James Catholic Church.



MUELLER

Survivors include his wife: Barb of West Point; two sons: Ryan (Sara) Mueller of Fort Madison and Jason (Traci) Mueller of Cedar Rapids; one daughter: Stacey (Ryan) Gerling of Burlington; three step-daughters: Brenda (Linkin) Johnson of Bonaparte, Lisa (Tatz) Johnson of Des Moines and Kathy (Mike English) Johnson of Burlington; eleven grandchildren: Nicole, Josh, Brooke, Kayla, Jordan, Rose, Brooke, Owen, Kiera, Kelly and Brandon; five brothers and sisters: Gene (Marianne) Mueller of Denver, Colorado, Lois Heffley Durham of North Carolina, Eileen Mueller of Bettendorf, Iowa, Diane (Joe) Scogland of Bettendorf, Iowa and Randy (friend Debbie) Mueller of Eagle Grove, Wisconsin. Also surviving are several great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife Carol and his parents. Leroy was a lifelong farmer and also worked as a welder at J.I. Case retiring after

thirty years. He a United States Army Veteran having served during the Vietnam War. He was a member of St. James Catholic Church in St. Paul, the Houghton Knights of Columbus and Prairie Hunters Gun Club. Leroy enjoyed rides on his Gator, tending to his livestock and looking over his property watching nature's animals.



Friends may call after 1:00 p.m. Monday, July 23, 2018 at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point where the family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. that evening. A Knights of Columbus Rosary will be recited at 3:00 p.m. and a Christian Wake Service will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Following the visitation his body will be entrusted to the Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at St. James Catholic Church in St. Paul with Father Bruce DeRammelaere as celebrant.

Burial will be at St. James Catholic Cemetery in St. Paul with full military rites presented by the the West Point American Legion Holtz-Geers Post #668.

A memorial has been established in his memory for West Point Fire & Rescue or St. Judes Children's Hospital.

Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be left at [www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com).

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## From the Front

# Trip to the Rockies leaves Empty Nest far behind

**SWARM** - Continued from Page 1

moose and its momma,” we were told. I stopped and grabbed the camera. Unbelievable. Ginnie and I had never seen moose in the wild before, let alone a baby with its momma. I now have a great action-photo of a baby moose that I will definitely frame. This one photo made the whole trip worthwhile, and I looked upon it as an omen that we were going to have a great vacation. I was right.

During the week we photographed deer, elk, fox, a bull moose, eagles, humming birds, chipmunks, squirrels, and marmots, as well as breath-taking scenery. Colorado has such an abundance of wildlife and beautiful vistas that are not too camera shy.

Our week-long vacation in Colorado included a visit to the Holzwarth Fish Camp, a train ride on the Narrow Gauge Railroad from Silver Plume to Georgetown, panning for gold, a drive to the top of Mt. Evans, white water rafting, hiking, ATV sight seeing, horse back riding, a ski-lift ride, and a visit with an ole high school/football buddy in Ft. Collins. He told me I looked like my dad, which set me back on my heels. It seems the harder we try not to become our parents, the closer we get.



Photo by Curt Swarm

Columnist Curt Swarm caught a photo of this juvenile moose climbing out of a river near the Rocky Mountain National Park.

Ginnie and I were dismayed at the destruction of trees by the pine bark beetle. The mountain sides, in many places, are carpeted with brown, dead trees—a toothpick effigy looking like a war zone. However, we could see and were told by a park ranger, that it’s a natural process clearing the way for new growth of aspen, spruce and juniper. Dead pines also make great habitat for birds and other critters. As with man, monocultures open the door for disease and

pestilence. Where will the family meet in 2020? The Colonel is making a big pretense of, “Letting the family decide,” but we pretty much know he already has his mind made up. He wouldn’t be The Colonel otherwise. *Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at [curtswarm@yahoo.com](mailto:curtswarm@yahoo.com) or find him on Facebook. Curt’s stories are also read at 106.3 FM in Farmington.*

## LaFoe to direct latest version of popular screenplay

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Auditions will run from 6 to 8 PM each evening on Thursday, Aug. 2 and Friday from Aug. 3rd. The Director will be Tamela LaFoe who has Directed and appeared on the OFP stage several times. A decision will be made that evening and the cast will be announced shortly thereafter. Anyone interested in trying out is urged to be there one of the two evenings.

Due to the popularity of this show we anticipate a great turnout to be a part of it and to watch the action unfold on stage. Anyone desiring more information is directed to call 372-9559 or send us a message through our website or Facebook at [https://www.facebook.com/oldfortplayers/?ref=br\\_rs](https://www.facebook.com/oldfortplayers/?ref=br_rs)



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### PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 7/3/2018

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, July 17, 2018, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Randolph presided with Council Members Greenwald, Morawitz, Rink, Andrews and Lair present. Council Member Cangas was absent.

On motion, Council approved the agenda as written. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 7/3/2018; Cigarette Permit – Faeth’s, LLC; Appointment of Candidates Richard Manly, Ashley Meier and Christopher Sessions to the Police Reserve; Payment of Claims; Set public hearing for 8/7/2018 at 5:30 P.M. concerning the extension of the City-Wide Urban

Revitalization Tax Exemption District (URTED); and Liquor License Renewals: Hy-Vee Gas, 2632 Avenue H, effective 9/5/2018 and Chuong Gardens, 712 – 9th Street, effective 7/1/2018.

On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2018-44, setting public hearing for 8/7/2018 at 5:30 P.M. on the transfer of property to Great River Regional Waste Authority of any property the City may own that is located on the Great River Regional Waste Authority side of a recently established boundary line.

On motion, Council approved City support of a local match for a Wellmark grant for PORT Trail, Phase III.

At 6:09 P.M. on motion, Council adjourned until August 7, 2018, at 5:30 P.M.

/s/ Bradley A. Randolph, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

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Capital	45,211.08	Water	23,356.25
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Solid Waste/IW	15,040.11		
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General	\$180,744.73		
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 GENERAL ..... 38899.78  
 SPECIAL REVENUES ..... 12854.09  
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 CAPITAL PROJECTS ..... 45211.08  
 WATER ..... 11801.06  
 WASTEWATER ..... 166466.23  
 SOLID WASTE ..... 15040.11  
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 TOTAL ..... 317320.13  
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 GENERAL ..... 7,542.44  
 SPECIAL REVENUES ..... 100,673.58  
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## From the Front/Weather

# Northrup, Land bring many offerings to Main Street

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to dreamcatchers and even earthware like stones and minerals.

## 5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

MON 23 Jul



Partly Cloudy  
High – 78.9° F | Low – 69.2° F

TUE 24 Jul



Clear Skies  
High – 82.3° F | Low – 68.1° F

WED 25 Jul



Clear Skies  
High – 82.5° F | Low – 66.1° F

THU 26 Jul



Heavy Rain  
High – 71.7° F | Low – 64.5° F

FRI 27 Jul



Light Rain  
High – 79.5° F | Low – 65.7° F

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There is also a casual place with games and a television for children who are just looking for a place to come in and try some art or play games or read.

Northrup said she would find it hard pressed to turn someone away who has a locally and self-produced.

“Obviously we don’t have time to do everything in there and I’m a mom with a large arsenal of children and I work another job, but I know when I was a single mom or stay at home mom, I did a lot of crafts and selling on the Internet wasn’t enough all the time. That’s what gave me the idea to do it, kind of like a consignment store where we could give vendors a chance to come in and bring the things they make and sell it, and not just that, but give them a chance to market it there stuff as well.”

Land brings something different to the table and the business. She works with self-healing, and Northrup said she is Reiki master and Chakra, both self-attunement processes. She said classes are currently underway on Friday and Sundays.

“We have group meditations on Fridays and we have different classes like Sunday evening think tanks where we come together and discuss topics,” Land said.

“We found this building and fell in love with it,” she said. “I work at Blood Center of the Mississippi Valley, but this is what I do for fun and is my hobby. It’s multi-cultural and multigenerational and contains a little bit of everything from the artist. Anything we have in here is going to be artist-made locally or earth made.”

Northrup said she also looks at the space for are youth to have a place to do something different than work with their thumbs on digital devices.

“I have quite a few kids and the one thing I always have to fight with is video games. I absolutely hate them,” she said. “There are kids out there that want to do something, they just don’t know what or how to do it. I’m not the type of mom to draw a picture for my kids to color. I will make them show me their version

of it. So if a kids comes in and wants to do a canvas, I’ll hand them a canvas and a pencil and its... show me what you got. And they have the choice to sell it, keep it, or display it in the window.”

Northrup said her speciality is herbs and helping people learn about the difference between weeds and herbs and how to best utilize them for their health.

On August 11th, Northrup said she has scheduled the store’s second “Open Mic Night” where people can come and sing, or read poetry or play instruments, whatever they’d like to do performance-wise in front of a group of peers. She did the first open-mic night several weeks ago, and after a slow start about 15 people were in attendance.

“It was more than I ever-imagined and I was really happy with the way that worked out. I wasn’t sure what was going on at the beginning, but then people started coming in and then about six kids with guitars and instruments came in and it was just amazing,” she said.

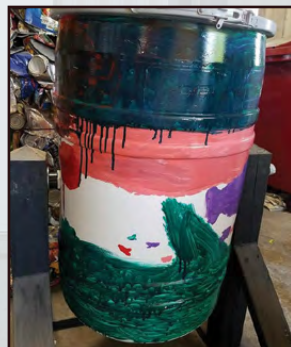
Hours at the store range and the Vitality Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Vitality-1174862022644530/>, shows the store opening at 2 p.m., but Northrup said sometimes she’ll keep the doors open late if people are in working on projects



Northrup, right front, and Mandy Land, front left, receive a certificate from the Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Club Friday morning.

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