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Hesse Marketplace set to open Thursday

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - With less than two days before its grand opening, the occupants of the Hesse Seventh Street Marketplace are fully engaged in a transition to provide fresh offerings for shoppers in Fort Madison's Main Street district.

Jimmy and Hitomi Wendorf closed on the building in March and have since assembled three other business owners to fill the building with fresh produce, coffee, and a multitude of spirits, the drinkable kind and others.

Julie Hohl, who owns Harvestville Farms with her husband Adam, has taken part of the building. They are currently painting and renovating what was once the north seating area of the Ivy. Offerings there will include fresh produce, jams,

pickles, jellies, and some Iowa gift items.

"In regards to the beer and wine, it probably won't be here June 1. But that's still in our plans. We will be selling fresh produce, more of the things people crave - sweet corn, green beans, tomatoes, peaches that kind of thing," Hohl said.

"Everything else will be gift items such as Iowa t-shirts and that type of that thing. More dishes.. some of the same stuff we have on the farm, but some stuff that doesn't bode well in the outdoor element - lotions and soaps, too.

Hohl said she wanted to be able to provide a downtown produce option for people, but will also sell some of the more popular farm items and some additional items outside the farm venue including some beers and wines at some point. The outlet will also offer local



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Thursday will mark the grand opening of the Hesse Seventh Street Marketplace in the Main Street District in Fort Madison.

Iowa syrup, local honey, and a small amount of baked goods.

She said the hours are still not 100% but she's looking at Monday-Friday 10 to 5:30 or 6 to help the after-work crowd. Saturdays she said possibly 10 to 3 p.m. and they will be closed on Sunday.

The Wendorfs will be

offering a patio-style taco counter called Tacos Takos, with the last spelling indicative of the Japanese word for octopus, giving customers a sense of the wild flavors of tacos that could be part of the venue.

Hitomi Wendorf said the June 1 grand opening will include music on the

porch that makes up the Tacos, Tacos Takos outlet. A new coat of paint and signage separates the porch area from where Holly Frary will house her new "sip. (n.) a coffee and wine bistro". Frary is renovating what used to be the main Ivy Bake Shoppe

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HTC girls advance

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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WEST POINT - The Holy Trinity Catholic girls soccer team downed Mediapolis 7-0 Tuesday night in district soccer at South Park in West Point.

For their efforts, they get to face the No. 1 team in the state in Class 1A in the likes of Davenport Assumption Friday night in Davenport at 6 p.m.

The Rashid sisters, Maya and Elle, combined for four goals on seven shots to lead Holy Trinity. Senior Ali Randolph scored one goal on nine shots on goal. Taylor Boeding and Elyse Pothitakis scored the other goal.

The game started a bit sluggish with both teams moving the ball and the

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Toops honored for work with housing program

Authority looking to fill two commissioner positions

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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FORT MADISON - Rolling up on 25 years, Pati Toops has been touting the need to keep public housing viable in Fort Madison.

The local director of the Fort Madison Housing Authority has been advocating for housing for the low income, senior,

and physically or mentally disabled residents of Fort Madison.

With close to 134 units, the FMHA has a \$600,000 budget and Toops said she gets everything out of the budget she can muster.

She says with the housing authority budget being included in the Department of Defense, budgets are always of concern and any cuts have a huge impact locally. To

keep congressional eyes on the situation, Toops and FMHA commissioner Rebecca Bowker trek regularly to state and national conferences to keep lawmakers informed of what is going on locally.

"The budget is always a concern. HUD falls into the department of defense. It's always a fight to support our community," Toops said. "Increases in defense spending always give us a red flag. Washington D.C. is a crazy

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Fort Madison Housing Authority Director Pati Toops was recently honored for her years of service and advocacy to the housing needs of low-income, senior and the physically and mentally disabled in Lee County.

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From the Front/Opinion

For Toops, advocacy isn't an option

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place right now and it's anybody's guess what's going to happen."

She said because so much of her budget comes from federal resources, she stays engaged with Iowa's congress people to make sure the message is current.

"I'm involved regionally and nationally to keep our congress informed that we need them. Just to remind them that we're here at home trying to make sure those people have a place to live and a roof over their heads," she said.

The budget is formulary and subsidies are based on tenants' age, occupancy, rental capacity, etc.

Toops was recently honored with a Housing Achievement Award given by the state for her years of advocacy and service.

One of her biggest hurdles now getting a full board of commissioners. Toops said she's been running one short for more than a year and really has been operating two short due to lack of attendance by another member.

"I have a real need for commissioners. The City Council and mayor appoint them and I'm supposed to have five, but I've been short for more than a year and one that doesn't show up regularly. I like to share with my board what's going on so they can keep tabs on what's happening. But I really would like to have those

positions filled."

She said two other hurdles she is facing now are transportation and child care. Transportation for residents in the program is limited to SEIBUS for people to get to and from work, which she says is a shortfall. Getting children to and from day care is also an issue.

"If we could get those two issues taken care of that would be a big help. We have issues getting people to work and getting children to day care and if we could get that taken care of that would help us a lot."

The FMHA has the Hillview Village center on 48th Street, 54 family housing units, and several units they manage as part of the Lee County Housing Initiative that provides homes for the mentally challenged. The FMHA manages those units for the county who owns the properties. The FMHA also oversees Section 8 housing which is local apartments where rent is subsidized by the federal government.

Bowker said she was surprised at how much Toops handles compared to the larger housing authorities in the country.

"One of the things I didn't realize until I went to DC was that big housing authorities like Chicago or New York have a staff to handle regulations and paperwork. But the same paperwork they have to do, she's had to do here so we wanted to push to give some of the smaller authorities some relief," Bowker said. "I've always been impressed with Pati and her ability to manage that and deal with the tenants."

Toops said that is also a message that tries to share on her trips to the capitol and visits with Iowa's senator and representatives.

"I wear all the hats, whereas in the Chicago Housing

Authority, the director oversees and says you do this and you do that, but that's not the way it works here," she said.

"We always try to make sure we bring the personal stories out there. If you cut this - or do that - this is the impact that will have on these local people."

Toops said she believes cuts to the program are coming, but it's nothing different than the cyclical changes that have been part of the business for the past 25 years. Bowker said it's a stark reality that budget cuts will leave an impact on local housing needs.

"If Washington D.C. makes decisions to cut her budget, that's 60 landlords that won't be paid. 60 families that may get evicted," Bowker said. "To me that's a huge deal. This generation was made to believe that social security and government housing was going to take care of them when they became elderly and now the government is failing them because social security is not enough to live on and they can't afford a place to live. Without this you're going to have homeless elderly in FM. What happens in Washington really does effect FM locally and personally. If I could beat something into people's heads it would be that."

Toops said she's been dealing with these kinds of changes for a quarter century and it's just a matter of staying focused and remembering why you do it.

"Remember what you're doing, why you do it, and who you're serving and taking care of," she said. "Try to get rejuvenated once a in a while with your successes and you see people you've helped get out of the program. Maybe you see someone working at a store or a nurse is taking your blood pressure that used to be in the program and you say 'Alright, she's doing ok.'"

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

FM Partners supports new elementary school buildings

Fort Madison Partner affiliates, Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce; Main Street; FMEDC; and FMSIRRC, recognize the value quality educational opportunities bring to our community and offer our support for your efforts to move the Fort Madison School Bond Referendum and the Holy Trinity Catholic Elementary School project along.

First and foremost, it is important to be able to offer our youth a strong educational foundation to compete in our global economy. We have a unique opportunity in Fort Madison to be able to offer choices when it comes to quality education and use it as a selling point for the community every chance we get. This selling point will become even stronger with two new elementary schools to boast about.

These proposed elementary schools, although different in scope and size, will have an everlasting impact on our children and future generations. It will take all of us, whether you are a parent or grandparent or just care about the future of our communities, showing support for both schools to make them become a reality.

Technology, while only a portion of what makes a quality education, has the most focus. The ways of learning are changing and we have an opportunity to create a learning environment that incorporates technology and individual-

ized teaching methods that set all of our children up for success. It is imperative to make sure students with disabilities are integrated properly into the classroom, creating a sense of belonging while eliminating current limitations that currently exist.

Safety is also a key factor in these building initiatives. As the times change, what was adequate for one generation is no longer adequate now. It is our responsibility to ensure everyone at the schools feel safe- teachers, students and administrative staff. While measures have been taken throughout the years, these older facilities present challenges when it comes to safety.

In summation, our support for the Fort Madison Elementary Bond Referendum and the Holy Trinity Elementary School project addresses these key points: economic development and recruitment of professionals and businesses; investing in the future success of our youth; the recruitment of quality educators; and the safety of our children.

We hope citizens will vote in favor of the Fort Madison Bond Referendum and support the Holy Trinity Elementary School project, because when we all come together, we can do great things!

Tim Gobble
 Executive Director, Fort Madison Partners



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Fort Madison Police Report

05/26/17 - 6 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2200 block of Avenue E.
 05/26/17 - 6:09 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1500 block of Avenue H.
 05/26/17 - 2:47 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a gas drive off in the 1700 block of Avenue H.
 05/27/17 - 5:10 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Anthony James Criswell, 55 of Fort Madison in the 2500 block of Avenue J on a warrant for failure to serve for driving while barred. He was transported to the Henry County Jail.
 05/21/17 - 5:10 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Matthew Ryan Holbert, 33, of Fort Madison in the 2200 block of Avenue H on a charge of driving under suspension. He was released.
 05/27/17 - 10:49 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Timothy Lee Brennan, 43, of Fort Madison in the 2000 block of Avenue M for trespass. He was released.
 05/28/17 - 2:33 a.m. - Fort

Madison Police arrested Matthew Lee Zimmerman, 29, of Fort Madison in the 6000 block of Avenue O on a charge of OWI-3rd offense. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 05/28/17 - 8:00 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Shane David Vance, 33 of Fort Madison at the Fort Madison Police Department on a charge of simple assault. New was released on his own recognizance.
 5/29/17 - 3:26 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Laura Diane Whittemore, 54, no address in the 1200 block of Avenue H on a warrant for disorderly conduct. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held on bond.
 05/29/17 - 11:36 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Jacob Russell Gilpin, 19, of Fort Madison in the 1400 block of Avenue H on charges of burglary and harassment. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 05/26/17 - 8:30 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Adam

Christopher Tucker, 32, of Fort Madison, at the Missouri State Prison on four warrants for escape from custody-felon, controlled substance violation, possession of a controlled substance and ongoing criminal conduct. He remained jailed.
 05/26/17 - 11:00 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Brian Dale Hutson, 35, of Keokuk at the Adams County Jail on a warrant for probation violation. He remained jailed.
 05/26/17 - 12:01 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Justin Wayne Trout, 38, of Carthage at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a warrant for probation violation.
 05/26/17 - 3:37 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on 1st Street in Montrose. A vehicle driven by Debra Jean LeMatty, 61, of Montrose and a vehicle driven by Gary Mark Carle, 71, of Grandview, collided when Carle backed out of a parking stall and struck LeMatty's vehicle who was northbound on 1st Street. No injuries or citations were issued at the scene.

05/26/17 - 5:14 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kory Lee Wade, 37 of Keokuk at the Lee County Jail on a warrant for fifth-degree theft. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 05/26/17 - 6:52 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Cornelious Tyrone Brewer, 25, of Keokuk in the 10 block of S. 6th Street in Keokuk on a warrant for driving while barred. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a promise to appear.
 05/26/17 - 6:52 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jesse Virgal Johnson, 48, of Keokuk in the 10 block of S. 6th Street on a charge of driving while license revoked - OWI. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a promise to appear.
 05/27/19 - 5:29 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested a 15-year old male juvenile at the Juvenile Detention Center on charge of criminal mischief-4th degree. He was held pending a court appearance.
 05/27/17 - 9:09 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Cody Allen Law-

son, 23, of Birmingham, on Pollmiller Park Road on charges of contempt for resisting a court order. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 05/29/17 - no time given - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Laura Diane Whittemore, 54, of Fort Madison, in the 1200 block of Avenue H, on a warrant for disorderly conduct. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and later released on a promise to appear.
 5/28/17 - 10:37 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on State Route 27. A vehicle driven by Gregory P. Davis, 51, of New Orleans, La., struck a vehicle driven by Charles Francis Womack, 62, of West Point. According to the report Davis was changing lanes and didn't see Womack who was in his blindspot and the two vehicles collided. No injuries or citations were issued at the scene.
 05/29/17 - 8:40 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Loyal Gregory Gundrum, 47 of Davenport at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a warrant for

failure to appear-contempt of court. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

05/27/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls.
 05/28/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to six medical calls, one burn complaint and one false alarm call.
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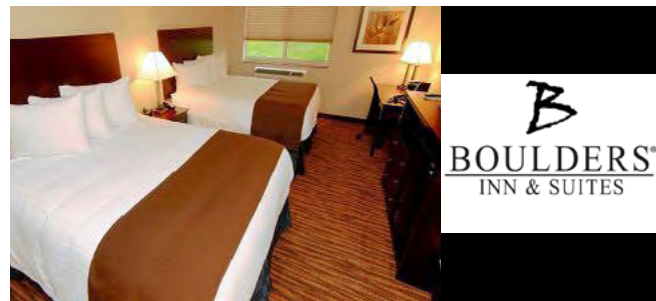
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Sports

HTC girls advance to district finals

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majority of the minutes were spent with HTC on the offensive pestering Mediapolis' Sydnie Kirbie for most of the game.

"I want to give credit to the Mediapolis girls first," said HTC coach Michael Sheerin. "That's a young team and I told the coach they have compassion and they work together. I've been doing this for 30 years and I know it takes about five to get a program up and running and he's gonna get there."

But Sheerin said his squad moved the ball as well tonight as they have all season.

"We had lovely movement of the ball. Maya, our player of the game, and Elyse Pothitakis did a great job of keeping the offense moving. That keeps the defense moving around and opens things up."

Boeding scored the first goal of the game at 16:42, more than halfway through the first period. But then the goals came more fluidly for the Crusaders as Elle Rashid found the back of the net off a rebound in a scrum of HTC and Mediapolis players just 1:30 seconds later to start setting the tone for the Crusaders. Randolph had two hard shots at the goal but Kirbie kept her out for the



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

HTC's Ali Randolph takes one of her nine shots on goal Tuesday night at South Park as the Lady Crusaders downed Mediapolis 7-0 to advance to Friday's district final against Davenport Assumption.

first half.

Maya Rashid rounded out the scoring in the first half when she punched one in at the 11 minute mark.

It took the blue and white about 10 minutes in the second half to get going again when Randolph finally got one of her shots by Kirbie at the 29 minute mark. The fifth goal came when Maya Rashid took a shot that ricocheted off a Mediapolis defender and sneaked by Kirbie. Elle Rashid found the net with her second goal of the night to put the Crusaders



Elle Rashid tries to reach the ball for a header on a pass through in the second half HTC's win over Mediapolis Tuesday night.

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-Michael Sheerin
Head Coach

losing four seniors and having them replaced with underclassmen who are getting the job done.

"Emily Box is probably the fastest developing player of the year. Her intelligence, her play, and her movement. Sam Pothitakis and Ashlyn Haas are both 9th graders and are playing very well."

The defensive speed of HTC kept the ball away from HTC keeper Avery Malinski for most of the night as she only needed three saves to preserve the shutout.

Sheerin said Assumption will pose a strong test for his girls, but said he's going to rely on the odds of the post season.

"We're gonna hope everything goes right for us and everything goes wrong for them," he said with a chuckle.

"But, really, they are a very strong team with some thoroughbreds. Our goal will be to earn their respect but turning in our best match of the season. And win, lose, or draw, if we leave with them asking, 'Who was that?...' we did our job."

up 6-0 with 7:22 left in the game. Pothitakis capped off the scoring a few minutes later and shot up the middle to ice it for HTC.

Sheerin said he's been very impressed with how his squad has overcome adversity on the season,

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From the Front/Obituaries

OBITUARIES

HOYT FLOYD GROSSMAN

Hoyt Floyd Grossman, 33 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died in an automobile accident Monday afternoon, May 29, 2017 near Sawyer, Iowa. He was born April 20, 1984 in Burlington, Iowa, a son of Randy Floyd and Tamara Ann (Painter) Grossman. On August 11, 2012, he married Theresa Thuleen.

Hoyt was a 2002 graduate of Fort Madison High School. He worked at Siemens for the past 3 years. He enjoyed life and had fun...there was never a dull moment!

He is survived by his wife, Theresa Grossman, of Fort Madison; his parents, Randy and Tamara Grossman, of Fort Madison; one daughter, Brianna Hull, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; one brother, Wylie R (Candice) Grossman, of Fort Madison; his mother-in-law, Sue Thuleen, of Fort Madison; maternal grandmother, Lorraine Painter, of Wever, Iowa; two aunts, one uncle, two great uncles, one niece, one nephew, many cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Floyd and Ruth Grossman and Robert Painter.

Per his wishes, his body has been cremated. His family will greet friends from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (noon) Saturday, June 3, 2017 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. His family will continue to celebrate his life with a private burial at the Denmark Cemetery, Denmark, Iowa. A memorial has been established, contributions may be left at the Barr Memorial Chapel. Online condolences to the Grossman family may be made at the Barr Memorial Chapel website, www.barrmemorialchapel.com.



GROSSMAN

Four new businesses ready for Hesse grand opening Thursday

HESSE - Continued from Page 1

seating area.

Frery has pulled a blue and chocolate brown paint scheme and has brought some of her ambiance from her Mt. Pleasant location where she's been running a successful bistro for close to two years. She has a full service coffee and espresso bar with all sorts of caffeinated and non-caffeinated choices.

She said the bistro will offer breakfast and lunch items made with fresh and "semi-healthy" ingredients and then will switch to small plate foods to go along with wine and craft beer offerings in the later afternoons.

"We want people to come in and take a load off," Frery said earlier. "They should just feel good about coming in and relaxing. I want to be able to offer the folks a nice place to just come and relax by themselves or with friends. In Mt. Pleasant you come and stay as long as you like. It's a gathering spot."

The wine will be sold by the glass, not the bottle, and the craft beers will be sold by the bottles and a lot will be from crafters and wineries not so familiar to the area.

She said her hours of operation in Fort Madison are also still up in the air, but people who want to get an early impression of what's going on can visit the Mt. Pleasant facility from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. She is closed on Sunday.

The connecting doors of each store front will be open so customers can move back and forth through the stores.

Lara Haas, owner of Sun Meets Moon Healing, a boutique of spiritual healing and soul discovery, will go in where the Artisan shop was on the north side of the building on Seventh Street. She said she wants to create some space where people can be inspired and provide some natural products to help them get in sync with their souls. She's also looking at providing some craft classes, possibly some kids classes, and maybe even incorporate some music.

"I've got lots of different ideas," Haas said. "I think it's a great group of people and I'm thankful Jimmy and Hitomi invited me to be a part of it and hopefully I can get out there and touch some people's hearts. I know

my space is a bit different, but I still think it will be a good flow here."

Haas said she's looking at hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 4 days a week and she'll build on that.

Sugar Lumps, a well known cake and cupcake vendor in Fort Madison, will also be taking a portion of the marketplace to bring some of their sweet treats to the Main Street district.

Anastasia Garcia, the owner of Sugar Lumps, said her hours are still a bit fluid as well, but plans to be open at 9 a.m., Wednesday through Friday, but that is subject to change.

"We're gonna have product to sell and that will vary depending on what's in season, but we're gonna use seasonal fresh ingredients," Garcia said. "We'll do wedding cakes and will probably be picking up a few birthday cakes along the way."

She said the business will operate out of the kitchen that is located between Sun Meets Moon and Harvestville Farms, but Garcia said they will have their own access door but will also be interconnected with the other ventures as well.

"We'll be open for the June grand opening. But overall it's just gonna be me and I'm working out the menu kinks right now for what we'll have for the week."

SPORTS

HTC 7th graders knock off New London again

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Holy Trinity Catholic's seventh grade softball team improved stayed unbeaten with a 7-4 win over New London Thursday. It was the second time the two teams had meet in two days.

Mary Hellige got the win pitching six innings and striking out 10. Raquel Schneider led the Crusaders going 2 for 2 at the plate with a walk and a run scored. Anna Sobczak went 1 for 1 with two walks and a run scored. Kayla Box had a hit and a run scored. Laura Mehmert went 1 for 2 at the plate. Kelli Meierotto walked and scored a run. Jenna DiPrima went 1 to 1 with a walk and 2 runs scored. Rachel Menke went 1 for 2 with a run scored.

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