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West Point getting a "Small Grand Thing"



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Danielle Neaves sits in front of the home that she's transforming into part of the Small Grand Things Event Center south of West Point of X23. A new 300-capacity pavillion will be built in the open space to the left of the home.

New event venue set to open south of West Point in the fall

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT – If you head south of West Point on X23 you see mostly timber and farmland on both sides of the road, but tucked back off to the west about three miles south of town is the future sight of something “grand”.

Danielle Neaves, along with her mother Ann Newton Neaves, are building an event venue right along side the home they built with their own hands about 19 years ago on land that's been in the family for generations.

The venue, called “Small GRAND Things”, is being planned as a center for weddings and other events, that came as the brainchild of Neaves.

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The West Point native moved back to the area from Washington D.C. last year. She is an operations specialist, who coordinates and manages about 90 facilitators around the world for Challenger Inc. Neaves works

remotely for the company and was able to move back home.

Her family moved to Texas in 2006 and she just moved back in October after renting out the property for about a dozen years.

The project was supposed to begin in the fall, but the quick winter put the project on hold until this spring. She said construction should be done by the end of July and is hoping to have a grand opening before the Sweet Corn Festival.

She is already booking the center for the fall, but isn't accepting bookings before Sept. 1 and has three wedding packages ranging from a grand to \$3,500 with add-ons available such as a bridal suite, a honeymoon suite, “Pajamas and Pancakes” and a Mimosa Bar and Beverages add-on. There is also a half-loft in the pavillion for small gatherings, showers, and birthday parties.

Neaves said the home she grew up in will become a space for overnight accommodations for wedding

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Chamber announces small, micro-business 2019 nominees

FORT MADISON, IA – Each May during National Small Business Week the Fort Madison Area Chamber of Commerce honors the greater Fort Madison small business community for their efforts and achievements during the previous calendar year. The Small Business of the Year and the Micro Business of the Year awards are presented and ALL nominees are acknowledged during the Annual Salute to Small Business Breakfast on May 9th at the Quality Inn & Suites.

Eligible businesses are based on the following criteria:

- Is organized for profit
- Has a place of business in Fort Madison
- Is independently owned and operated
- Is not dominant in its field on a national basis
- Made an impact on the community or economy over the past year (2018)
- Has changed and/or grown in the past year

(2018)

The nominees are as follows:

Micro Business of the Year:

- Dodd Printing & Stationery
- Pen City Current
- The Funky Cowgirl

Small Business of the Year:

- Buffalo61 Bar & Grille
- Fox Theatre
- Harvestville Farm

Micro Business of the Year Nominations

Dodd Printing and Stationery - This business, established in 1877 by the Dodd family and handed down through four generations of the same name, passed the business over to Matt and Betsy Hayes in 2017 as the 5th generation (not born a Dodd but felt like part of the family through the relationship that was built). Matt got his start over a decade ago with the business when he was invited to do an internship at Dodd Printing and hasn't stopped helping the “creative side” of people's ideas come to light. Matt and Betsy have continued with the same level of customer service we all have come to expect from Dodd Printing & Stationery. Since taking on the business, Matt has incorporated himself into numerous committees through the Main Street board to help better Fort Madison. Just recently moved into a director seat on the Fort Madison Partners board representing the Downtown Business District.

The Funky Cowgirl - I would like to nominate Darla

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Obituaries/Business News

OBITUARIES

HELEN A. LOVING

Helen A. Loving, 91, of West Point, Iowa passed away Monday, May 6, 2019 at 2:59 a.m.

Helen was born on June 25, 1927 in Fort Madison, Iowa, the daughter of Henry J. and Emma E. (Wiggenjost) Fraune. She was one of ten children and graduated from Catholic Central High School in Fort Madison in 1944.



LOVING

She worked for Sheaffer Pen Company in Fort Madison for 5 years. On November 5, 1949, she married James F. Loving in Fort Madison, Iowa. The couple owned and operated Jim's Electric Service in West Point until the time of his death, November 17, 1987.

Helen was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point and the Altar & Rosary Society. She was a splendid cook and baker often sharing her wares with family, friends and neighbors. She loved children and spending time with her family. She enjoyed classical music, watching birds and filling out "Circle the Word" books. Helen had a "green thumb." She played the piano, the harmonica and loved to jitterbug! If you didn't know how to do these things, she'd teach you!

Surviving family include two daughters: Susan (Larry Pilarchik) Loving of Henderson, Nevada & Judith (David) Bliss of Carman, Illinois; one son: Joseph Loving of West Point, two sisters-in-law, several special cousins, and many beloved nieces and nephews and their families.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: James; three brothers: Paul Fraune, Robert Fraune, and James Fraune; six sisters: Alice Fedler, Joan Fraune, Ruth Krogmeier, Arline Walljasper, Viola Menke, and Louise Menke and several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call after noon Thursday, May 9, 2019 at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point, Iowa where the family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with a Parish Rosary recited at 4:30 p.m. and Christian Wake Service at 6:30 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 10, 2019 for Mrs. Loving at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point, Iowa with Father Dennis Hoffman and Reverend Mark P. Spring as celebrants.

Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in West Point, Iowa.

Memorials have been established for West Point Fire & Rescue, Calvary Cemetery or the charity of your choice.

Pen City Current obituary policy

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OBITUARIES

DAVID PAUL LOWE

David Paul Lowe, 68 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died at 2:33 pm Sunday, May 5, 2019 at the Great River Hospice House, West Burlington, Iowa. He was born July 22, 1950, the son of Paul W and Myrtle Juanita (Cameron) Lowe.

David was a 1968 graduate of Fort Madison High School.

He was retired from Local #125 Plumbers and SteamFitters, after 43 years of service.

He was a Past Master and member of the Fort Madison Masonic Lodge #13 AF & AM.

He is survived by his life partner, Lynda Day of Fort Madison.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Sharon Gray.

Visitation will be from 5:00 – 6:00 pm Wednesday, May 8, 2018 at the Barr Memorial Chapel. A Masonic Service will begin at 6:00 pm Wednesday at the funeral home followed by a Funeral Service, officiated by Chaplain Randy Gearhart. Private burial will be at the Winfield-Scott Cemetery, Winfield, Iowa. A memorial has been established, contributions may be left at the Barr Memorial Chapel. Online condolences to the Lowe Family may be made at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.



Photo Courtesy of FMCH

Vicki Kokjohn, VP of Patient Care Services, and Carolyn Krone, Director of Inpatient Services, present Anji Dustin with the March Employee of Month award at Fort Madison Community Hospital.

Dustin named FMCH top employee

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison Community Hospital recognized Anji Dustin as their March Employee of the Month. Dustin is a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) on the FMCH Medical/Surgical Unit. She has been with FMCH for two-and-a-half years. Dustin was recognized with this nomination:

This employee always has a positive attitude regardless of what is happening or external stressors. They are willing to help out others when they are busy—offers to grab vitals or assist patients if they need help, she NEVER says “that’s not my patient”. They find things to do that lightens other’s load, is flexible in their scheduling, picks up extra shifts –including weekends. This employee will stay over to cover incoming shift if they need help until things are settled. They model the meaning of “no pass zone”, it does not matter whom they are assigned to, they help all.

The Employee of the Month is an initiative developed by the Reward & Recognition team. Each month a FMCH employee is honored for going above and beyond for the good of the patient, their co-workers and the organization

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Ag News/From the Front

FM Small Business breakfast set for Thursday

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Farrell and the Funky Cowgirl for micro business of the year. The Funky Cowgirl was established in 2003 in a building owned by Darla Farrell at 707 Avenue G. Darla is the sole owner and also owns the adjoining Studio 61 Hair Design.

The Funky Cowgirl also travels throughout the Midwest with a large mobile boutique on wheels. The boutique has been a vendor at the Tri-State Rodeo for 10 years, which has created a huge following. The Funky Cowgirl also has a huge online presence on Facebook with over 100,000 followers and a website created in 2008. This name was trademarked to protect its integrity and with a strong online presence, they ship all over the world.

With over 400 boutiques in consideration, the Funky Cowgirl was once awarded Iowa Boutique of the Year by Boutique Hub, a multi-faceted digital media community with a huge foundation in the boutique world associated with all market places in the U.S.

Darla Farrell is a past Vice President of Fort Madison Main Street and has been invited to speak at Main Street of Iowa events. She is a current board member of the Riverfront Business District, past Chairperson for Fort Madison Buckle Bash, co-creator/Chair of Fort Madison Ghost Hunt, and creator/Chair of Sip and Stroll. She is also the creator of and Chair for Downtown Summer Market, coming to you this summer. Darla was also Chairperson for Little Miss Rodeo for ten years. The Funky Cowgirl has made donations to many local events and charities.

Darla has also been a presence in the community with Studio 61 Hair Design for 30 years as owner, stylist, and an instructor of Cosmetology. As a downtown property owner, she has restored her building to its original beauty. Please consider Darla and the Funky Cowgirl to Fort Madison when making your selection.

FSA announces grants to help with organic costs

WASHINGTON, May 6, 2019 – USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced that organic producers and handlers can apply for federal funds to assist with the cost of receiving and maintaining organic certification through the Organic Certification Cost Share Program (OCCSP). Applications for fiscal 2019 funding are due Oct. 31, 2019.

"Producers can visit their local FSA county offices to apply for up to 75 percent of the cost of organic certification," said FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce. "This also gives organic producers an opportunity to learn about other valuable USDA resources, like farm loans and conservation assistance, that can help them succeed. Organic producers can take advantage of a variety of USDA programs from help with field buffers to routine operating expenses to storage and handling equipment."

OCCSP received continued support through the 2018 Farm Bill. It provides cost-share assistance to producers and handlers of agricultural products for the costs of obtaining or maintaining organic certification under the USDA's National Organic Program. Eligible producers include any certified producers or handlers who have paid organic certification fees to a USDA-accredited certifying agent. Eligible expenses for cost-share reimbursement include application fees, inspection costs, fees related to equivalency agreement and arrangement

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Pen City Current - The Pen City Current, Fort Madison's online source for local news has become a staple in the world of media. Through this outlet that Chuck and his wife, Lee, created in 2016, they put in countless hours of hard work, oftentimes through the night, to keep the people of our community informed on relevant news. Those that read Chuck's work know of its high quality and integrity, which many may take for granted, but is so valuable in keeping the people of our community together. In addition to this, they spend time and use their media to create awareness for many local fundraisers and charity events. While the great work and tenacious hours that the Vandenberg put in as owners of the Pen City Current would alone make them a worthy candidate for consideration of this award, they also gives a great amount of additional time to many local organizations. They are constantly growing their business to better serve their community.

Small Business of the Year Nominations

Harvestville Farms - Kathy, Adam and Julie work so hard to make Harvestville Farm a destination in Lee County. They have consistently grown to better serve their guests. Over the last few years, they have expanded their offerings to include more activities on the farm for kids and adults alike, not only in the summer and fall, but throughout the year. In 2017, they expanded into downtown Fort Madison with Harvestville Farm Mercantile. This second location has been a unique and successful store in the downtown district. The Hohls have taken their little pumpkin farm and grown it into an "agri-tainment" staple that people want to visit. Their mission says it all as they want to provide a fun, safe, educationally based rural experience for families by offering unique hands-on agricultural related activities. They're committed to this mission and it shows

every day.

Buffalo61 Bar & Grille - In March of 2018, Chase Gibb and wife Jen decided to jump on an opportunity to bring their award winning menu and relaxed family atmosphere here to Fort Madison. The old Bennigan's/Chandler's building was transformed into The Buffalo 61 after Gibb did some extensive renovation to suit the Buff's style. In addition to the family friendly sports bar and restaurant, The Buffalo offers catering and hosts Trivia Night every Wednesday. The generosity of Gibb is evident when it comes to sponsoring local events. It has become the norm to see the iconic, masculine Buffalo being represented as a sponsor to events big and small around the area, even hosting a pancake breakfast for a third grade traveling baseball team. Gibb continues to grow his empire and will be opening a new coal fire pizza and steak restaurant in Burlington within the next few weeks.

Fox Theatre - In March of 2017, Eisentraut Theatres came back to Fort Madison to re-open Fox Theatre in the Downtown district. Owner Jeff Eisentraut and managers Chris and Maddie Swed took ownership of the theater and immediately started major renovations to ready the building for the first movie showings. Over the last two years, Chris and Maddie have done a fantastic job of keeping the theatre a success by showing the latest cinema with affordable fare and concessions. Chris is an active participant in downtown district improvement discussions, opening his Swed & Co. coffee cart up at downtown events and contributing to downtown events such as the Enchanted Forest.

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

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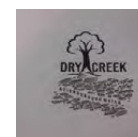
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Sports/Local News

Fort Madison girls move into 2nd in loop play

Lady Hounds get conference front-runner MP on Tuesday

BY ETHAN LILLARD
PCC Sports

FORT MADISON – Coming into Monday’s contest at Baxter Sport Complex, Fort Madison’s girls soccer team was sitting at No. 2 in the Southeast conference (Mount Pleasant sits at No. 1 with an 8-1 record and zero conference losses).

Nipping at their heels were Monday’s opponent in the 6-5 Washington Demons. Winner of Monday’s contest would be holder of the No. 2 spot in the conference and still have an outside shot of at least tying Mount Pleasant for the conference championship.

All of the scoring Monday came in the first half and it all came from the Bloodhounds, as Fort Madison positioned itself closer to the top of the Southeast conference with a 3-0 win over Washington.

“We’re not out of conference until we play Mount Pleasant tomorrow,” Seifert said. “We just want to keep that door open for us to give ourselves a chance.”

Once again Brandy Walker kept the door open for the Hounds, recording two of the team’s three goals on the day.

Washington controlled the time of possession early on in the first half, but Fort Madison didn’t need the ball for long to make a difference on the scoreboard.

In the 34th minute Walker found a soft spot in the Washington defense and outraced defenders half of the field, launching the ball into the bottom left corner to give the Hounds the 1-0 lead.

“I wouldn’t have scored without my teammates, honestly,” Walker said. “Without them and without us connecting our passes ... I wouldn’t have even been near the goal.”

Ten minutes later the Washington keeper asked her teammates, “Who has No. 19?”, but it was too late.

Maddy McVey found No. 19 (Walker) open in the middle of the field and led her to the goal. Walker

chose the bottom left corner pocket again, sending a screamer past the Washington keeper for a 2-0 advantage.

“We’ve had 31 practices this season,” Seifert said. “For about 31 of them we’ve practiced passing patterns. It’s a long road and it takes a long time. We’re not near perfect, but they’re starting to understand the different patterns we’re trying to get them to do. Today it worked out.”

McVey is a lefty and has started at the left forward position for the Hounds all season. Monday, McVey started on the right side for the first time this season.

Fort Madison’s Maddy McVey brings the ball in from the right side in the early going of Monday night’s matchup with Washington. The Bloodhounds won 3-0 to move to 6-4 on the year. Photo by Ethan Lillard/PCC

It didn’t phase her. In the 20th minute, McVey ran past the Washington defense and sent the ball to the lonely bottom right corner of the net for a 3-0 Bloodhound lead.

“She played on the other wing for us today,” Seifert said. “It was a new role for her, but she executed perfectly. She’s a lefty, but we put her on the right wing today ... we mixed it up a little bit and it worked out.”

McVey is typically the basketball equivalent of the team’s starting point guard and is used to setting the table for her teammates. But after Monday’s contest, McVey admitted it felt good being the one to send it in between the sticks for a change.

“It just made me feel good that I could be on the other side of the goal part of it,” McVey said. “I like sprinting after it and being able to beat the defender. It just felt good to be able to kick it.”

McVey’s goal was the last of the contest, as Seifert was able to sub out his starting unit with regularity in anticipation of tomorrow’s showdown with Mount Pleasant and cruise for the 3-0 victory.

“It was an important win,” team captain Anna Kester said. “It was a big deal to us because it’s leading up to districts ... We still want to try to tie for conference.”

Fort Madison takes on Southeast Conference leading Mount Pleasant tomorrow at Baxter Sport Complex beginning at 5 p.m.



Photo by Ethan Lillard/PCC

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Wondra passes gavel as president

DES MOINES – At the Annual Business Meeting of the Iowa Chiropractic Society (ICS) held in Des Moines on April 5th, Lauri Wondra, DC, passed the gavel and moved into the position of Immediate Past President. Dr. Wondra served as the 2018–2019 ICS President.



DR. WONDRA

Dr. Lauri Wondra, of Fort Madison’s Wondra Chiropractic and Accupuncture was recognized last month for her tenure as the Iowa Chiropractic Society’s president last year.

Dr. Wondra was honored with the Outgoing ICS President’s award, recognizing her leadership the Society. Dr. Kevin Paustian, Dean of Academic Affairs at Palmer College of Chiropractic presented Dr. Wondra with the award on behalf of Palmer College of Chiropractic.

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Sports

Avery, Thurmans, and Fehseke all win loop titles

Top 4 boys stay perfect in set play against conference foes

PCC STAFF

FAIRFIELD – The Fort Madison boys tennis team’s No 1-4 players didn’t drop a set all year in conference play and carried that streak into Monday’s conference meet in Fairfield.

The Hounds won the conference meet with 20 points. Mt. Pleasant was 2nd with 16 points followed by Keokuk with 11 and Fairfield with seven points.

Fort Madison got titles at No. 1 singles from Sam Avery, and Nos. 2 and 3 with Jason and Vasin Thurman and at No. 4 from Reed Fehseke.

Coach Dean Hogan said one of the biggest surprises and a crucial two points came from Levi Sissel who took 2nd place at No. 6 singles.

“He really battled there for second at No. 6 and that gave us two important points to help guide us to the singles conference title,” Hogan said.

The Thurman brothers took the No. 1 doubles title with 6-1, 6-2 wins for the title. Avery and Fehseke had to come back from a first set 4-6 loss before taking the second set 6-1 and the tiebreaker 10-8.

District tennis action is scheduled for Wednesday morning at Fairfield Middle School, however projected weather may push districts to Friday instead.

Central Lee’s Hawk gets 1st team at conference meet

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Jadon Hawk shot an 85 good enough for 9th place and the final 1st team position at Monday’s Southeast Iowa Super-conference boys high school golf meet.

West Burlington/Notre Dame’s Matt Briggs was medalist with a four-over 76. New London’s Clayton Phillips shot a 77 for runner up at the meet held at Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course in Fort Madison.

Hawk started with a couple sevens on holes 2 and 3 before recording four 3s on the next five holes including two birdies to get out with four-over 40, which was tied for 3rd best over the front nine. But he couldn’t find a birdie on the back nine and played bogie golf the rest of the way for a nine-over 45 coming in.

he Hawks KJ Skow shot an 87 and made the 2nd team, while Blaine Watkins carded a 92 and made the 3rd team.

The Hawks finished fifth in team scoring with a 359 and Holy Trinity finished in a tie for 8th with Mediapolis shooting a 397.

Only four shots separated the top four teams with Winfield-Mt. Union



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Holy Trinity Catholic’s Trevor Mohrfeld chips up to the green after his tee-shot landed just right of the 16th green Monday morning.

winning the meet with a 345 just one stroke ahead of Van Buren and three ahead of New London. WB/ND took fourth with a 349.

Holy Trinity Catholic’s Kyle Bredemeyer shot a 93 to lead the Crusaders with a 3rd team finish. Trevor Mohrfeld also made the 3rd team with a 94. Central Lee’s Dalton Durand, who played in the same

group with Mohrfeld also shot a 94 and made the 3rd team.

Other top local players included Kody Sapp who shot a 99 and was named honorable mention.

HTC’s Mason Holvoet shot a 101, Brandon Delaney shot a 109, Colby Bredemeyer carded a 121. Central Lee’s Bryce Finney shot a 118 to round out the scoring for the Hawks.



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- Demonstrated ability to effectively supervise others

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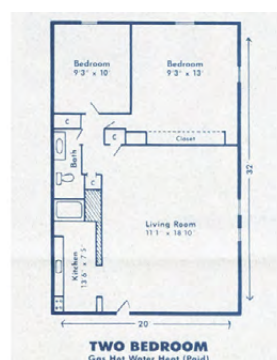
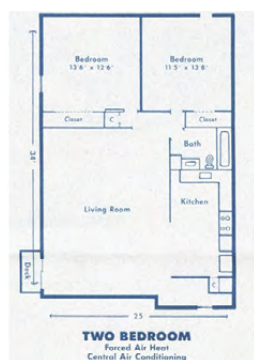
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From the Front/Lottery Numbers

WP project includes bee and butterfly conservation

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parties. They had a garage close to the west side of the home, that was taken down. The foundation and back wall is still in place, but sits where the new pavilion will be.

The pavillion will hold up to 300 guests with room for a DJ and a glass wall that will look out into the trees. There will be a warming kitchen on site, but food is not included in the packages.

"We had originally wanted this to start construction last fall but the snow came fast and forceful, so we had to wait until the spring," Neaves said. "We don't have any hard dates yet until we have

some walls up, but we do have some fall bookings already so that's exciting."

She said she's always known she wanted to build on the property she grew up on.

"I always knew I wanted to build something here. I knew it would be a venue, wedding-ish, but I didn't really know until I was in DC and started putting pen to paper," she said.

"It wasn't until I was sitting down with some eggplant parm at a restaurant in DC I really like and my mom was visiting and I just said, 'Ok, mom, this is what I want to do,' and she was like, 'Ok...let's do it.'"

She said there are a few other venues in the area, but this location would be more efficient for people in Lee County and the number of bookings she's already had shows the demand for a natural place for events.

Other amenities will include various altar spots including a dock by the pond with an amphitheater, an altar down in the trees for a more wooded look, and she's also part of the Bee and Butterfly Conservation Act and will have native grasslands on the property.

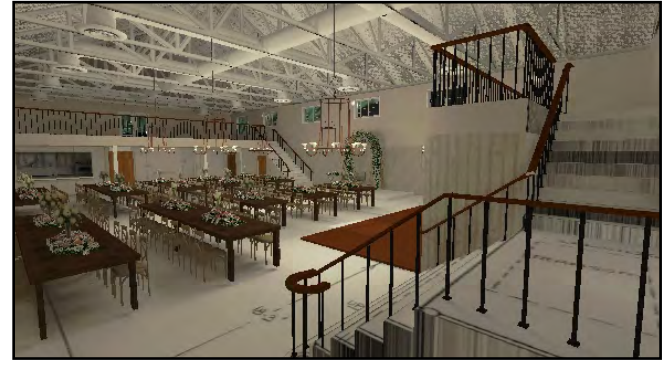
"That will all be native grasslands and flowers so we can really cater to

anything you want and, depending on the size of the wedding, we can really work with you on those types of things," she said.

Neaves said it's not just for weddings and receptions, she has hourly rental rates as well starting at just \$50 for four hours, with additional hours \$10 each Monday through Thursday. Weekend rates are \$100 for four hours with each additional hour \$20. From 8 a.m. to midnight on the weekend is \$350.

"It's been interesting to see the excitement and the demand I have received since we announced we're doing this on top of the research I've already done," she said.

She said a lot of the recent interest has come from outside the county, which brings additional



revenues to the area in the form of food, lodging, and transportation.

Fall bookings are now being accepted and can

be made by contacting Neaves at 319-837-8132 or at the event website at smallgrandthings.com.

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Pick 3 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:20 pm
Pick 3 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm
Pick 4 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:20 pm
Pick 4 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm



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