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HTC holding to summer school completion

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT – The roof is on, the walls are up and construction continues to plug away as Holy Trinity Catholic closes in on a July 4 deadline to have its \$6 million new elementary school completed.

HTC Principal Michael Sheerin said the project is right on budget even with a couple change orders to better serve students.

Construction crews crawled around the facility Thursday afternoon, installing ceiling tiles and sealing dry wall joints as the two floors begin to show the shape of what is to come this summer.

“There are still estimating the end of May for the building construction, however the flooring and the furnishings will be in place by the end of June,” Sheerin said.

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Holtkamp Floors Decor & Furniture in Fort Madison will be finishing the project as far as floors and most of the furnishings.

One of the main focuses of the classroom set up has been an open and collaborative structure. Sheerin said most of the classrooms are expandable to accommodate large group learning, while still being able to provide more focused individual learning.

Holy Trinity Catholic Principal Michael Sheerin stands in what is shaping up to be a larger media center on the 2nd floor of the system’s new K-6th grade elementary school in West Point. The construction is on schedule with plans to have the building complete by the end of June. Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The panels that separate classroom space are equipped with white boards, so when the panels are closed it provides additional learning equipment.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Holy Trinity Catholic Principal Michael Sheerin stands in what is shaping up to be a larger media center on the 2nd floor of the system’s new K-6th grade elementary school in West Point. The construction is on schedule with plans to have the building complete by the end of June.

The rooms will also have 1 of 15 70” Smart panel monitors that are completely integrated with each other. Sheerin said it adds the technology required of today’s teaching, while allowing an additional safety measure by permitting emergency messaging to all classrooms.

He said the school will also go to 1 gigabyte bandwidth between the systems schools.

“To put that into perspective we started here with a 34 megabyte bandwidth so you’ve gone from a 1-inch

pipe to a 12-inch pipe. We want to be at the front end instead of just continuing to upgrade,” Sheerin said.

The technology was all part of the \$6 million budgeted cost of the building.

Sheerin said there were a few early issues with water running down some ramps and there was a little panic with school still in session, but he said since everything’s been closed in there haven’t been any issues.

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Menke, Morris to headline leadership seminar in FM

FORT MADISON – The Leaders of Southeast Iowa Foundation will be hosting Success Through Service, a half day leadership conference on Friday, May 10, 2019 from 1 p.m to 4 p.m. at the Quality Inn & Suites in Fort Madison.

Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from successful Southeast Iowa business leaders who will share about their professional journeys and how their



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personal commitments to public service have informed their leadership styles and aided in their success.

Special guest speakers include Ann Menke of Menke & Com-



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pany, Matt Morris of Connection Bank & Insurance, and Craig Smith of Sterzing’s. Anyone interested in the topics of discussion is invited to attend. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students and can be purchased online at www.lseif.org.

The Leaders of Southeast Iowa is a 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to promote leadership through service. The organization hosts monthly lunch & learns,

providing quality professional development and leadership content and educating its membership on community needs. Additionally, the group engages its members to participate in local service projects. This year, the Leaders of Southeast Iowa established a scholarship fund, awarding \$1,000 to a graduating senior from Lee, Hancock, or Clark counties who has demonstrated a commitment to leadership

through service.

Ann Menke founded Menke & Company in 1990. In 2013, as the business expanded in to Burlington, Ann took on two business partners. They assist in the management of the offices in West Point, Keokuk and Burlington.

Ann’s expertise is with small to medium-size family businesses with special needs, including

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Obituaries/Local News

OBITUARIES

HOWARD H. WELLENDORF

Howard H. Wellendorf, age 84, passed away April 25, 2019 in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

He was born in Sioux City, Iowa on March 26, 1935 to the late Herman and May Lou (Clausen) Wellendorf. He retired from The Dial Corporation in Fort Madison, Iowa where he was a long time resident of 25 years.



WELLENDORF

He is survived by his wife, Gloria; children, Jon Wellendorf (Holly), David Wellendorf (Gina), Shelli Hulsing (Mark), Sarah Bailey (Eric), Michael Wellendorf (Kassy); 14 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; and a host of other family and friends.

Funeral service was Wednesday, May 1, 2019, 10:30 a.m., at the Hoy-Kilnoski Funeral Home. Interment was in the Morgan Cemetery in Schleswig, Iowa.

LAVERNE JOHN KIRCHNER

Laverne John Kirchner, 71, of Moberly, Missouri, formerly of Montrose, Iowa, passed away at 9:20 a.m., Monday, April 29, 2019, at his daughter's home in Ottumwa, Iowa.



KIRCHNER

He was born on February 9, 1948, in Montrose, Iowa, the son of Albert and Hazel (Johnson) Kirchner.

Survivors include three daughters: Sylvia (James) Engles, Kathy Stevens and Kelly (Marcus) Taylor; four grandchildren: Heather Scigliano, Ty Stevens, Dalton Stevens and Jonte Byrn and five great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters: Ruth Neuman and Betty Kirchner.

Laverne retired from Trellex Morse in Keokuk, Iowa, where he worked as a mixer operator. He enjoyed fishing.

His body has been entrusted to Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation. No services are being planned.

Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be made at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

The Current runs obituaries at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes.

FM water works gets fluoride recognition

BY PCC STAFF

DES MOINES – Fort Madison's Municipal Water Works was one of nine communities honored Thursday by the Iowa Department of Public Health, for its fluoridation program.

The IDPH announced today the communities have been awarded the Certificate of Appreciation – 50 Year Award from the American Dental Association (ADA), Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for continuously adjusting and maintaining the optimal level of fluoride in drinking water from 1968-2018 to prevent tooth decay. These communities are Allison Water Supply, Atlantic Municipal Utilities, Eldridge Water Supply, Fort Madison Municipal Water Works, Iowa Falls Water Department, Kalona Water Department, Milford Municipal Utilities, Spirit Lake Waterworks and Woodbine Water Department.

"Water fluoridation is a proven method that decreases dental decay. There is benefit for both children and adults; it further helps to drive down costs and unnecessary dental treatment," said IDPH Dental Director, Dr. Bob Russell.

Community water fluoridation has been recognized by CDC as one of 10 great public health achievements of the 20th Century. Today, 74% of Americans and 70% of Iowans served by community water systems have access to optimally fluoridated water. Even with the availability of other fluoride-containing products, fluoridated water prevents approximately 25% of tooth decay in children and adults.

IDPH supports CDC approved fluoridation programs. The IDPH Bureau of Oral and Health Delivery Systems monitors the fluoride levels of Iowa communities and provides information and assistance to water supply professionals, healthcare professionals, and the public.

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Scene Around Town/From the Front

Sterzing's leader to talk chips

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transition to the next generation, structuring the sale of the business, annual tax planning, etc.

She is currently the Board Chair for the Ft. Madison Community Hospital Board of Trustees. Ann supports many local area non-profits with her time, talent and treasures.

Matt Morris, is President and CEO of Connection Bank & Insurance which employs 96 people and operates along the river towns of southeast Iowa. Originally Fort Madison Bank & Trust, Co.

A 1997 graduate of the University of Iowa, Matt began his banking career immediately after graduating with Barnett Bank in Jacksonville, Florida. Between 1997 and 2002 through several mergers and acquisitions, he worked for Barnett Bank, Nations Bank, Bank of America, Star Bank, First Star Bank, US Bank, Brenton Bank and Wells Fargo before deciding to move home to Fort Madison.

Matt currently serves through Fort Madison Economic Development, Lee County Economic Development, Fort Madison Partners, Fort Madison SIRRC, and the Tri-State Rodeo Operating Committee.

Craig Smith is the president and co-owner of Sterzing Food Company. He is a native of Burlington and married to his wife Julie who is also from Burlington. They have been married for 33 years and have four children.

Craig is a graduate of the University of Iowa with a business degree. He has worked for Sterzing Food Co. since 1980 where he started as a delivery relief driver during the summers when he was in college. He began full time work as the production manager in 1984 and was the plant manager for 12 years before buying the business in 2011 with his sales manager Gary Schmeiser.

He is an active member of the community having served on many boards and committees including the Burlington Kiwanis and the New Crystal Lake Club. He is also on the advisory board for the Bridges out of Poverty initiative.

Craig's topic for Success Through Service is "Preparing for Imminent Change" and he hopes to impart to each attendee how important it is to be prepared for a world that is rapidly changing.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Workers near the former Lee Catering company at the corner of 2nd Street and Avenue H, fill up bags of sand to keep flood waters out of the former restaurant. Updated forecasts show the Mississippi River cresting at just under 24' on Monday.



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Sports/Weather

Camanche girls beat up on Lady Hounds

BY ETHAN LILLARD
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison’s girls tennis team had a combined 16-2 record over its past two contests coming into Thursday’s matchup with Camanche.

Playing on their home court, the Bloodhounds put up a fight one through six, but in the end, Camanche walked away with the 8-1 win against the Lady Hounds.

“Tonight was a good test for ours girls,” Fort Madison Head Coach Jeremy Swink said. “Seeing a different team we don’t typically see is good for our girls. (It) Should serve as a little wake up call to a few of them.”

Despite what may appear to be a lopsided score, the Bloodhounds were close, forcing a tiebreaker in a third of their matches.

Fort Madison’s No. 4, Kirklyn Nafziger, and No. 6 Alyse Schmidt, were the final competitors to walk off of the pavement Thursday, as both matches went down to the wire.

Schmidt had the closest contest, as Camanche’s Emma Holstein forced a tiebreaker at 11-10.

Schmidt and Holstein went back and forth again in the extra court time with the score tied at six. Needing to win by two, Holstein took the following two sets for the 8-6 win in the tiebreaker.

Camanche’s Kamryn



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison’s Zoe Ramatowski stretches for a ball in her 10-5 loss to Camanche’s Maddie Michels Thursday night in Fort Madison.

Vogel took Nafziger into a tiebreaker as well with the score at 11-10. Kamryn however, took a commanding 5-0 lead over Nafziger before she

was able to score her first point during the tiebreaker. From there, Vogel went on to win the set 7-1.

“Alyse was down 1-4

and she fought back from that,” Swink said.

“In the tiebreaker she was down 2-6 and fought all the way back to tie it at six all. Those (two matches) could have gone either way, but yeah, they were close matches. It’s good for us.”

Larissa Ferrill was the lone Fort Madison player to collect a win on the day, making quick work of Natalie Goble 10-1.

Lexie Hart came away with a 10-3 win against the Hounds No. 2 in Laney Kuntz and both Zoe Ramatowski and Lily Cadwallader lost 10-5.

Schmidt was again the

when it came to doubles, teaming up with Cadwallader, but falling to Vogel and Wright to the tune of 10-7. Fort Madison dropped its other two doubles contest as well. The duo of Ferrill and Kuntz were overpowered by Goble and Hart and Ramatowski and Nafziger took a 10-4 loss to Michels and Holstein.

“Camanche is a tough team,” Swink said. “We had saw some good things tonight, but more importantly we saw what we need to work on. There is no shame in losing to a good team. We need to learn from some of our mistake and move on.”

“That’s something we talked about all season is that fight component. We always talk about how there is going to be somebody that can hit the ball harder than you, has a better serve, has a better forehand, backhand, whatever, but if you have that fight, it kind of gives you that upper edge for those close matches.”

Fort Madison’s is back on their home court once again Monday May 6 at the conference meet.

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MON 06 May



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High– 77.8° F | Low – 65.6° F

TUE 07 May



Moderate Rain
High– 80.5° F | Low – 62.8° F

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Sports

HTC girls shut out Central Lee in West Point

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Holy Trinity’s girls soccer team went through the roughest stretch of the season over the past four games, but despite dropping 3 of 4 matches the Crusader’s moved up two spots in the state rankings.

But the girls got back to winning ways with an 8-0 win over Central Lee at home Thursday night, at South Park despite being without seniors Elyse Pothitakis and Mya Lawlor, and junior Maille Sheerin, who all suffered injuries over the weekend.

The win moves HTC to 7-4 on the year after losing two of three matches at the Adidas Tournament of Champions over the weekend in Burlington. Then Burlington Notre Dame shut out the Tuesday Lady Crusaders 2-0 in a match that was moved to The Turf due to rainy conditions.

Sophomore Claire Pothitakis scored four goals Thursday after being shut out in the last four games, with the exception of a penalty kick against Homewood Flossmoor. Pothitakis has 22 goals on the year.

Pothitakis opened the scoring in the first quarter just 1:54 seconds into the game, when Emily Box lifted a pass from midfield down the left side. Pothitakis went in and then tapped on the brakes, moved to the center and slid a shot past the Lady Hawks Shayna Niggemeyer in the net.

Just 1:03 later, Pothitakis was on the move again up the left side, but she dumped a short pass into the center of the box, where junior Elle Rashid popped it in for a quick 2-0 lead.

Pothitakis would score again still with less than five minutes gone in the game on an unassisted drive up the middle of the field to make it 3-0, prompting HTC coach Michael Sheerin to pull his

strikers. He didn’t put the starters back in until the 22:06 mark of the first half.

The Crusaders beat the Lady Hawks 10-0 earlier in the year on a mercy rule, but Sheerin said Central Lee is improving and was physical. But HTC still had their way with the Hawks most of the evening. Sheerin and assistant coach Tom Gendron decided to move players around from their normal positions and get different looks.

“We wanted to teach things. We took our whole backline and moved them to the front line and took the front line and moved it to the middle so that they would begin to understand and see the field more from someone else’s perspective,” Sheerin said.

“We were having fun, but we weren’t making fun,” Sheerin said. “We respect the heck out of Central Lee for their effort as a new program and wanting to learn.”

Junior Ashlynn Haas, far left, shoots past Central Lee’s Shayna Niggemeyer (2) with just under two minutes left in the first half of HTC’s 8-0 win Thursday night.

With the starting strikers back in, the offense immediately clicked again with Nicole Pothitakis getting a shot on goal at 19:27 but the ball sailed just wide right. Claire Pothitakis would get her hat trick at the 15:31 mark when for the second home match in a row, she sent a left footed ball toward the net, but the spin on the ball caused it to fade up and over Niggemeyer into the right top of the net for a 4-0 lead.

Central Lee would stiffen on defense, with the HTC front line of Rashid, Claire Pothitakis and Taylor Boeding moving to midfield, and hold the Crusaders scoreless until junior Ashlynn Haas scored in the center off a dump from Box who took a centering pass from Taylor Boeding on the right wing for a 5-0 lead.

After the half, Boeding, Claire Pothi-



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Junior Ashlynn Haas, far left, shoots past Central Lee’s Shayna Niggemeyer (2) with just under two minutes left in the first half of HTC’s 8-0 win Thursday night.

takis and Rashid would all get goals to see the final score 8-0. Boeding also took a header off a Pothitakis centering pass, that just missed wide right at the 37:05 mark.

Former Fort Madison High School alum and 2001 state participant Antonio Estrada is coaching the Lady Hawks in their first year of girls soccer.

He said he’s impressed with how much the girls have learned in one year

“We’re seeing improvement, We played them about two weeks ago and the girls are starting to understand the game a little better,” Estrada said.

“Half of these girls have either never played soccer or have not played in a very long time. Some have played for me when I coached the junior high for four years so that’s helping with the transition.”

He said his goal was to win two game and not get mercy ruled. HTC was the only team that put 10 goals up on the Lady Hawks. Central Lee has not scored

a goal this year and Estrada said he would like to see the girls get a goal and have that confidence going into next year.

“I think we have a couple games left if we can reschedule Wapello and we have Keokuk left to so hopefully we can catch a win or two there to let the girls see what that feels like,” he said.

Holy Trinity will have another home game on Monday when they host Canton, Mo., at South Park.

This weekend the girls lost an opening round game in the Adidas tournament to Pekin, Ill., 2-0 to move to the consolation bracket where they knocked off Flossmoor 1-0 on a penalty kick showdown where Claire Pothitakis, Box and Haas all scored in the showdown.

The Crusaders would then fall to Lockport High School 4-0, Lockport would end up winning the consolation bracket. Olathe, Kan won the pool bracket that contained HTC and Burlington Notre Dame.

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4/16/2019**

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Randolph presided

with Council Members Greenwald, Morawitz, Rink, Andrews, Mohrfeld, Lair and Cangas present.

On motion, Council approved the agenda. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 4/2/2019; Liquor License Renewals: Sidelines Bar, LLC, 1128 Avenue I, effective 5/1/2019 and Horan's Cabaret, 1337 Avenue G, effective 5/7/2019; Outdoor Service Privilege for Vinnie's Longbranch, 2601 Avenue L, effective 5/26 and 5/27/2019; March Financial Report; and Payment of Claims.

On motion, Council approved Ordinance D-52, amending Title 3, Building, Chapter 5, Housing Code, Section 3, Definitions, to update the definition of "Rental Housing Unit" and

Title 6, Health and Sanitation, Chapter 4, Nuisances, Section 3, Abatement by the City, by removing Paragraph (2)(a), Form of Notice. On motion, Council approved Ordinance D-53, amending Title 3, Building, Chapter 2, Plumbing Code, to set plumbing fees by resolution. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2019-30, setting zoning and building related fees. On motion, Council approving Resolution No. 2019-31, adopting Small Cell Guidelines.

On motion, Council approved the Mayor's appointment of Jaqueline Lumsden to the Parks Board, filling an unexpired term expiring March 31, 2021.

HR Green and Public Works Director Larry Director gave a presentation on the Avenue G Sidewalk and

Storm Water Improvement Status and Options for SRF Funds. (Andrews left at 6:42 P.M.) Council discussed transferring \$226,230 over two fiscal years from the Water Operations and Maintenance Fund to the General Fund for reimbursement of construction costs for the Bluff Road Booster Station. An update regarding the former Rashid Library Building was given. A discussion was held regarding a proposed Water Treatment Plant Equipment/Capacity Expansion.

At 7:40 P.M. on motion, Council adjourned until May 7, 2019, at 5:30 P.M.

/s/ Bradley A. Randolph, Mayor

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

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO. D-53**

**AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING TITLE 3,
BUILDING,
CHAPTER 2, PLUMBING
CODE**

Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of Fort Madison, Iowa:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Fort Madison does hereby amend Title 3 "BUILDING", Chapter 2 "PLUMBING CODE", Subsection 3: Adoption of the Plumbing Code, by removing 2012 IPC section 1.6.6.2 and replacing it with the following:

"2012 IPC section 1.6.6.2: Plumbing fees shall be set by resolution."

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in

conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any section, provision, or part thereof not judged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council this 16th day of April, 2019.

/s/Bradley A. Randolph, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
FORT MADISON
COMMUNITY SCHOOL
DISTRICT BOARD OF
DIRECTORS
WORK SESSION
May 6, 2019
6:00 P.M.
AGENDA**

- I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum
- II. Recognition of guests
- III. Approve the agenda
- IV. Professional Development - Harry Heiligenthal, consultant IASB.
- V. Review policies #711.2 - #9XX for first reading. Recommended for review:
 - 711.2 - Student Conduct on Student Transportation **Same as IASB**
 - 711.2-R-1 - Student Conduct on School Transportation Regulation **Same as IASB w/minor changes**
 - 711.2-R-3 - Bus Discipline and Student Responsibilities **No change**
 - 711.3 - Student Transportation for Extracurricular Activities **Same as IASB**
 - 711.3-R - Student Transportation for Extracurricular Activities **No change**
 - 711.4 - Summer School Program Transportation Service **Same as IASB**
 - 711.5 - Transportation of Nonresident and Nonpublic School Students **Same as IASB**
 - 711.6 - Transportation of Nonschool Groups **No Change**
 - 711.7 - School Bus Safety Instruction **No Change**
 - 711.8 - Transportation in Inclement Weather
 - 711.9 - District Vehicle Idling **Same as IASB**
 - 711.10 - School-Owned Passenger Vehicles **No change**
 - 711.12 - Travel Expenses - Reimbursements **No change**
 - 711.13 - District/Transportation Credit Cards **Minor change**

- Sites **No change**
 - 801.4 - Site Acquisition **No change**
 - 801.5 - Bids and Awards for Construction Contracts **Minor change**
 - 802.1 - Maintenance of Plant **No change**
 - 802.1-R - Custodial Operations **Minor changes**
 - 802.2 - Requests for Improvement **Align with IASB w/minor changes**
 - 802.3 - Emergency Repairs **No change**
 - 802.4 - Capital Assets **No change**
 - 802.4-R-1 - Capital Assets Regulation **No change**
 - 802.4-R-2 - Capital Assets Management System Definitions **No change**
 - 802.5 - Buildings & Sites Adaption for Persons with Disabilities **No change**
 - 802.6 - Vandalism **No change**
 - 802.6b - Damaged or Lost Property/Materials **No change**
 - 802.7 - Energy Conservation **No change**
 - 802.8 - Receiving, Storing and Distributing **No change**
 - 803.2 - Lease, Sale or Disposal of School District Buildings & Sites **No change**
 - 803.3 - Sale or Disposal of School District Property **No change**
- VI. Announcements
 - May 13 5:30 PM - District Retirement Reception, FMHS Media Center
 - May 14 10:00 AM - Board Tour of Central Office and High School External Facilities May 20 6:00 PM - Regular Meeting, Board Room, Central Office
 - June 17 6:00 PM - Regular Meeting, Board Room, Central Office
 - VI. Adjourn

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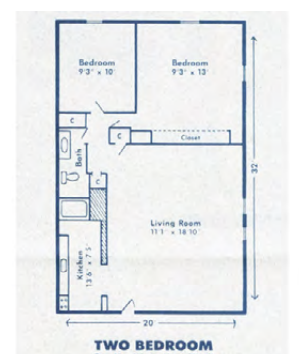
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From the Front

New building features collaborative teaching options

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He said change orders have been minor, including some additional support for the smart panels that are being hung on the walls with hydraulic lifts, and some entry way changes.

“When you get into construction you start to look at the aesthetics and so I would say we have more changes than any snafus, so to speak,” he said.

Sheerin said the reason the changes have been minimal is that he, and other staff, have been doing background work on the new classrooms for the past three

years.

“It’s kind of like education tends to look for clearance items. Everyone says, this is a huge cost to do something, but if we buy computers for 50 to 60% off, there’s a reason there on sale,” he said.

“They may be sufficient, but they’re not efficient and not progressive enough so you have a short term savings, but then you get rid of all that and buy all new. Education is the perfect Hines commercial because K-12 education is constant – catchup.”

But he said the system didn’t want to do that and invested in current upgradeable, and efficient technology.

The first floor will hold the K-3rd grade students, a new cafeteria and kitchen and some administrative and staff space and a small media centralized media center.

The upper floor holds classrooms for 4th – 6th grade students. With classrooms running down the east side of the



Construction is on schedule at Holy Trinity Catholic’s new elementary building in West Point. School officials hope to have the new building completed before July 1.

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building all but one of the classrooms is expandable. Sheerin said HTC teachers are looking at some programming where they can have six teachers in one room with 50 or 60 kids, but then close the expandable walls when needed to do more traditional style teaching.

He said not only is the project a win for students, teachers will also benefit from the new facility.

“You can put all the new technology in here you want, but it won’t mean a thing without the impact of our teachers,”

Sheerin said.

“This isn’t your grandparents Buick anymore. That’s what we’re trying to be about. We want to move with the times and hold to traditional values with teaching, to some degree, but moving forward into the technology and personalized learning.”

HTC officials are hoping to set up public tours of the facility later in the summer and then have everything turnkey ready when teachers arrive for the first day of the 2019-20 school year.



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