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MOC-FLOYD VALLEY welcomes the community at an OPEN HOUSE

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ORANGE CITY — On Monday, Aug. 7, the MOC-Floyd Valley Elementary School opened its doors for the first time allowing the community to tour the new space. Ground broke on May 12, 2021, after passing a 37 million dollar bond issue in 2020, and class is in session on Aug. 23.

"The elementary building project is nearing completion," said Superintendent Russ Adams. "There is still a bit of work to be done in the outside concessions storage area, and the track needs to be striped, but most will be done with volunteers." He adds, "There is still a lengthy punch list, but we will check things off that list as quickly as possible."

Thanks to a governor's safety grant, the building will have an additional safety

feature. "Xtreme Services out of Des Moines will begin applying a protective safety film on designated areas of our school building," Adams said. The film will make the outdoor windows shatterproof. The Sioux County Sheriff's Department also expanded the school resource officer position and will also have added support from officers in the building.

"It is really exciting to see the elementary space coming together. Staff members have been busy personalizing their classrooms, and our maintenance and cleaning teams have been working hard to prepare for a new year. We have been serving 60 students for summer school, and it is great to see students and staff utilizing the space already!"

The MOC-Floyd Valley High School was another part of the bond. "The project is moving along. We still anticipate starting the school year with the use of five more classrooms than we ended the year with last

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THERAPIST JOINS CREATIVE LIVING CENTER TEAM

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ORANGE CITY — Rebecca Mangold is joining the Creative Living Center team as a counselor for mental health. Mangold has worked for the MOC-Floyd Valley School District part time since 2020, working three days a week in the elementary school. She will continue to do so, but adds a clinical setting to her schedule, maintaining office hours in Orange City.

Creative Living Center, P.C. is a counseling and mental health agency with a mission of "seeking wholeness in a broken world." Creative Living Center, P.C. retains a team of dedicated clinical professionals committed to quality service, on-going growth, and excellence and have high regard for the individuality, personal responsibility, and spiritual centering of individuals, families, and organizations.

Mangold received a bachelor's degree from Northwestern College in both Spanish and Psychology. She interned with Creative Living Center while obtaining her Master's in Counseling and was supervised by Creative Living Center to obtain her full licensure. She received further education to become a Registered Play Therapist and now specializes in working with young children and families.

"I see a lot of kids struggle with anxiety, attention type issues, depression, and just overall adjusting to life," Mangold says. "Childhood is filled with learning, not only academically but also

socially and more. It is a lot to figure out and I love being able to work along with kids to make sense of life," she adds.

At Creative Living Center, she shares, "I often talk with parents and touch base to see how things are going I love having that partnership and ability to support parents. In the school, I always welcome parents to come in and meet with me as well. I believe parents and caregivers have a huge role in supporting kids mental health. Kids look to the adults around them for guidance and it is really neat seeing parents, caregivers, and even teachers step up and support kids."

Fluent in Spanish, Mangold is providing another valuable service to the school and community by offering bilingual services. "During my time at Northwestern, I spent a summer in Guatemala and a semester in Spain. I learned so much from those two experiences and they solidified in me a desire to speak the language and be able to use it in my work. I have been able to work with kids and adults whose primary language is Spanish and it is really neat to be able to connect with them in that way."

For more information on Creative Living Center visit www.creativelivingcenterpc.com.



Rebecca Mangold



Sports:

GOLF ROUNDS HAVE INCREASED

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A second Assistant County Attorney is hired

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SIoux COUNTY — On July 27 Judge Jessica Noll swore in Lori Ehlers as the Assistant Sioux County Attorney. Ehlers, who has extensive experience as a prosecutor, was sworn in by the Iowa Supreme Court on July 21 and formally accepted by the Board of Supervisors.

Ehlers grew up in Huron, S.D., and was originally licensed in South Dakota and Nebraska. She graduated from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities with a B.A. in Biology. "I was kind of on the fence about medical school," she admitted, "but deep down I wanted to go to law school. So I headed back to South Dakota and got my law degree at USD. I took a lot of criminal and constitutional law because that was where my interests lead."

Ehlers became a Public Defender in Dakota County, Neb. for 18 months before taking her first Prosecutors job in Clay County (Vermillion), S.D., quickly moving to Brown County (Aberdeen), and staying there for ten years. She started with Magistrate Court, prosecuting DUI's, traffic tickets, marijuana, and misdemeanor offenses. By the time she left, she was the Chief Deputy under the States Attorney, handling most of the felony cases.

"There was a case about child pornography and sexual exploitation of a minor," she recalled. "A popular local photographer was accused, and we found 119 victims. He was offering modeling shoots to girls, and then placing a camera in the dressing room and recording them. He had what looked like an alarm clock as one way of shooting the video. He kept all the photos and videos. We don't think he was sharing them with other people, so that helped. Sadly, there was even more to the case. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children sent two detectives who helped us go through the information and figure out the charges, the victims, and other things. We were really grateful for the help because they had a lot more knowledge and resources than we did. He pled guilty, and was sentenced to 90 years, with the requirement to serve 65. That was exactly why I wanted to be a prosecutor: to make that difference. To make it possible that he never hurt anyone again. That was a sign for me that I was in the right field."

Ehlers next went to Minnehaha County (Sioux Falls), once again starting in Magistrate Court, then moving to Senior Trial

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