

NEW IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Django to take over space vacated by Magnolia's closing

Django
1420 Locust St., Des Moines

The popular French restaurant Django will reopen in downtown Des Moines.

Django is expected to move into a renovated space where eatery Magnolia Wine Kitchen had occupied for almost two years.

Django owner Orchestrate Hospitality said the restaurant will reopen in late summer after the new space is renovated. The chandeliers and copper pot from the old Django space in the Hotel Fort Des Moines will be part of the new location. The cheese, charcuterie and raw bar will also return as well as the no-cork fee.

Django closed Feb. 17 after 10 years in the Hotel

Fort Des Moines at 10th and Walnut streets. The hotel, which has been shuttered since 2015, is being renovated. Orchestrate said the restaurant business would be disrupted by the construction and decided to close.

Vom Fass
833 42nd St., Des Moines

Gourmet wine and vinegar shop Vom Fass said it will close the shop for good.

Citing a decline in sales, owner Melissa Bartholomew said she decided not to renew her lease for the store in the Shops at Roosevelt in Des Moines.

Bartholomew opened Vom Fass six years ago. The shop also sells liquors, spirits and some



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wine.

In a note to patrons on Facebook, Bartholomew said sales have been down. "2017 was rough and the first quarter this year hasn't improved," she wrote.

All merchandise is now

discounted 20 percent in a store liquidation sale.

Hours are Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Call 515-244-5020 or find it on Facebook.

Former Okoboji Grill
8481 Birchwood Court, Johnston

The vacant Okoboji Grill building in Johnston will get a new life as a coffee shop and healthy food restaurant later this summer.

West Des Moines businessman Rick Davis bought the 6,000-square-foot building in February for \$1 million, according to the Polk County Assessor's website.

Davis said he is in the process of gutting the inside of the building, readying it for a complete remodel. The unnamed restaurant will offer coffee drinks, protein shakes, vegan meals, bison, grass-fed beef and chicken options and other healthy



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food. The restaurant will use air fryers, which cook food with 75 percent to 80 percent less oil than conventional frying.

The restaurant will be similar to one in Kansas City, Mo., called ProteinHouse. Davis is a partner in that franchise group, which also plans to open ProteinHouse locations in Iowa.

The Okoboji Grill closed about 17 months ago as did a location on Southeast 14th Street in Des Moines. Those were the last in a chain of restaurants that first opened in the metro in 1989. MorningStar at Jordan Creek

525 S. 60th St., West Des Moines

Senior living community MorningStar at Jordan Creek opened recently in West Des Moines.

The development consists of 56 assisted living suites that include studio, one and two-bedroom units. The memory care center has 29 suites for Alzheimer's and other dementia patients.

The project features a 24-hour bistro, fitness center, theater-chapel, hair salon and artwork from Des Moines artist

James Bearden. The center is private pay and does not accept Medicaid.

This is Denver-based Confluent Development and MorningStar Senior Living's first Iowa project.

Call 515-505-1306, visit www.morningstarseniorliving.com or find it on Facebook.

Center Pointe Business Park
100th St., Urbandale

Casey's General Stores Inc. is the first announced tenant in the new Center Pointe Business Park, an 80-acre, mixed-use development north of Interstate Highway 35-80 at the new 100th Street Interchange in Urbandale.

Casey's will be in the southeast corner of the project, which sits on the land where the Longview Golf Dome used to stand.

R&R Realty Group owns the business park and will complete grading and infrastructure at the site this spring.

The business park has 1 million square feet for office, retail and warehouse space.

Call R&R at 515-223-4500.

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