City could be saddled with $1.2M of $1.7M total cost

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A preliminary report from a city official indicates a dock for a domestic Viking Cruise line step in Fort Madison could cost the city $1.2 million. The report is on the agenda for discussion at Tuesday's regular City Council meeting at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

According to a report to the Fort Madison City Council prepared by City Manager David Varley, a study done by a Madison engineering company indicated the cost of the dock would be $1.7 million including bonding, engineering, design, and construction.

Varley indicated in the memo that Viking Cruise Lines have initially agreed to pay $500,000 of the project, leaving the rest of the cost of the city.

Varley wrote the estimated cost of construction from SmithGroup was close to $1.21 million, but the $1.7 million “includes 6% for design and engineering and 1% for bonding costs.”

With the 7% added to the $1.21 million construction costs, the total cost would be $1.29 million. Varley didn't include in the memo where the other $400,000 would be spent.

The city is currently working on an “Agreement to Lease” with Viking, but Varley indicated there are a few issues that need to be sorted out.

“We are still working on the Agreement to Lease with Viking because there are a few things we need to get clarified and some items we may want to change,” Varley wrote to the council.

“As a reminder, this first “Agreement to Lease” is a document stating the intentions of both parties and will be followed later by the actual Dock Lease.”

A couple of kayakers check on a stranded motorist Sunday morning at the intersection of 20th Street and Avenue O. Police responded to the motorist who went around barricades and got stuck. No injuries were reported and the vehicle was easily towed by BJ’s Performance.

Empty Nest

By Curt Swarm

It was a Sunday morning and I was using my laptop computer and Android smartphone. All of a sudden the smartphone locked up and wouldn’t do a thing, like a cold mackerel. Hmmm.

I tried to take the battery out of the phone. That’s what I used to do in the old days when the phone went haywire—take the battery out and put it back in. To my dismay, I discovered that there was no way to take the battery apart. My chest began to tighten. How was I going to get through?

I had Ginnie call my smartphone from her smartphone. We both have the same model. Maybe, being pals, they could help each other out. (Anthropomorphism?) She told me her call went directly into my voicemail. Dang.

I was panicking. I hate to admit it, but my whole life is tied up in this stupid phone—all my contact numbers, my calendar, my social life. I do have a little-used landline, mainly for faxes and business. A lot of good ruins a good Sunday.

Quilts on display in May at FMAAA

BY BRIAN RIGGS
FORT MADISON AREA ARTS ASSOCIATION

FORT MADISON – Ft. Madison Area Arts Association has been reserving the May feature for textiles for the last few years. In fact in May 2020 a weaver looms in the tiles for the last few years. In fact in May 2020 a weaver looms in the tiles for the last few years. In fact in May 2020 a weaver looms in the tiles for the last few years. In fact in May 2020 a weaver looms in the tiles for the last few years. In fact in May 2020 a weaver looms in the tiles for the last few years. In fact in May 2020 a weaver looms in the tiles for the last few years. ...
Gadget failure gives pause to life's priorities

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that was going to do me. How was I going to make and take phone calls from the car, how would I check radar, what was I going to use for an emergency flash light? This was Sunday, the cell phone store was be closed. Would they be of any help anyway? There was a crack in the glass of my phone. I surmised that the crack had finally done its dirty deed and shut the phone down. The phone would have to be sent in, and that would take, what, a week? How was I going to survive? With trepidation I went to church with the smartphone as my mind was on pay attention to the sermon. And hip tingling it gives was I going to survive? Take, what, a week? How could the phone would have to be of any help anyway? Finally done its dirty deed there was a crack in the cellphone store after church. They were open! I crawled in on my hands and knees. "What's the matter?" the woman behind the counter asked. "Your smartphone look up?" "How did you know?" I asked. "You're the third person today. All have that same crazed look, like your life is on the line." She took the phone, squeezed it, and it came back to life. "How did you do that?" I asked. It was aphantasm buzz and a thought came to me. It seemed like I vaguely remembered my cell phone store had started Sunday hours (for dummies like me). Would it be possible that they would be open and, what's more important, could they fix the problem? With bated breath, I drove by the cellphone store after church. "They were open! I crawled in on my hands and knees. "What's the matter?" the woman behind the counter asked. "Your smartphone lock up?" "How did you know?" I asked. "You're the third person today. All have that same crazed look, like your life is on the line." She took the phone, squeezed it, and it came back to life. "How did you do that?" I asked. It's called a hard reset. The new smartphones don't have a battery that you can take out. So the company designed a hard reset. "Show me how to do that," I pleaded. "Oh, no. We're not allowed to show the customer how to do a hard reset. If you don't do it exactly right," she emphasized the word exactly, "you can wipe out all your data." I kissed her feet and walked out. My life was back. A week later, the phone locked up again. I didn't panic and returned to the cellphone store. There was a man behind the counter this time. He showed me how to do the hard reset. "Just don't choose the 'factory reset' option," he advised. A couple days later, the phone locked up again. This time, I was able to perform my own hard reset, being careful to avoid the "factory reset." I'm still vexed about my whole being life being tied up in a stupid phone and my world falling apart when it doesn't work. I'm worshipping a false idol! Has my phone become God? Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at curtswarm@yahoo.com or visit his website at www.emptynest-words-photos-and-frames.com.

FMCH continues health series

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison Community Hospital (FMCH) will host the next session in their monthly community health education series on Tuesday, May 14, 2019. This session entitled 'Get the Facts on Shoulder Pain' will take place from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at FMCH in the Business Center Conference Rooms.

Dr. Brent Woodbury, Orthopedic Surgeon will lead the discussion on the joints that make up the shoulder, what causes shoulder pain and treatment options.

The joints and tendons that make up your shoulder allow you to do many things, scratch your back, reach for something on a high shelf, or turn a steering wheel. The wear and tear that occurs from doing these and so many other tasks of daily living coupled with all of our extra-curricular activities, such as golf, tennis, or baseball, and your shoulders may start to cause you problems. In addition, some people are prone to shoulder injuries. Come find out more about how to keep your shoulders healthy and working properly.

Dr. Woodbury is a Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon. Dr. Woodbury has been a part of the Fort Madison Community Hospital team of health care professionals since 2011. Dr. Woodbury completed medical school and residency at the University Of Kansas School Of Medicine.

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Touching the Community with Care
Central Lee takes 2nd at Hawk golf invitational

Bloodhounds 3rd, Crusaders take 4th at six-team event

DONNELSON – Jadon Hawk shot a 14-over 86 at Saturday’s Central Lee Invitational at Green Acres Golf Club in Donnellson to lead area golfers as the Hawks took 2nd place hosting. The Fort Madison Red team won 3-2 with Hayden Segoviano preserving the shut out. Raymond Hayden Segoviano had one save to assist. fort madison’s Tyler Wade shot even 45s going in an out for a 90 good enough for 10th place overall. The Bloodhounds finished in third overall with 374 points. Blake Algrimm shot a 91 and Tommy Wade carded a 93 to help pace Fort Madison. Holy Trinity Catholic took 4th place with a team score of 375 just one shot behind the Bloodhounds.

FMMS kickers split week’s soccer games

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Middle School soccer teams split two matches the past week with the Red team winning both games and the Black team losing both games.

The Fort Madison Red team won 6-0 Friday with Xander Wellman and Wellman and Jamarkus Kline scoring one goal apiece. Wellman and Wellman and Jamarkus Kline scoring one goal apiece. Wellman had two assists with Henry Morris recording one. Settles and Segoviano preserved the shut out. Ben Thele, Kruse and Smith played well at defense. Nathaniel Swigart, Carson Rashid, and Xander Lumsden played well at midfield.

The Black team lost 3-2 with Cameron Shutwell and Gracie Blundell scoring one goal apiece. Luke recorded seven saves at keeper. Bryon Crutchfield, Conner Gelshorpe and Collin Campbell played well at defense. Paetyn Wiegand, Isaac Mason and Elanore Wright played well at midfield. On Monday, the Red team won 7-0 with Boeding recording a hat trick, Depue, Wellman and Wellman and Jamarkus Kline scoring one goal apiece. Wellman had two assists with Henry Morris recording one. Settles and Segoviano preserved the shut out. Ben Thele, Kruse and Smith played well at defense. Nathaniel Swigart, Carson Rashid, and Xander Lumsden played well at midfield. The Black team lost 3-2 with Cameron Shutwell and Gracie Blundell scoring one goal apiece. Luke recorded seven saves at keeper. Crutchfield, Gelshorpe and Campbell played well at defense. Wiegand, Mason and Elizabeth Ingram played well at midfield.

Next game is Friday 5/6 at home against Edward Stone.

HTC spikers set Pajama Run for June 8

WEST POINT – The 2nd annual HTC Pajama Run 5K Fun Run/Walk is set for June 8 in West Point. Funds raised from the event will go to the Holy Trinity Catholic volleyball team that finished the 2018 season as Class 1A State champion runner-up.

Senior Kyle Bredemeyer led the Crusaders tying for 12th place overall with a 91. Josh Barry should a 92 and Mason Holvoet carded a 94 for the Crusaders.

Other top finishers for the Hawks included Dalton Durand with a 90 and Blaine Watkins with a 92. Durand scored the only birdie of the day on the 390 yard 9th hole, on the second tour of the 18-hole tournay. Keokuk finished fifth in the six team field with a 378 team score. Luke Davis shot an 86 for fifth place and Alex Wolter scored an 88 for seventh.

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The Hawks KJ Skow shot an 88, including a birdie on the hole par 3 140 yard 11th hole for seventh overall at the invite. Hawk finished fifth overall. Fort Madison’s Tyler Wade shot even 45s going in an out for a 90 good enough for 10th place overall. The Bloodhounds finished in third overall with 374 points. Blake Algrimm shot a 91 and Tommy Wade carded a 93 to help pace Fort Madison. Holy Trinity Catholic took 4th place with a team score of 375 just one shot behind the Bloodhounds.
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For the Record:

Fort Madison Police arrested Harley Taylor Pennanom, 18, of Fort Madison, in the 1600 block of Avenue M, on a charge of serious assault. He was released on his own recognizance.

Lee County Sheriff’s Report 05/02/19 – 3:17 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on a southwest offramp to Hwy. 61. A vehicle driven by Karen Louise Woodley, 60, of Fort Madison was rear-ended by a vehicle driven by Scott Alan Robbins, 46, of Montrose. Robbins was cited for following too closely and no injuries were reported. 05/01/19 – 5:05 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Taylor Carroll Dickens, 32, of Keokuk, at the Des Moines County Jail on a warrant for failure to appear. He was held in custody.

LCHD holds Keokuk children’s immunization clinic

KEOKUK - Lee County Health Department will be holding a Children’s Immunization Clinic Thursday, May 9, 2019 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2330 Plank Road in Keokuk from 12 noon until 4:30pm.

The clinic is open to children who have no insurance, are insured by Iowa Medicaid or those who have private health insurance that does not cover the cost of vaccines. No appointment is necessary. Written parental consent is required for minors to receive vaccinations when in the care of another adult.

Free lead testing is available for all children ages 6 months to 6 years who reside in Iowa. Please call 1-319-372-5225 with questions or visit our website at www.leecountyhd.org.
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He wrote city staff is looking at options for the city's share of the improvements.
The option in the conceptual plan from SmithGroup that is most favorable to city
staff, would be to extend the current dock on the west side of Riverview Park farther
into the river so the depth would be workable for the Viking Cruise ships.

The domestic cruises came back on the city's radar in October, when Viking found a
domestic builder, which was required under the Jones Act, which mandates the
ships on U.S. waterways be built in the United States. Previous plans for U.S. cruises
on the Mississippi were scrapped until the company found a builder in Louisiana.

Viking officials calculate that more than 160,000 people will cruise the Mississippi
by the year 2027. Preliminary discussions have the city being compensated $1 in rent
for each passenger that docks in Fort Madison.

Also on the agenda for Tuesday's meeting, the council will discuss the fate of the
Rashid Memorial Building on the city's west side, that currently houses the Fort
Madison Food Pantry and an office for the United Way of the Great River Valley.

Councilman Matt Mohrfeld has recommended the city deed the building to
the food pantry, but Varley wrote in a separate report to the council that Iowa law
doesn't allow the building to be donated unless it’s to another governmental agency,
and any sale of the building has to be for fair market value.

Also on the agenda for Tuesday's meeting, the council is scheduled to:

• issue a response to Todd Oetken who asked the council to fire several police
  officers. Oetken alleged at the last council meeting, FMPD officers forced him from
  property at the Iowa State Penitentiary. Oetken claimed he was on public property
  and was harassed by officers.

• consider a request for retirement from Fort Madison Police Chief Tim Sittig
  effective July 1. Sittig has asked for his last day to be May 31.

• consider a sewer rate increase effective July 1, which could bump average cus-
  tomers rates by $6.07 per month. The proposal also includes a 2% annual increase
  starting July 2020.

• consider a request from Mary Hitchcock and William Sutcliffe to sever property
  at 2208 48th Street from the city.
Reception for Tri-State Quilters set for Friday

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your interest be contemporary or traditional. A Baker’s Dozen of the Guild membership is displayed in this show with all work being completed in the last 2 years or less. Illinois artists include Linda Apple and Joyce Taylor from Warsaw. Barbara Clark hails from Kahoka, Missouri. Iowa is home to Rita Hickey and Linda Waldren of Montrose, Sue Dowell and Marilyn Holmes of Ft. Madison, and Sandy Seabold, Janet Hausch, Tessa Johnson, Louise Orozco, Kathy Routh, and Sharon Pillard of Keokuk. Kathy Routh and Sue Dowell will present at the Lunch-ala-Art program on May 31st at noon at the gallery to wrap the show (sampler quilt door prize alert!).

There are 3 examples of President Quilts. A president serves for 2 years for the organization. Upon retiring the needle, each member creates a quilt block. The outgoing President must seam it together and gets to keep the quilt. Quite an appropriate rite of passage for leadership transfer.

There is also an example of a Challenge Quilt called “African Tribal” by Kathy Routh. The challenge is a throwing down of the quilt gauntlet per se with the latest one at a meeting being the Cantril Challenge. Dutchman’s Store was giving away folders of fabric.

The challenge was to go to Cantril to gather said folders with 50% of the piece coming from that fabric to create a 400 square inch piece overall. There is a date set for completion and the artist creates entire piece themselves.

There are more coming from the Cantril Challenge as Kathy Guess, Linda Apple, and Sandy Seybold have all picked up that particular quilt gauntlet. See all the wonderful quilts open for viewing at 825 Avenue G Tuesday-Saturday from 10am-5pm. Open later til 7pm on Guitar Tuesdays with Musicians Pro-Shop.

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