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City wants options on Main Street sidewalk project

Varley wants to have cost-saving options to council next month

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Very little headway has been made since a July 7 meeting where a consultant said the city is about \$400,000 over budget on a plan to reconstruct city sidewalks and curbs from 6th to 10th Street.

Fort Madison City Manager David Varley said Monday the city is directing HR Green & Associates of

“

We'd hate to tell anyone that their block wasn't getting done. So we asked them to come back with other options...”

-David Varley,
Fort Madison City Manager

Cedar Rapids to try and find cost-saving measures that can bring the project back down to budget. The project would replace the city's dilapidated

sidewalk and curbing on Avenue G from 6th to 10th streets at a cost of approximately \$1.5 million.

Funding for the project is from a reimbursement program from the state where interest paid on the city's waste water treatment plant through the state's revolving loan program can be refunded back to the city for a project that helps promote better stewardship of storm water runoff.

However, at the July meeting, city officials were told current designs had the project over budget and HR Green would come back with options for reducing the cost.

Varley said he told the consultants to come back with

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Lion's Club saddlin' up

Fort Madison Lion's Club members John Gorham, Larry Holtkamp, and Pat Clarahan put up signs around town on Monday afternoon to let motorists know the time is almost upon us for the Tri-State Rodeo and the Lion's Club's annual Rodeo Breakfast on Sept. 9

Scouts plan "Join Nights" around county

Central Park will be Fort Madison location on Sept. 13

Submitted article

LEE COUNTY - The Mississippi Valley Boy Scout Council is gearing up with their local volunteers for an action-packed fall season of Scouting. Local Cub Scout Packs will soon be holding "Join Nights" in their communities for new families to Join Scouting.

Cub Scouting is more than just an activity. It's adventure, learning, and discovery around every corner. From STEM, to exploring the outdoors, your son or daughter will be on the path to discovering their very best "future self" - and they'll have fun doing it! Cub Scouts is for youth in grades Kindergarten through Fifth Grade.

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Fort Madison Community Schools: Thursday September 13th from 6pm-7:30pm at Central Park.

Central Lee Community Schools: September 11th, from 6-7:30 pm at Central Lee Elementary.

Keokuk Community Schools: September 10th, from 5:30-7pm at Tolmie Park.

You can also join Scouting today by going online to BEASCOUT.ORG, visiting the local office at 3007 Flint Hills Dr in Burlington, or by calling 319-754-8413.

Steffensmeier appointed to school board

Steffensmeier replaces Troxel who left for Wisconsin

BY PCC STAFF

School district appointed Brian Steffensmeier to the board at its regular Monday meeting last week.

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Community

Steffensmeier was the only candidate to answer questions from the board at Monday's meeting. The district had set the Aug. 20 meeting for candidates to be able to address the board.

Steffensmeier said he

believes the district has positive momentum and is excited about being part of the educational system in the city.

"I have kids in the school system and I want

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

RANDY R. CARTER

Randy R. Carter, 64, of Ft. Madison passed away on Saturday, August 25, 2018 at 9:17 PM as a result of an accident.

He was born on June 21, 1954 in Des Moines to Frank and Marlene Clute Carter. On April 22, 1978 Randy married Patricia Beckert in Ft. Madison. Randy worked at Case Co. and retired after thirty six years of service. He was a member of Holy Family Parish. Randy loved shooting trap and was a member of the Tri-State Gun Club. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle and going on poker runs, he was a strong supporter of ABATE. Most of all Randy had a passion for helping people, no matter what the situation was.

Survivors include his wife, Patty Carter of Ft. Madison; a daughter, Jessica (Damon Tripp) Carter of Colusa, IL; one sister, Rhonda Carter of Ft. Madison and one brother, Rory (Brandi) Carter of Ft. Madison; several nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters in law. He was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, Rodney and Rick Carter.

Friends may call after 2 PM on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will meet with friends from 4:30-6:30 PM. A rosary will be recited at 4 PM at the funeral home. The funeral service will be held on Thursday, August 30, 2018 at 10:30 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. Burial will follow in Gethsemane Cemetery.

A memorial has been established for North Lee County Right to Life or CVMA and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.



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OBITUARIES

VINCENT D. MICHL

Vincent D. Michl, 64, passed away peacefully at his home in Council Bluffs, IA on the 13th of August 2018. Vince, as he was commonly known, was born on Christmas Day, 1953. His parents, Sylvester and Betty (Londrie) Michl, as well as his sister, Theresa Ringstrom and his brothers, Joseph (Joe) Michl and John Michl, all of whom were from Keokuk IA, preceded him in death.



MICHL

Two nephews who were not from Keokuk, also preceded him in death. Vince is survived by one brother, Stephen Michl of Guston, KY, and four sisters: Beth Ann Schaefer of rural Adair County, MO; Linda Greenstreet of Monmouth, IL; Michele Michl of rural Clark County, MO; and Mary Michl of Keokuk IA. He is also survived by four nieces and one nephew.

Vince, who graduated in 1972, served as Student Council President his senior year at Cardinal Stritch High School. After High School, Vince had many jobs, ultimately working for and retiring from the Telephone Company after 36 years, most of which were spent in Council Bluffs, where he was an avid shooter and marksman, among other things. Vince also enjoyed the culinary arts and became quite an accomplished chef, impressing anyone for whom he cooked, with his expertise and passion.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, September 1, 2018 at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Father Robert Lathrop officiating. Burial will be in the Scandinavian Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

OBITUARIES

JAMES PATRICK KINSEY

James Patrick Kinsey, 82, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 5:27 a.m. on Monday, August 27, 2018 at his home. He was born on October 21, 1935 in Cleveland, OH to Clarence & Catherine Cassidy Kinsey. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War and worked in the Naval Sealift Command and for the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration for many years.



Jim is survived by numerous nieces & nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents & several brothers & sisters.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory in Fort Madison, IA. No services are planned at this time. Online condolences to Jim's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

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For the Record/Lottery Numbers

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

08/23/18 - 4:01 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3900 block of Bluff Road.
 08/23/18 - 8:28 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1100 block of Avenue F.
 08/23/18 - 10:13 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2200 block of Avenue E.
 08/23/18 - 4:48 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1100 block of Avenue E.
 08/23/18 - 5:08 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 13th Street and Avenue H.
 08/23/18 - 7:07 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism at the intersection of 17th Street and Avenue G.
 08/23/18 - 8:02 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1900 block of Avenue N.
 08/24/18 - 9:12 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Raul Garcia, 68, of Fort Madison in the 2600 block of Avenue L, on a charge of driving while barred. He was released on a promise to appear.
 08/24/18 - 10:46 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Deon Lemoyne Schrader-Hag-

meier, 23, of Montrose in the 4000 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving while suspended. He was released upon citation.
 08/24/18 - 11:41 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2800 block of Avenue M.
 08/24/18 - 12:22 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1700 block of Avenue G.
 08/24/18 - 7:38 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1500 block of Avenue H.
 08/25/18 - 7:09 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 2400 block of Avenue L.
 08/25/18 - 10:17 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1700 block of Avenue E.
 08/25/18 - 9:03 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2400 block of Avenue H.
 08/26/18 - 10:00 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Amber Renee Rea, 35, of Fort Madison at the intersection of 28th Street and Avenue L, on a charge of driving under suspension. She was released upon citation.
 08/26/18 - 12:19 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property

damage accident in the 4800 block of Avenue O.
 08/26/18 - 2:28 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 1500 block of Avenue D.
 08/26/18 - 3:22 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1200 block of Avenue H.
 08/26/18 - 3:47 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1700 block of 41st Street.
 08/26/18 - 7:40 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Kristen Lynn Grek, 22, of Fort Madison at the police station on a charge of 2nd-degree harassment. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 08/26/18 - 9:19 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 600 block of Avenue F.
 08/24/18 - 3:10 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Logan Allen Hutchinson, 63, of Fort Madison in the 2600 block of Avenue L, on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct. He was taken to the Lee County jail and held.
 08/25/18 - 2:23 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited a 13-year-old and a 15-year-old female in the 800 block of Avenue G for curfew violation. The two juveniles were released upon citation.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

08/23/18 - 1:45 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Carol Jane Feikert, 47, of Keokuk at the Hancock County Jail on a court-ordered hold. She was held in custody.
 08/23/18 - 9:13 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Michael Anthony Stoneking, 34, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of being a fugitive from justice. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 08/24/18 - 9:57 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a one-vehicle accident on Hwy. 27 south of 210th Street. A vehicle driven by Nicholas Perry Erwin, 27, of Springfield, Ill., lost control on the left shoulder and hit an embankment disabling the vehicle. No injuries or citations were reported at the scene.
 08/25/18 - 2:19 p.m. - Lee

County Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident on Hwy 61 northbound on ramp to Hwy 2/Business 61. According to the reports, a vehicle driven by Darrell Wayne Wagner, 56, of Fort Madison failed to stop at stop sign and collided with a vehicle driven by Michael DeWayne Lowe, 54, of Burlington. Wagner was cited for driving while license suspended, failure to obey a stop sign and OWI. No injuries were reported at the scene.
 08/26/18 - 12:20 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Molly Sue Prehm Van Brocklin, 23, of Montrose at milemarker 26 on Hwy 61, on a charge of OWI-2nd offense. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and then released on her own recognizance.
 08/26/18 - 9:04 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kelly Ann McIntyre, 50, of Fort Madison, at the

sheriff's office on a judgment entry. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and released for time served.
 08/26/18 - 10:47 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Larry Darnel Bagby, 39, of Denmark on a warrant for domestic assault. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
Those listed above should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

08/24/18 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls, one burn complaint, and one smoke alarm.
 08/25/18 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one motor vehicle accident, and one medical call.
 08/26/18 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medical calls.



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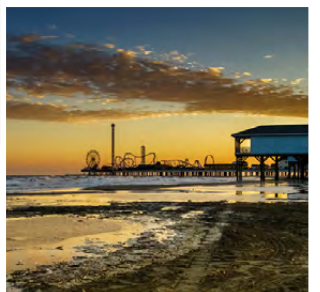
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Sports/Local News

FMHS girls 7th at big Bondurant volleyball tourney

Lady Hounds take only set off 4th-ranked Waverly-Shell Rock

BY PCC STAFF

BONDURANT - The Fort Madison Lady Hounds volleyball team took 7th place out of 16 teams at this weekend's ballyhooed Skip Anderson Classic in Bondurant-Farrar High School.

The Hounds opened the tournament with a 23-21 win over Class 4A 8th-ranked Waverly Shell Rock, but then dropped the next two sets 8-21 and 13-15. It was the only set Waverly would give up during the tournament.

Fort Madison then knocked off Pella Christian 23-21, 21-15 and Perry 21-7, 19-21, 15-10.

The Hounds also beat Carroll 21-16, 17-21 and 15-13.

The other two losses came to Class 4A 5th-ranked Pella 21-15, 21-15 and to Class 2A 6th-ranked Sidney 21-15, 21-15.

Fort Madison started the season ranked 15th in the state in Class 4A. Southeast Conference foe Fairfield is ranked 13th.

On the day Junior Jillian Wiseman had 40 kills and five blocks to lead Fort Madison at the net. Senior Kaeli Hutson had 36 kills to go with 58 digs and served a perfect 47-47 with three aces.

Senior Josie Pumphrey led the Hounds with 100 digs on the day and aces with 14. She went 47-53 from the service line. Sophomore Lauren Bailey had 114 assists for Fort Madison and served a perfect 40-40 with seven aces.

The Hounds open the home season Tuesday night at the Hound Dome in a 9/JV/Varsity stint beginning at 5:45.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Freitag's Dog Wash nets \$1,200 for K9 group

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Eric Freitag, owner of the Turbo Wash Car Wash outlets and the Dog Wash station in Fort Madison has made a \$1,200 contribution to the Lee County K9 Association.

Freitag donated funds generated from the Dog Wash station from Aug. 13-19 and then matched the funds on his own for the total. Several users of the Dog Wash station located at the corner of Avenue

L and 37th Street, also made contributions, as did a food truck that had been on the lot for a good part of the week. Town and Country Food truck owners Rick and Kathy Ecles, also donated a portion of their sales for the day, bringing the grand total donation to more than \$1,500.

The Lee County K9 Association was formed to support the K9 efforts of Lee County and currently provides funding for the Lee County Sheriff's Department's two K9 officers Gunner and Kion.

Authorities identify man in Saturday fatality

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - According to an Iowa State Patrol report, the victim of Saturday's fatal accident on Hwy. 61 has been identified as 64-year-old Randy R. Carter of Fort Madison. According to reports, Carter was stopped at



CARTER

mailboxes on the west side of Hwy. Business 61 and attempted to cross both north- and south-bound lanes to en-

ter a private drive on the east side of the highway.

Authorities said Carter failed to yield to Jonathan W. Witt who was traveling south-bound in a 2008 Chevrolet Silverado pickup.

Carter was struck by Witt's vehicle and came to rest in the median. Carter was pronounced

dead at the scene.

Lee County Sheriff's deputies, Lee County EMS, Wever Fire & Rescue, and Fort Madison Police assisted at the scene.

Carter's obituary appears on page 2 of today's edition

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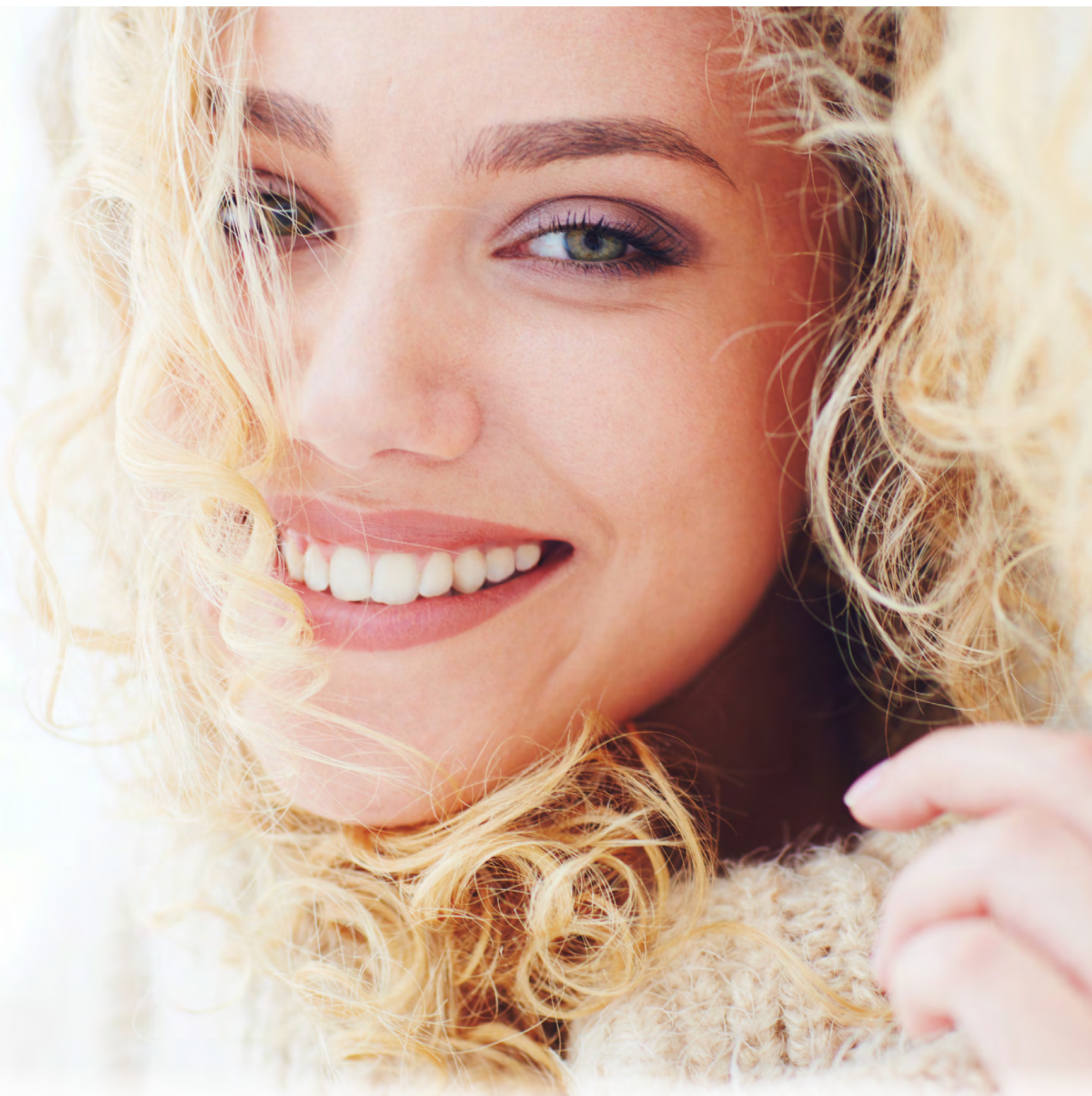
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THU 30 Aug	Light Rain High - 72.7° F Low - 64.1° F
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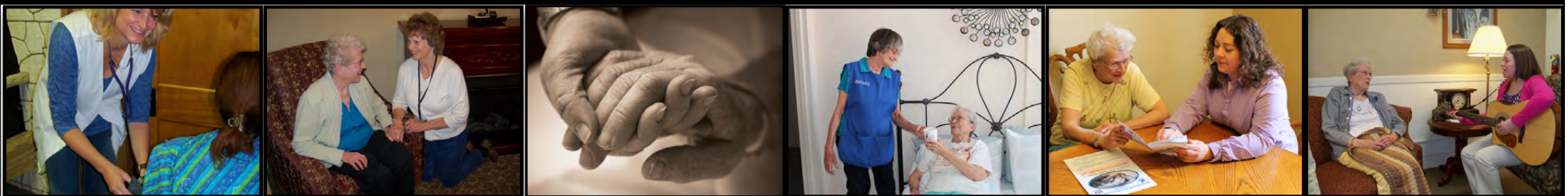


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From the Front

Some options include reducing project size by one block

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some other options last week because he doesn't want to see the project stripped down if it can be prevented.

"They came back with some options such as cutting a block off the project and that can be done at either end, but either way people aren't going to be happy with that," Varley said. "We'd hate to tell anyone that their block wasn't getting done. So we asked them to come back with other options last week and we haven't heard anything on that request yet."

He said currently, to get the project under budget, the city would have to cut a block off the project and remove planters from the north side of Avenue G. The planters are part of the aesthetics that go with the pervious brick pavers that would butt up against new curbs and go back about six feet. The pavers

also have approved sand and dirt in them that also helps handle stormwater.

The remaining six feet from the pavers to the buildings would be ADA compliant concrete. Below the pervious brick will be four to six feet of a gravel filter base and then storage tanks that slowly allow the filtered water back into the city's regular storm water lines.

Planters on the south side of the Avenue G have to be kept in the project because the only way the south side qualified for the grant money was if the planters were included.

"We're pushing them to come up with other options," Varley said. "We're giving them one more chance to see what they come up with, then we'll discuss it, but we're waiting for something else because we don't want to have to go to an

extreme."

Varley said the city approached Fort Madison Main Street to see if there were any grants or funds they could contribute to the project, but the group indicated they did not have the funds.

Denicia Wright, coordinator for Main Street, said she was unaware of any grant applications or funding the group has tried to secure for the project, but said Fort Madison's Main Street budget wouldn't have funds to assist the project.

"Unfortunately no, unless we can find some grant money somewhere, Main Street doesn't have the money for it at this time. Not that I'm aware of," Wright said.

She said cutting off a block from the program would be a disappointment as it wouldn't be fair to the whole district.

Fort Madison Partners Executive Director Tim Gobble said he would be willing to meet with the city to see if there is any way Partners could support the city's efforts.

"Obviously, the city has to stay within their means," Gobble said. "Ultimately you'd want to go from 6th to 10th. It's a dire need to get these sidewalks and curbs repaired, but they only get so much money, and they're trying to do everything they can to get it done. I'd be willing to sit down with them and look at it."

Varley said he's hoping to have information on the project to the council before the end of September. Construction on the project is set to begin in March or April, but Varley said getting the project under budget could push that start time back.

FMHS, Silgan put together vocational industrial program

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to play a role in keeping the school on track," he told the board during the interview session.

"It's good to give back to the community. I have a personal interest in improving the quality of our school system and want to be a part of what affects our children and our schools"

Steffensmeier said he has his own business and feels he's good at communication and building relationships with those that are integral to the school's interests.

He said he has the time to commit to the position and considers himself a trustworthy individual who is even-tempered and will be willing to work with all parties involved in the school system.

"I have a willingness to collaborate and a sincere interest in our public schools," Steffensmeier told the board.

In other action, the board heard from FMHS Principal Greg Smith who is working on a partnership with Silgan that now has six students engaged in a curriculum to foster industrial maintenance education.

The students will be taking courses at Southeastern Community College's new Keokuk industrial tech lab four days a week and will need to complete 14 courses, which include both computer and lab coursework. After satisfactorily completing the coursework, Silgan will offer job shadowing on-site and then full-time positions could be offered to the students.

Smith said he's also working on partnering with SCC on a future similar nursing program.

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