



King Chapel work starting this spring

First phase will encapsulate building and address truss issues

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The work on King Chapel is moving forward, with Mount Vernon Historic Preservation Commission giving a certificate of appropriateness for the work on the first two phases of the project.

Scott Allen, with OPN Architects, presented the plans for the first two phases of the project at the commission meeting. Cornell College needed a permit to begin work on the first phases of the project, and because the building is a historic building and in a historic district, MVHPC has to approve of the work.

Allen said rough early estimates for the project's first two phases are \$27 million. Those funds come from insurance payments for the damage, FEMA reimbursement, SHIPO funding, historic tax credits and a private donor who is contributing to the building.

Phase 1A will be getting the framework of stabilizing elements throughout the building. Another element OPN will be doing in phase 1A will be administering grout barriers throughout the building.

"What we found as we looked around the building is that the consistency of grout in parts of the building wildly varies," Allen said. "We're administering that all over to help have a firmer foundation."

Phase 1B will be the shell stabilization and outside envelope for the project. It will enable the building to be better secured as work goes to installing new steel trusses at the roof of the building.

"We've determined that the wood truss structure was not adequate to take the weight of the slate roof, and has been sagging over time," Allen said. "By replacing all the trusses to the building above the ceiling, that will make the roof more solid."

Faux trusses that adorn the interior ceiling as an art element will be removed during this process, but the plan is to reinstall those when work is completed.

Another part of Phase 1B will be replacing a staircase in the southwest tower with a more modern staircase.

"The spiral staircase in that tower is not up to code, and we'll be replacing it," Allen said.

There will also be some work to replace some of the slate tiles on the building's roof, some of which were damaged during the derecho.

Another part of the project will be installing storm windows to the exterior of the building, there to help protect some of the historic glass. Allen said those will stretch even to the lower portion of the building, which were the ones most impacted during the derecho.

Phase 2 will be the work that happens to the interior

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Hopping good time



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Above: Youth in the 4-6-year-old division dash to collect eggs Saturday, April 19. Top right: Willamina finds one of her eggs at the Lisbon Easter egg hunt. Right: Kelly Joseph and Aubrey Hendrickson dish up some eggs and sausage at the fire department's pancake breakfast.



Above: Renn greets the Easter Bunny at Lisbon's Easter egg hunt.

Left: Zach Barrett and Dane Markegard make pancakes on the griddle at the Mount Vernon Fire Department.



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Mount Vernon and Lisbon were hopping places to be Saturday, April 19, as Easter events happened in both communities.

The Mount Vernon Fire Department held its annual pancake breakfast at the fire station. The breakfast had steady traffic, with more than 1,400 served Saturday morning, and saw volunteers manning the griddles, serving sausage, eggs, pancakes and coffee, juice and milk. Members of the local Boy Scout troops and Trailblazer 4-H clubs helped with clearing tables or getting refills on juice, pancakes and other items. The families of the fire department also held a bake sale at the department.

Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation, Mount Vernon-Lisbon Community Development Group, Hallmark Care Center, Rehabilitation Center of Lisbon, Cherry Ridge, Hardee's of Mount Vernon and Mount Vernon Volunteer Firefighters Association had more than 3,000 Easter eggs prepared for the hunt at Washington Elementary track for the dash Saturday morning.

Matt Siders, director of Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation, said the event would not have been possible without the help of the Cornell Men's and Women's soccer teams, who helped distribute those eggs on the field to start the day. The teams will be hosting an alumni soccer game Saturday, April 26 at noon and 2 p.m.

Over in Lisbon, more than 40 youth participated in hunting for their own eggs. This year, the Lisbon Parks and Recreation Department moved the younger age group's hunt away from the playground equipment, as there were a number of eggs lost or damaged in previous years. The hunt for the golden egg in the older age group took the longest to complete.

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