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Building No. 6 on the Fergus Falls Regional Treatment Center grounds will be the first of five to be renovated, turning it into 14 or 15 apartment units. The plan is to have at least 10,000 square feet rehabilitated by the end of the year.

FF dodges snow this morning

Rest of the week looks significantly drier

Daily Journal

There was a chance that Monday's heavy rain could have turned to snow late into the night and early this morning, but Fergus Falls seems to have avoided that possibility, according to National Weather Service meteorologist Jim Kaiser.

"There's another chance for a little bit of a mix tomorrow morning before dawn, but we're not expecting any accumulation," Kaiser said.

The odds of more rain turning into snow are pretty low, Kaiser said.

Along with seemingly avoiding potential snowfall, Fergus Falls residents should be pleased to know Monday's rain is likely the most intense the city will see this week. There could be as much as a quarter-inch of rainfall on Wednesday, with even lighter precipitation on Thursday.

There is also a slight chance of rain on Saturday, but by Sunday, conditions should be more dry and temperatures could move into the low 50s.

BIO Girls building self confidence

By Rian Bosse
Daily Journal

For the past two months, the pattering of running feet has filled the Fergus Falls YMCA and, when weather has cooperated, the sidewalks outside every Sunday afternoon. And it hasn't just been from the health facility's weekend regulars.

Since the beginning of March, the Beautiful Inside and Out "BIO" Girls running group has met regularly each week in preparation for the Lake Region Run 5K this June. It isn't your ordinary running group clad in fluorescent Nike shoes and weather-resistant coverings, but 35 young girls between the ages of 7 and 12, and 14 of their adult mentors.

While the goal is to see each girl cross the finish line come race day, the group has come together for more than just a racing achievement.

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Another step forward

Apartments, offices planned for RTC parcels

By Heather Rule
Daily Journal

Campus Development Group took the first step in redeveloping buildings on the Fergus Falls Regional Treatment Center grounds Monday. The first part of the project will be creating 14 or 15 market-rate apartment units in one of the five buildings it plans to renovate.

Building No. 6, the former Catholic Charities building toward the east end of the property, will be the first to undergo historic renovations. Eight, one-bedroom; five, two-bedroom; and one or two studio apartments are planned for what will be called Campus View Apartments.

Windows will be brought back to original sizes, and a lot of elements of the buildings will be "brought back to life," Jeff Schlossman said, as they try to restore as much as possible and "make them look like they originally did."

"We hope to start construction this summer on the first phase of it," he said. "We're planning on redeveloping all the property historically."

Monday, the Fergus Falls Planning Commission held a public hearing and recommended Campus Development Group's request to rezone Lot 1, Block 5 and Lot 1, Block 6 from an agricultural-residence district to B-3, or a central business district; and

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Heather Rule/Daily Journal

Maxine Schmidt uses a notebook of references during one of the weekly tours of the Fergus Falls RTC last summer.

'Friends' announce 10th year of RTC tours

By Heather Rule
Daily Journal

Tours of the historical Fergus Falls Regional Treatment Center will be back this spring. It marks the 10th year of the tours, led by Friends of the Kirkbride members Gene and Maxine Schmidt. The first tour is May 16, and the

Schmidts are getting lots of calls from those interested in reserving a spot. "They're filling up quickly," Maxine said. "Nothing is full so far. Just call for availability."

When the tours ended for the season last fall, the Schmidts weren't sure if

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BL-Glendalough trail project entering final construction phase

Organizer calls it his passion

By Chris Reinoso
Daily Journal

After years of fundraising, grant writing and simply waiting, Dan Malmstrom is thrilled to see the finish line of the Glendalough State Park trail project.

But he knows he is not the only one invested in the trail.

"When people with a passion have a very clear picture of what they can create and

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they're driven by that, they can accomplish just about anything," Malmstrom said.

Construction is scheduled to begin on the final two portions of a trail connecting Battle Lake to the park. The longer portion is a 1.65-mile section from the city to the park. Another part of the trail, connecting the Good Samaritan Society to the city trail, will also be completed soon.

Malmstrom's involvement in the entire project began in mid-2008, when he and his

wife Lisa's company, North Point Professionals, was brought on to help the city create a long-term vision for its future.

Part of that vision included renovating the trails in Glendalough. Funding was a major obstacle to overcome, but Malmstrom committed to the project wholeheartedly.

With his passion and the hard work of countless others, things started moving rather quickly.

Malmstrom was able to raise the money for the \$285,000 portion of the trail project connecting the city to the park. After receiv-

ing the grant for this portion, Malmstrom got more good news when the \$350,000 portion of the trail in Glendalough was approved as part of the 2010 state bonding bill.

"No one was able to do this previously because it was very, very complex," he said.

By the time construction on parts of the trail was scheduled to begin last year, construction costs had risen from the projections Malmstrom included in his 2009 grant. He turned to private residents in Battle Lake and

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TOMORROW:

HIGH: 43 LOW: 36

SUNRISE TOMORROW: 6:12 am
SUNSET TOMORROW: 8:32 pm

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