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'I'm asking you to take care of the property'

Lake Alice residents voice frustrations

By Heather Rule
Daily Journal

"It's a disaster."
That was how Pam Jaenisch, of Lakeside Drive in Fergus Falls,

described the area around Lake Alice. As one of seven nearby residents speaking on the issue of Lake Alice park maintenance at Monday's Fergus Falls City Council meeting, she wasn't alone in her opinion.

"I'm angry with this situation, folks," said resident Rick Wilson. "At the bare minimum, the lake needs to be a view again."

Wilson led off the 35-minute discussion surrounding Lake Al-

ice maintenance, or lack thereof, according to the residents. He talked about new trees on the south end that aren't being tended to, that views of the lake in certain places are "pretty minimal" and some lakescaping is not done properly. If he kept his yard that way, the city would have a crew clean it up and then send him the bill, Wilson said.

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Journal file photo

Residents who live on Lake Alice went before the City Council Monday to relay issues they have with the lake's upkeep. The city is working on a long-range plan for the lake.



Chris Reinoos/Daily Journal

Dustin Steenblock was the driving force behind bringing eight raised community garden beds to Ashby. Five of the eight beds have already been reserved for the summer.

Not-so-secret garden

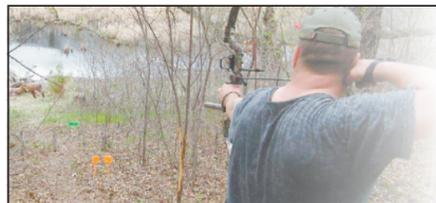
ON THE ROAD

Eight raised beds now available for Ashby community

By Chris Reinoos
Daily Journal

Dustin Steenblock stood out in the rain Monday afternoon, checking on the early progress of some pepper plants. The plants probably need a dry period of about a week for optimal growth, but Monday's steady rainfall did not want to cooperate with this ideal schedule.

For several years, Ashby Public Schools students have tended their own gardens. The vegetables grown in these gardens have been used for school meals and have also been donated to the local food shelf.



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But Steenblock, an agriculture teacher at the school, wanted to try a different project this year.

"We just wanted to do more of a community piece ... for those that don't have access to a garden because they rent or because they can't garden in the ground," Steenblock said.

That idea came to life in the form of eight raised garden beds available to community members for rent. Students worked on the beds, which were finished a few weeks ago, throughout the school year.

Steenblock began piecing together the project last fall. It started when he ap-

plied for, and eventually received, \$1,200 in state funding for a community garden venture.

With the state funding in hand, Steenblock approached Ashby city officials about partnering on the project. The city agreed to handle the watering of the beds, as well as providing the compost.

Eight area businesses also agreed to sponsor one of the beds. This kind of community cooperation helped Steenblock realize this was a worthwhile project.

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Jurgens takes helm of girls soccer

By Zach Stich
Daily Journal



Jurgens

He might be a new face to the girls' program, but Ben Jurgens isn't an unknown in the Fergus Falls soccer community. Having coached several years as an assistant for the boys team and two years as a head coach, Jurgens will now step onto the girls side and coach the Otter girls in 2014.

"I enjoy the game of soccer," Jurgens said. "I coached on the boys side for 10 years, with eight years as an assistant coach to Scott Bjerke and two years as the head coach. We enjoyed a lot of success during that run."

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Brainstorming begins for campground's future

By Heather Rule
Daily Journal

Find a target audience for the DeLagoon Campground, decide if family-style restrooms are the best option and find the greatest camping atmosphere — a spacious park or one for commercial RVs. Those were all items up for brainstorming during two meetings Monday regarding the plan for the campground.

"Our goal today is really to focus on your perspectives on DeLagoon Campground," said Jeff Schoenbauer. "We want to pick your brains as best we can."

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