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Library renewal planning on track

By Heather Rule
Daily Journal

Right on schedule. That's the status of the Fergus Falls Library Renewal Project.

The 10-member Task Force for the project is about halfway done with the Library Needs Assessment to determine future needs for the library. Its plan is to present the assessment, with a recommendation, to the library board and then city council before the end of the year.

Until then, residents will just have to wait to find out what changes might be coming to the library.

"The good news is it's soon," said Library Director Erin Smith. "And we appreciate everybody giving their input. It takes awhile to do justice to all of that. But that was what we wanted."

The goals of the project include forming a vision of what area citizens want and need from the library, assess the future viability

of the current library building, and to determine the next steps and the costs for achieving the community's vision.

The needs assessment will identify the valued library services and resources and determine future needs. It will be a compilation of the findings, with separate summaries for each piece of data, which included citizen surveys, focus groups conducted in 2012, research done by the Task Force and library staff interviews.

"We just have a lot of data to compile," Smith said.

The Library Needs Assessment will be the completion of phase one of the process. The community engagement part of the process for phase one is already completed.

A total of 2,374 residents answered a survey last spring about the library. The goal was to have at least 1,000 people complete the survey.

The Task Force was put together in June 2012. It

took a couple months off this summer so the library could focus on its busiest time of the year, but now the group is meeting on a regular, monthly basis again.

If the Task Force indicates the need, phases two and three would come into play.

Phase two would be site selection, design and funding, during 2014-16. The city would look at the possibility of using sales tax money, in addition to the library fund raising, accord-

ing to City Administrator Mark Sievert. A plan would be to have a referendum for the project during the 2016 general election and move forward from there should the referendum pass, Sievert said.

Phase three would be in 2016-18, awarding and completing the project.

Of course, that's all a moot point until the results of the needs assessment are revealed.

The Task Force meets again at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 5.

Soybeans rapidly mature in Minnesota

Associated Press

ST. PAUL — Soybean maturity has rapidly advanced in Minnesota in the last week, but soybean maturity still lags behind the normal pace.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture said Monday that 40 percent of Minnesota's soybean crop has reached maturity. That compares with a normal rate of 66 percent by this time of year. But it's a big advance from last week, when only 9 percent of soybeans were mature.

Ninety-three percent of the soybean crop was turning yellow or beyond, six days behind normal.

Soybean harvest has begun and is 9 percent complete.

Minnesota's corn crop also is behind in development. The USDA says 41 percent of Minnesota's corn

was mature, compared with last year's 98 percent.

Corn and soybean crop conditions both declined slightly to 48 percent good or excellent.

Traders were expecting lower corn and soybean stocks than USDA reported and this will lead to price pressure this week.

With the potential for a large U.S. corn and soybean crop looming stocks are expected to build in the months ahead.

Sunflowers in the Dakotas are still behind last year at this time.

Overall the majority of the U.S. crop is reported to be in good to excellent condition. Harvest is now underway in all states.

About 48 percent of the sunflower crop is in good condition, while 43 percent is rated at fair, according to the USDA NASS.

Vehicle disabled



Photo for The Journal

A disabled vehicle had smoke coming from its engine due to it overheating just before 7 p.m. Monday at the intersection of Lincoln and Union avenues, according to Fergus Falls police. The Fergus Falls Fire Department responded though there was no car fire.

Military roundtable meeting scheduled

For The Journal

Attention Military History Fans - The Otter Tail County Military Roundtable begins a new series of great programs on Monday, October 7 at noon. Myron Broschat, local Military Historian, will give his pro-

gram on "The Most Highly Decorated Veterans of Otter Tail County."

This is a presentation not to be missed. Myron's moving tribute to these soldiers and sailors, including Irving Peterson of Pelican Rapids, will long be remembered.

Services: Taxpayer access to federal offices limited

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federally owned, but rather owned by the Fergus Falls Public School District, Traxler said.

The post office in Fergus Falls will not be impacted by the shutdown at all, and County Treasurer Steve Andrews said his office will continue to process passports as usual.

Six National Park Service law enforcement officers who work on the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway would remain on the job during a shutdown, said Julie Galonska, who handles media relations and several other jobs for the riverway. But the park's two interpretative centers would be closed. So will all of the other facilities including popular campsites along 230 miles of the Namekagon and upper St. Croix rivers.

Galonska said that could affect thousands of people.

"We are at the height of fall color season right now, or just about to approach it, so it does have an impact on our visitors," she said. "I checked on our visitation last October and at the riverway we had almost 7,000 visitors. Most of those coming during the first half

of the month for peak fall color."

Most visitors came to see fall foliage in the first half of October, Galonska said.

A federal government shutdown also would affect taxpayer access to important government offices, including the Internal Revenue Service. Although people will still have to pay taxes, those with questions would not be able to call the IRS for answers.

Similarly, anyone who needs a new passport or has to apply for a travel visa would have to wait.

Those who need replacement Social Security cards also would be of luck.

For many people, such inconveniences might seem trivial -- at least in the short term. But the U.S. economy could suffer from a prolonged government shutdown, said Chris Farrell, economics editor for Marketplace Money, a national program produced by American Public Media.

A shutdown would pose serious questions for Washington during a weak and disappointing economic recovery, Farrell said.

"Who isn't being hired because business is unsure about what's going to happen? What capital projects

aren't being invested in because of this rising uncertainty?"

"It just simply adds to the momentum toward a weak recovery," he said.

If a government shutdown does occur, many people would be angry that the federal government has become so dysfunctional.

That's how Marilyn Chesnik and Jerry Dorff feel. They own and operate Wild River Outfitters along the St. Croix River in Grantsburg, Wis., and worry that a shutdown would hurt business. They also fear that, without federal workers, the riverway would not be properly maintained.

"I'm furious that these outfits that we elect cannot come together and be reasonable," Chesnik said.

Dorff agreed.

"It's unbelievable. This is just another example, another situation where our federal government -- the Congress and Senate -- are not able to do the people's business, and that's not only irritating," he said. "I'm just kind of outraged -- kind of really mad at them for not taking care of their job."

It's not clear who Americans would blame if the government shuts down.

According to a Gallup poll released late last week about 22 percent of Americans support the tea party. That's down from 32 percent in the fall of 2010 when the tea party was at the height of its popularity following its emergence in opposition to the federal health care law.

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Otter Tail County Treasurer

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