Work Begins On New Library

By Craig Montgomery
Independent News Editor

The first of seven Scenic Regional Library projects is now under way. And it's right here in New Haven.

Ground clearing and leveling work began last week. The site on Douglas Street is bustling with activity as heavy equipment pushes dirt around while engineers do survey work to properly situate the building and a storm water retention pond at the bottom of the hill behind the library.

Construction contracts for all seven Scenic Regional projects were awarded last month to a single general contractor, Wright Construction of St. Peters. The New Haven branch was bid at $1.66 million.

Jim Brown, a Wright Construction project superintendent at the site last Thursday, said New Haven is the first of the library projects to get started. He hopes to have footings poured this week.

Brown expressed optimism that the New Haven project may be completed before the May-June time-frame.

Continued on Page 3A
Continued from 1A
frame stated by library officials last month.

Steel won’t be going up for a couple of months, however. "It will take eight weeks to get the steel once the submittals for it are approved by the architect," he said. JEMA, in St. Louis, is the architect on the projects.

As of now, the topsoil has been removed and Cochran Engineering is performing a geotechnical analysis of the dirt. "They took a couple of five-gallon buckets this morning," Brown said. "The analysis will tell us how this dirt can be used on site."

Dirt from the retention pond site at the bottom of the hill will also be analyzed to see how it can be modified and placed.

The biggest factor right now is the weather.

"If we keep having weather like this, we'll be fine," he said. "In construction all we want is dry. I know that's not good for everything, but I don't need any moisture until my plants are in, I put sod down and I'm leaving. We don't ever want rain."

**Now Open**

Automotive-Residential

MIDWEST TINT

2 Locations To Serve You
1-855-20

- Auto Detailing
- Window Tinting

SC, RIQON
What's Happening At The New Haven Scenic Regional Library

In September 2017 the New Haven Library invites you to the following programs:

Note: the New Haven branch will be closed on Monday, September 4 for Labor Day.

Yarn and Yak will be held on Thursday, September 7 from 6-8 p.m. at the library. If you knit, crochet, or enjoy yarn crafts of any kind, join our group on the first Thursday of each month. Bring your projects and ideas!

Great Horned Owls: Hunting & Feeding program will be held on Tuesday, September 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Old New Haven School. Presentation by award-winning naturalist Mark Glenshaw who has closely observed and documented the lives of great horned owls in Forest Park in St Louis. He will share photos and videos of his experiences with the owls. To register call the library at 573-237-2189 or online at scenicrogional.org.

Looking Back on Missouri Dance Halls program will be held on Tuesday, September 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Old New Haven School. Author Ken Johnson will talk about local bands and orchestras from the 1940’s and 1950’s as well as share details about his book Moonlight Serenade to City Lights. He will have music and invite audience participation. To register call the library at 573-237-2189 or online at scenicrogional.org.

Book Club at the Branch meets on Wednesday, September 27 at 5 p.m. Join us for a discussion of “The Alchemist” by Paulo Coelho. Stop by the library to check out a copy today.

Pre-School Storytime is held at the library each Tuesday at 10 a.m. & Saturday, September 16 at 10 a.m. Up to Kindergarten age. Join us for stories, songs, rhymes, crafts, & fun!

Read, Build & Play (Ages 4-12) will be held at the library on Saturday, September 16 at 1 p.m. Use your imagination to build, play, and learn about a variety of fun topics. (note the change in time).

Giant Yard Games (K-5th Grade) at the library on Saturday, September 30 at 2 p.m. Outdoor fun at the branch! Play games, win prizes!

The New Haven Scenic Regional Library is located at 901 Maupin Ave. For questions contact us at 573-237-2189.
Glenshaw to Speak on Great Horned Owls

The New Haven Scenic Regional Library is hosting a program on Mark Glenshaw's Great Horned Owls: Hunting and Feeding.

Glenshaw will speak Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the Old New Haven School at 810 Maupin Ave.

To RSVP call the New Haven Library at 573-237-2189 or visit scenicregional.org.

Next Library Chess Night Is September 12

Chess night returns to the Washington Public Library.

All ages and abilities are invited to the library to play games of chess. An instructor will be on hand for tutoring.

All sessions will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Dates will be Tuesday, Sept. 12, Thursday, Sept. 28, Tuesday, Oct. 10, and Thursday, Oct. 26.

Clearview Holds PBS Boot Camp

Students at Clearview Elementary went through PBS (Positive Behavior Support) expectations for the school year during the opening week of the 2017-18 school year.

Staff members showed the students proper behavior habits in various environments, such as the hallway, cafeteria, gymnasium, bus and other areas involving school functions.

Students in all grades participated. They were divided into groups and visited different stations, where staff members were waiting to show them proper behavior habits and expectations.