Book Lovers Find Bargains

Book lovers found plenty of bargains at the Scenic Regional Library annual book sale, held Sept. 13-14. The annual sale, originally planned for the new Pacific branch, was moved to the old library on West St. Louis Street when the yet-unpaved parking lot prevented opening of the new library. Pictured are Tonja Curnel, left, of Pacific, and Barbara Lawrence, Cedar Hill.

Recap of Fiscal Year 2018 Pacific Budget

City Finances Appear Strong

By Pauline Masson
Pacific Missourian Editor

Winding down the last spending period of the 2018 fiscal budget, the city's finances in general appear to be fairly strong, according to City Administrator Steve Roth. Roth presented a recap of revenue and expenditures, along with comments on the financial strength of the city, at the Sept. 4 board of aldermen meeting.

The city shows $6,808,027 in unrestricted reserves and balances as of June 30, 2018, which were

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City Adopts Rules for Flood Plain Management

Ordinance Regulates Development

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Aldermen approved an ordinance adopting a model flood management ordinance and designating the city engineer as the floodplain manager. The ordinance requires that development in floodplain areas be reviewed by the city engineer to determine whether the project is consistent with best practices for floodplain management and whether the development will protect life, property, and natural resources.

Resident On Sell

That Would Be

Residents of Eagles View on North Thornton Road are in the process of selling a 1.27-acre parcel of land that was once cleared of all trees.

Residents have sent an email detailing their preference for the use of the parcel, which Smith says he plans to develop for RV storage facility.

Smith, who cleared the storage yard, said he thought the entire parcel when it was cleared of trees. After he learned that a View Homeowners Association owned the elliptical section of land to Thornton Road he entered discussions to buy the property.

At a homeowners association meeting at city hall June 27, property owners expressed opposition to selling the land to Smith.

One resident who complained to the Missourian, but did not want his name published as a letter to the editor, cited the potential for events up to now to create a true picture of the situation.

"One homeowner who has no use for the land that is useless to a storage facility," the resident said.
Two Streets Paved for City of Pacific

the Parkway near Millstone Point was completed a portion of Osage Estates from Flier Millstone Point.

Initially plans for a section of Lisa e property of the Indian War Site Pacific City agreed to accept a section of Thornton Street between Orr Street and Westmore Place, which is a MoDOT right-of-way.

MoDOT agreed to relinquish the roadway to the city with a quitclaim deed, with the stipulation that all future responsibility for the section of road is now the responsibility of the city.

Once ownership is transferred, the city is responsible to maintain the road as part of the city's street system.

Lot sizes would range from 1,500 square feet to 2,200 square feet, according to the developer. Lots would range in size from 10,000 square feet to 17,500 square feet.

If completed, the three developments bring a total of 266 new homes to the area.

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New Library May Open This Week

The Pacific branch of Scenic Regional Library should open Thursday, officials said. The opening had been delayed because paving could not be completed on the parking lot due to wet conditions and moisture levels in the gravel and dirt. The old asphalt and gravel was excavated Sept. 13 and gravel was delivered to fill in the lot. Paving was to be completed Tuesday and striped Wednesday.

Library to Open Thursday

The Pacific branch of the Scenic Regional Library will open Thursday at 9 a.m. following weeks of delays.

The Pacific branch was initially scheduled to open Aug. 20 at the new Lamar Parkway and Rose Lane location. Plans were then pushed back to Aug. 27 due to rain and completion of the parking lot. The delay is due to excess moisture in the parking lot.

Now that the lot is complete, the new branch will open its doors. A grand opening at the branch is slated for Sept. 29, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., according to Director Steven Campbell.

The 11,000-square-foot building replaces the existing 4,500-square-foot downtown facility. The new branch features dedicated teen and children's areas; a 1,200-square-foot public meeting and programming room; teen gaming area with an Xbox One; children's activities, including a Lego table, magnet walls and 55-inch touchscreen tablet; two patios with shade structures and outdoor seating; two study rooms; an adult seating area with a fireplace; and other features.

There have been some rumors in Pacific that the delays are because the branch was built in a flood plain.

Campbell said that's not the case. He explained the building is in a 500-year flood plain, and the ground was raised. He added that floods did not reach the property in 1993 or 2017.

Health Screenings To Be Offered at American Legion

Residents living in and near Pacific can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with screenings by Life Line Screening.

American Legion Post 320 will host the screening Wednesday, Oct. 10.

Screenings can check for the level of plaque buildup in the arteries, related to the risk for heart disease, stroke, and overall vascular health; HDL and LDL cholesterol levels; diabetes risk; bone density, and kidney and thyroid function.
Library Schedule for Adults

Scenic Regional's Library Pacific branch has its schedule of programs for the month of September.

All adult programs are free, but registration is required.

People may register by calling the branch at 636-257-2712 or going online to the events calendar at ScenicRegional.org. Space is limited.

Mahjong and More! will be played at 10 a.m. every Monday. The group has switched to Mondays and now includes card games, dominoes and more every week. New players are always welcome.

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Saturday is known as "crafternoon" at the library. Binder Clip Crafts will take place Saturday, Sept. 22, at 1 p.m.

Decorate binder clips to use as photo holders and more. Options are unlimited.

People may try the Pounds Pro exercise program. Participants will jam their way to good health with electronic drumsticks and Jessica Blankis Tuesday, Sept. 25, at 6 p.m. People should wear workout clothes and bring water.