

Spring is just around the corner and the Pacific prom dress ladies are busy sorting through donated party dresses in preparation for the first proms of the year in April.

Donated new and gently used party dresses are sorted by size and stored on racks in the prom dress closet located at Riverbend School at 2085 Highway N.

The prom dress program originated as a ministry of Pacific Presbyterian Church and has now grown to be a service project hosted by the Meramec

serve teens throughout the area.

Designed to provide prom or other special event dresses to girls, the program was later expanded to include shoes, purses, jewelry and boys' clothing.

After the school district agreed to host the program, under the chairmanship of Jeanne Bandermann, the number of donated dresses grew and the program was expanded to include other area school districts.

Bandermann keeps a calendar of all proms in the area and notifies the schools that girls can find party dresses in the

As proms near, girls and boys are invited to the prom dress closet where they can have their pick of any clothing item and can try them on in an adjoining dressing room. There is no cost for any item in the collection.

Individuals who have prom dresses they no longer need are invited to donate them to the program. To donate a dress or other dress-up item, contact Jeannie Bandermann at 314-960-4694.

Days when the prom dress closet will be open for April proms will be announced soon.



### Architects to Redesign

Mayor Steve Myers, left, congratulated after aldermen approved the firm's building renovations. Members of the architects this month to discuss the future and Tony Patterson.

# Valentines for Vets Workshop January 24

Local crafters and members of the public are invited to help make valentines for local homebound veterans.

The Scenic Regional Library Pacific Branch, 111 Lamar Parkway, will hold a valentine creation workshop Thursday, Jan. 24, at 6 p.m.

The event is a repeat of a

popular program held in January 2018.

"We made about 50 handmade valentines that were distributed to homebound veterans last year," said Barb Schweissguth, adult programmer. "After they were made we set them out so members of the public could send notes to the veterans."

Schweissguth said feedback was that veterans really enjoyed the communication and inspired staffers to repeat the program.

The library supplies all the materials and tools.

"All people who want to help need to do is just show up," Schweissguth said.

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A third use involves moving the former Meramec Valley Genealogical and Historical Society (now city genealogy and history committee) archives from Pacific City Hall to the building, where it would be available for family history research.

The Red Cedar Inn was built in 1932 to serve as a dining stop for motorists on the new Route 66. The Smith family operated the Inn as a dining room for 75 years.

The building attracted visitors, from across the U.S. and from Europe, who were traveling Route 66 from Chicago to Los Angeles.

The public meeting will seek public input into the future of the multiuse building.

Alderman Herb Adams has been an advocate for a plan that involves users and visitors.

"The people who are going to use the building may come up with ideas that nei-

If the public believes in the designed use of the building the next focus is how to pay for renovation of a historic building.

"The Red Cedar was sold to the citizens as the right place for our visitor, history and genealogy center based on its

historic value," Adams said. "We have to keep that history in mind and start with renovation and reuse by examining the structural integrity of the building, even down to the origin of the logs."

The date of the meeting is to be announced.



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Dec. 18 board of aldermen meeting, extolling the ethics of the developers and the benefits of developing the old theater and asking aldermen to approve the use. The first reading of the ordinance was completed.

Mayor Steve Myers said the Jan. 15 meeting, where the second reading will be acted on, gives opponents and proponents another

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