

restroom building, it shows up as a vote for a trailhead," she said. "That restroom building needs to be moved over with the museum/visitor center if you're going to show it again."

Alderman Herb Adams, who was not present at the meeting, later told *The Missourian* that he heard about the discussion. He said the architect was hired for one reason, to help renovate the building as a museum and visitor center.

"That's what the public was promised," he said. "As an alderman I am going to hold everyone's feet to the fire. That is the city of Pacific's building. It is our museum, our visitor center."

Adams said the city fielding requests from other history groups to have space in the building when it opens gives the wrong impression.

"People want to jump in and invite outside entities to talk about that building when there is just enough room for a museum, genealogy and a visitor center," he said. "When we renovated city hall we kept the picture of former mayor Bill Wiest in the lobby. It has his favorite message on it, 'Plan the flight and fly the plan.' That's what we need to do here."

Myers defended the multiple suggestions about the use of the building. He said the city has a tremendous opportunity to make Red Cedar a special destination that will draw tourism from all around the Midwest if the city does it right.

"I am very open-minded about receiving suggestions from experts who can steer us in accomplishing this goal," he said.

The mayor also said he wants it known that he supports the core use of the building being a museum/visitor center.

"No one is saying that we do not want the museum and visitor center to be located in the Red Cedar building," Myers said. "I would like Red Cedar to be the home of the museum, a welcoming visitor center and to have some draw for younger generations to enjoy."

"Revenue production also is an important aspect of ideas we should entertain," he added. "It would be wonderful if the facility could

or Steve Myers; Joe Sonderman, Route 66 author; and Steve Roth, city administrator. Missouriian Photo.

BILL

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bill's passage.

To reach full House passage, the bill was first considered by two House committees, one of which was the Children and Families Committee, of which Bailey is a member. The vote for passage out of that committee was 9 to 4.

The bill was passed to the Missouri Senate where it will face another round of committees and amendments before it may reach the governor's desk for signature or rejection.

Language

According to the heavily amended language, the bill creates the "Right to Life of the Unborn Child Act" and specifies that anyone who knowingly performs or induces an abortion of an unborn child in violation of these provisions, except in the case of a medical emergency, is guilty of a Class B felony and is subject to suspension of his or her professional license.

The bill requires, except in cases of medical emergency, that the physician must first determine if there is a detectable heartbeat or brain function of the unborn child prior to performing or inducing an abortion.

If a fetal heartbeat is not detected, an abortion may be performed or induced, in

accordance with applicable law, so long as the abortion is performed or induced within 96 hours of the fetal heartbeat detection test.

Any physician who fails to perform a fetal heartbeat detection test prior to the performance or inducement of an abortion shall be subject to having his or her medical license rejected, revoked, or suspended for six months and shall pay a \$1,000 fine.

Any physician who performs or induces an abortion following the detection of a fetal heartbeat shall have his or her license revoked and any future license application denied.

Federal Law

The bill also creates the "Missouri Stands for the Unborn Act."

The bill specifies it is the intent of the state of Missouri that abortion shall not be permitted in the state under any circumstances even if there is any change in federal law or court decisions that allow abortion.

If a total ban is not possible, abortions shall be limited to women who are less than eight weeks gestational age, with a required fetal heartbeat or brain function test. Except in cases of medical emergency, a physician shall not perform or induce an abortion if a fetal heartbeat is detected.

FLOOD

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cause additional flooding over the area, while less than expected rainfall could keep rivers from reaching expected crests.

Rain/Temps

In the near term, the Climate Prediction Center calls for precipitation to be most likely below normal in the six- to 10-day period, and near to above normal in the eight- to 14-day period.

Temperatures will most likely be below average in the next two weeks. The overall temperature outlook for March indicates

gauges.

Mississippi

For both the Mississippi and Illinois rivers, moderate flooding is at least 70 percent likely for all sites except LaGrange, Missouri, where the moderate flood threshold is a bit higher.

Programs At Library This March

Scenic Regional Library's Pacific branch will hold several programs during March.

Adult programs are free for those 18 and older, but registration is required.

To sign up for a program, call 636-257-2712 or go to the event calendar at www.scenicregional.org.

Scenic Regional Library's Pacific branch will kick off the month of March with an Irish Music program by the Divines Wednesday, March 6, at 6 p.m.

The Divines is comprised of Nora Bellows, Lisa Glenn and Mary Sullivan, who play the fiddle, pennywhistle and Bodhran drums.

The book club will meet on Tuesday, March 12, at 6 p.m.

The book for this month is "Killers of the Flower Moon" by David Grann.

Ross Malone, local award-winning author with many books about Missouri, will present the Missouri Traveler's Game Thursday, March 14, at 6 p.m.

Patrons can sit back and relax while Malone takes them on a tour of Missouri sites. Malone will also have many of his books for sale and will even autograph them.

Another Game Night will be held Thursday, March 21, at 6 p.m. Dice games, card games, dominoes and more will be available.

Patrons also are encouraged to bring in their own games, as well as refreshments.

The Mahjong Club meets every Monday at 10 a.m. New members are always welcome.

SEEKING VENDORS

Art, Craft, Food Vendors & Demonstrators