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Forward Fergus Falls hosted its Forward at Four meeting at A Center for the Arts Thursday, Aug. 16 for updates around the community. Community Development Director Amy Baldwin welcomed the crowd and then introduced Chris Schuelke, executive director of the Otter Tail County Historical Society.

Schuelke started with a few trivia questions about Otter Tail County. This lead-in brought him to discuss the upcoming musical, "150 Years of Otter Tail County: The Musical!" The show will begin with a kick-off event Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 1 p.m. at Justice Two Coffeehouse and Eatery in Clitherall. This event will include a musical entertainment by Ashley Hanson of Place Base Productions, a sesquicentennial proclamation from the county board and a historical presentation from the Otter Tail County Historical Society.

Looking ahead, the musical will be shown in four locations around Otter Tail County and will all have free admission. Show dates include: Friday, Sept. 14 at Railroad Park in Battle Lake at 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 15 at City Hall Park in Perham at 12 p.m. and at Sherin Park in Pelican Rapids at 6:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 16 at Gappa Park in Parkers Prairie at 12 p.m.

Next to speak was Kristi Hastings, attorney at Pemberton Law Firm in Fergus Falls and board member of the Greater Fergus Falls Corporation. Hastings reviewed the purpose of the GFFC, which is focused on economic development and business. She said that one of the GFFC's goals is to get 20 new or expanded businesses in Fergus Falls by 2020, or "20 X 2020." Hastings then welcomed feedback from the crowd about the GFFC, as well as their kick-off event that was held Wednesday. Comments included a need to make opportunities for new businesses, different industries that can be brought to Fergus Falls, making sure that businesses that are brought provide living wages and benefits and how to support businesses that are already here.

The discussion was then turned to guests to share any other events going on in the community. Prairie Wetlands will be celebrating their 20th Anniversary on Saturday, Aug. 18 which will include monarch tagging and root beer floats. Another event coming up is Art on Lincoln on Thursday, Aug. 23.

The next Forward at Four meeting will be Sept. 20 at the newly renovated Chamber of Commerce.



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Talking about 150: Otter Tail County Historical Society Executive Director Chris Schuelke talked about the upcoming "150 Years of Otter Tail County: The Musical!"

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