Mt Dearborn history, GF recreation update June 24

Great Falls is steeped in history and the future is bright as the area plans for a myriad of recreation opportunities including a whitewater area.

Fairfield County Genealogical Society and Great Falls Home Town Association will sponsor a program that will focus on the history of the Federal era Armory and Arsenal and the economic opportunities that will be realized with nature based tourism plans.

Scott Coleman, a local historian will present a program on Mt. Dearborn Armory and Arsenal, the military facility that was placed in the Rocky Mount area, now Dearborn Island in Great Falls, during President Thomas Jefferson’s administration. Coleman has researched the facility that was constructed beginning around 1803 but was completely abandoned by the early 1820s.

Also, during the evening, GFHTA Executive Director, Glinda Price Coleman, will present an update on the construction of the whitewater area, the trails coming to the area and the future State Park which will be on Dearborn Island.

The program will begin at 7 p.m. at the Great Falls War Memorial Building. Everyone is invited to attend.