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Ozark Jubilee live at the Ohnward Fine Arts Center

Sit back – or roll in the aisles - and enjoy the hillbilly humor and talented down-home musicianship when Branson's Ozark Jubilee makes a swing north through Maquoketa next week.

The country music variety show Ozark Jubilee will hold a performance at the Ohnward Fine Arts Center Friday, April 24.

The entertainment starts at 7 p.m. with vocalists, fiddlers, lively musicianship and comedy.

Doofus Doolittle, the alter ego of owner Randy Newman, headlines the production with his skills as a "Hillbilly Humor" comedian. Doofus has been described as a cross between "Hee Haw" and Larry the Cable Guy.

Newman transforms into himself in the second half of the show to showcase his musicianship. He is a world-class violinist who has performed with such acts as Ronnie Milsap, Jimmie Rogers, Johnny Rodriguez, Mel Tillis and many others.

Newman surrounds himself with the best musicians in the business. Steve Ritchey and Tyler Hall are both in their second year with Ozark Jubilee. Hall is the youngest member of the group and plays steel guitar.

Doug Driesel plays bass guitar and sings. He has worked with a number of artists from Silver Dollar City to Jim Stafford, George Jones and others.

Musical director Jory Clayton, who has been with Ozark Jubilee for more than 10 years. Clayton plays piano, keyboards, synthesizer and arranges the music for the band.

The Ozark Jubilee sports some new vocalists this year, including Richard Ebert and Rachelle Lamb.

"This is most likely the best all around group I have ever assembled!" Newman said.

Call Ohnward Fine Arts Center at (563) 652-9815 or visit the center's Web site at www.ohnwardfineartscen.com for more information.



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Doofus Doolittle, alter ego Randy Newman, brings "Hillbilly Humor" and world-class musicianship to the Ohnward Fine Arts Center when Ozark Jubilee makes a stop in Maquoketa April 24. Tickets are now available.

Supervisors angered by zoning board

By DOUGLAS MELVOLD

Citing obstacles in obtaining zoning clearances, Innovative Ag Services has abandoned at least temporarily its effort to construct a grain storage and fertilizer sales facility north of Maquoketa.

In a letter sent to customers of its Andrew facility, officials of the farm-services company said they remain hopeful that they can construct a facility at this or another "appropriate site."

The company had sought to develop a 13-acre parcel at the southeast corner of the junction of U.S. 61 and county road E-17 six miles north of Maquoketa.

The decision angered the Jackson County Board of Supervisors, who this week leveled strong criticism at the county's Zoning Board of Adjustment for and indicated they would not be reappointing the current members.

They also criticized two members for voting on the issue despite having what the board said were conflicts of interest.

The company had sought to develop Randy Blake of rural Bellevue, who is president of Innovative Ag's board of directors, said Thursday, April 16, that the company decided against continuing to pursue the project without assurances that the Board of Adjustment would approve the project if the company obtained the necessary permits from the Iowa Department of Natural

Resources.

At the same time, Blake said he didn't want to criticize the board. He added that the company hopes to return with a proposal in the future and said it may seek the same site.

"All we really wanted was a commitment that if we met the DNR requirements, they (Board of Adjustment) would approve us and they never said they would," Blake said.

"We were really concerned that after buying the property, all of a sudden they would come up with a lot of reasons not to approve us anyway, and that's not good business," he said.

He said if the company had been told in November that the Board of Adjustment favored the project provided they obtained the DNR permits, "we'd be well in the process," he said.

"We weren't comfortable proceeding knowing that the zoning board had issued and weren't sure they would grant (the permit)."

"I don't want to say anything negative about the zoning board," Blake added. "I have no personal animosity with any individuals on the zoning board; it's strictly business."

"We went in to try to get something done and couldn't get it accomplished," he added.

The company's announcement to its members ends for the time being an effort that dates back to the fall of 2007, when the company entered into an option to purchase the property, now used

as cropland, from Milo Jr. and Laurel Baker.

The company said it planned the expansion for three reasons, to expand its grain business in the Andrew area, to funnel excess grain toward the Clinton market and to replace an older warehouse and agronomy facilities in Andrew at the new site.

The company first met with the Board of Adjustment in mid-November.

The company was seeking a special exception use permit to develop the property, which is zoned A-1, agricultural. Under the county's zoning ordinance, an agricultural services business may operate in an A-1 zone if it has a special exception use permit.

Brian Kramer, the company's vice president for operations, said the property would be developed in several stages.

The company planned to construct grain storage and drying facilities that would have an initial capacity of about one million bushels, with provisions to double that capacity in the future.

The company also had proposed constructing a 15,000-square-foot office and warehouse building, from which bagged feed and seed and packaged crop protection products would be stored and sold.

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