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Supervisors asked to abate DAC taxes

By DOUGLAS MELVOLD

A Maquoketa nonprofit organization is asking the Jackson County Board of Supervisors to abate a property tax bill of more than \$8,000 for a building it owns in the Timber City Industrial Park.

The 6,000-square-foot building owned by DAC Inc. is located at 1712 E. Maple St., next to DAC's headquarters.

DAC Executive Director Todd Seifert told the supervisors during their Sept. 1 meeting that the organization has received a tax bill for \$8,158, for what county Assessor Deb Lane determined was for-profit use of the building, a claim Seifert contests. The tax bill was due Sept. 1.

After discussing the matter, the supervisors tabled the matter and said they would make a decision at their Tuesday, Sept. 8, meeting.

Seifert explained that the building was constructed in December of 2006 after the organization received a donation from the Chris Nissen family of Maquoketa, which financed a portion of the building.

He said one purpose of the building was to give DAC additional exposure in the community by marketing of the building.

A second purpose was to lease the facility to area instructors who would teach tumbling and dance-related activities to DAC consumers and other interested Jackson County residents.

Seifert said DAC initially leased the building for \$1,000 a month plus utilities. The lease payment was less than DAC's mortgage payment of approximately \$1,300 per month, he said.

In 2008, DAC officials were surprised to receive a property tax bill of \$8,340 for the building.

Seifert said he talked with county Assessor Deb Lane and said DAC should not have to pay property taxes because of its nonprofit status.

Seifert said Lane told him that that building was being used for profit and thus would be subject to property taxes.

Seifert said he explained to Lane that DAC did not profit financially from the building. He said Lane told him that DAC needed to complete a property tax exemption application if it did not feel it should be paying taxes on the property.

Seifert said he should have filed the exemption when the building was built, but did not do so because it was a commercial property and DAC did not have experience in handling those tasks.

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JAKE WOOD

Wood turns 9 on the 9th

By KELLY GERLACH

2009 marks another special birthday year for those who celebrate birthdays on Sept. 9. It's especially important for Jake Wood of Maquoketa.

Jake turns 9 Wednesday, 09/09/09. It's a pretty rare date in and of itself, happening only once a century. But to turn 9 too - that's doubly unique.

The Briggs Elementary School third grader is the son of Evie Wood and Matt Redling.

Jake's well aware he has a special birthday; it's all he and his friends have talked about since school started. He's excited about it. Jake was named Student of the Week at his school, which he said he hopes comes with a bunch of fun perks. He knows he gets to have show-and-tell every day.

Jake has some high hopes for this extra special birthday celebration. His Grandma and Grandpa Taylor didn't know it yet, but Jake said he wants to have a pool party at their house with his friends. Surprise! It's his 09/09/09 birthday wish, after all.

Jake loves his Legos and hopes he'll get a bunch for his birthday. He's also hoping for the Harry Potter series of books, just in case his family and friends were looking for a last-minute gift.

His mom said he loves any excuse to be outside, riding around on four-wheelers and golf carts, canoeing and tubing on the river.

Portraits packaged; next stop, Smithsonian

By KELLY GERLACH

Some 180 Maquoketa faces migrate east in the coming weeks, and it's difficult for resident artist Rose Frantzen to let them go.



Rose Frantzen speaks with Pak Mail officials as she painstakingly aligns portraits to be photographed then packaged. The "Portrait of Maquoketa" collection will be transported to Washington, D.C. for the nine-month exhibition in the National Portrait Gallery.

"I just don't know how they're going to look out there," Frantzen said, talking about her upcoming "Portraits of Maquoketa" exhibit at the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C. The nine-month exhibition begins Nov. 6.

As the weeks tick down to opening night of the "Portraiture Now: Communities" exhibit, Frantzen and husband Chuck Morris have been busy preparing for the show. The most recent step in the process - all 180 portraits have been packaged and boxed, ready to be transported to the Smithsonian Institute and National Portrait Gallery in the nation's capital.

Packing took place Thursday, Sept. 3 at the former Assembly of God Church, now Frantzen and Morris' art studio, where the 180 paintings have been awaiting their debut in D.C. Paintings covered the studio floor rather haphazardly - unless you were Frantzen, who knew exactly where each portrait rested.

Frantzen and family already removed the portraits from the red wood frames they'd been displayed in. The frames protected the corners and edges of the paintings but would be too awkward to ship.

Chaos temporarily reigned, according to Frantzen. She said the Smithsonian changed the packing and

shipping dates, which were originally scheduled for the third week of September. Plans are usually delayed, not advanced.

Frantzen and Morris rushed Thursday morning to arrange the portraits for a photo shoot for the cover of Frantzen's new book, to be released later this year in conjunction with the exhibition. The full-color book features all 180 "Portraits of Maquoketa" as well as her other works, an explanation of the "Portraits" project and her biography. The book is being printed at Maquoketa Web Printing.

But Frantzen wanted representative depictions of her portraits on the cover of the book, thus she and her husband scurried to place selected portraits and photograph them for the cover.

Of course, the packing company arrived amidst the controlled chaos. Pak Mail, a Cedar Rapids packing company in business for 16 years, was hired for the job. (One of Frantzen's patrons agreed to pay for costs associated with this exhibition.)

"We've worked with lots of artists and galleries shipping stained glass, china, photographs and oil paintings," said Chris Fredrickson, who was in Maquoketa packing the paintings with her husband Lee. "We've packed pieces worth up to \$2 million."

"That's \$20 million, dear," her husband said. While Morris completed the photo shoot for the book cover, Frantzen's parents, Wayne and Ellen, followed their daughter's directions by

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