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MSP photo by Kelly Gerlach

**Man's best friend loves** playtime and a tummy rub. This playful dog from the Jackson County Humane Society was one of the adoptable pets on hand at Maquoketa State Bank's fundraiser for the humane society.



**A large fish bowl** and photos MSB pets made a large impact on area residents, who donated more than \$3,300 to help the Jackson County Humane Society comply with county health codes.

## Cause for Paws nets more than \$3,300

By **KELLY GERLACH**

One dog found a new home and the Jackson County Humane Society received a sizeable donation thanks to the support of area residents and Maquoketa State Bank.

The bank held a weeklong collection drive "A Cause for Paws," which culminated in a fundraiser

Friday, Sept. 18.

By the time the last brat had been served and the last kitten petted, the fundraiser netted \$3,342.96 for the Jackson County Humane Society. Thrivent Financial For Lutherans added a \$350 match, bringing the fundraiser's total to \$3,692.96.

Donations also included kitty lit-

ter, bleach, detergent and towels for the animal shelter.

"The fundraiser was fantastic," described Tanya Roeder, one of the event organizers and assistant vice president and customer service manager at MSB. "(It went) far beyond expectations. All the staff had a great time with the animals

and a great day outside."

The sun shone down on the event as the smell of grilled hot dogs and brats wafted down city streets. Bank employees manned the food table, serving hot dogs and brats, chips, juice from McDonald's and

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## Discussion continues on taxing of DAC Inc.

By **DOUGLAS MELVOLD**

The Jackson County Board of Supervisors this week were continuing to wrestle with the question of whether or not to abate an \$8,158 property tax bill that officials of DAC Inc. say should not be owed.

The supervisors were to discuss the matter for the fourth time in as many weeks at their meeting Tuesday, Sept. 22.

Board members, who have called the decision a difficult one, said they wanted to talk with county Assessor Deb Lane before making a decision.

The nonprofit organization is facing an \$8,158 tax bill for a 6,000-square-foot building it owns at 1712 E. Maple St. next to its headquarters in Maquoketa.

The tax payment was due Sept. 1. A penalty begins accruing if it's not paid by Sept. 30.

Todd Seifert, DAC executive director, said the building was built in December of 2006 with the intention of leasing it out to area instructors who would teach tumbling and dance-related activities. The plan also was to help generate more visibility for DAC in the community through use of the building.

He said the building hasn't and never was intended to generate a profit for DAC.

The organization was given a tax bill of \$8,340 in 2008 and paid it.

Seifert said the building should have been exempted from property taxes at that time as well, but he failed to file necessary paperwork.

The tax-exempt paperwork was filed too late to have the building exempted from the current \$8,158 tax bill.

The request since has been approved. The building will be exempted from property taxes starting next year, but the current tax bill still is

owed, Seifert said.

The supervisors have the authority under Iowa law to abate the taxes.

"I hate to use the word entitled, but we were entitled to not pay taxes on that building. We just

didn't file the necessary paperwork," Seifert said.

He stressed that DAC isn't trying to avoid

■ **TAXES,**

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## Wind turbine ordinance proposed

By **DOUGLAS MELVOLD**

Small-scale wind generators eventually will come to Jackson County, and the county wants to be ready to regulate them.

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on a proposed zoning regulation setting rules for wind turbines as part of its Tuesday, Sept. 29, meeting. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m.

The proposed ordinance applies only to non-commercial wind turbines.

David Manning, county zoning administrator, said the county Zoning Commission has been discussing a wind turbine ordinance for the past three months.

Once an ordinance is passed regulating the smaller-scale noncommercial turbines, he said the commission will take up the issue of commercial installations.

He said the county has not received any notice of noncommercial wind turbines. Currently the county has no regulations on the generators.

The proposed one-page ordinance defines turbines and sets rules for maximum height of the turbine, noise levels and setbacks from nearby buildings.

The proposed ordinance would cover a wind turbine and generating system this "primarily intended to reduce or replace onsite consumption of utility-supplied electricity and does not

exceed a rated capacity of 100 kilowatts."

The ordinance would apply to systems that would provide electricity to commercial, industrial, agricultural and residential sites, "but excludes systems designed primarily to generate electricity to sell for off-site use."

Anyone wanting to install a noncommercial wind turbine would have to obtain a permit from the zoning administrator.

Among the rules, the turbine would have to be set back from all property boundaries a distance equal to the maximum height of the system.

It would have to be set back from the nearest neighboring dwelling by at least three times the maximum height of the system.

The tower and tower foundation design would have to be certified by a licensed professional engineer.

The turbine must give a noise level of no more than 50 decibels measured at the nearest dwelling during normal operation.

The equipment also must comply with other county, state and federal regulations, including the Jackson County tall structure ordinance, the Iowa state electrical code and rules of the Federal Aviation Administration.

The proposed ordinance requires that units not in "customary use" for 18 months be removed.