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**ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, GARRYOWEN**

**170 years to be celebrated by area church**

By **KELLY GERLACH**

The public is invited to "gather together to sing the Lord's praises," to quote a popular hymn, in Garryowen next weekend.

St. Patrick's Church in Garryowen, located at 28914 46th Ave., Bernard, will host a celebration in honor of the parish's 170th anniversary.

The Rosary Society will host a free ice cream social from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the church's social hall.

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be held at 6 p.m. that evening, with the special intention for the beatification and sainthood of the church's founder Fr. Samuel Mazzuchelli, O.P. The Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters will lead the Mass with singing, organ music, and the bell choir.

Sister Mary Paynter, O.P., will present a program about Fr. Samuel Mazzuchelli. In 1840, Mazzuchelli, an Italian Dominican missionary, arrived among the predominantly Irish settlers in what he called "Ma-kotiti (Maquoketa) Territory," about 23 miles northwest of the present city of Maquoketa, or about 3 miles south of the present city of Bernard.

"Forty-two men in the area hewed logs at their homes over the winter and in the spring, they dragged (the logs) from their homes to the site to build the church," said Kay Molony, whose grandparents generation's removed were the second couple married in the church.

She and her brother, James, are descendants of the generations of early Irish settlers who remain in the lush green countryside of Garryowen, which is said to have reminded those settlers of their homeland.

The 20-by40-foot log building hosted Masses for the area's Catholic settlers for the next 13 years under the spiritual guidance of Father Jean Perrodin.

Mazzuchelli established numerous parishes in the area, building more than 24 churches and civic buildings before his 1854 death at age 57.

In 1993, Pope John Paul II declared Mazzuchelli Venerable, meaning he exemplified heroic virtues. This continues the Sinsinawa Dominican's hope of someday recognizing Mazzuchelli as a saint in the Roman Catholic Church.

Father Jeremiah Treacy replaced Perrodin 1853. He immediately set to work organizing construction of a newer, larger church. Stone was quar-

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**Property trade delayed again**

By **DOUGLAS MELVOLD**

The Jackson County Board of Supervisors this week again delayed a decision whether or not to grant a proposed property trade that would provide conservation easements along the Maquoketa River.

While the supervisors on Tuesday, July 13, agreed to wait to vote on the issue at their Tuesday, July 20, meeting, all three expressed concerns or opposition to the proposal.

The county Conservation Board has proposed that the county trade a seven-acre parcel called the Frazier Wildlife Area it owns about four miles northeast of Baldwin for a 10-acre parcel located northwest of Maquoketa.

The county would trade the Frazier Wildlife Area parcel to Roger Peet of Davenport, who owns property surrounding that tract.

In return, Peet would purchase the 10-acre parcel and give it to the county in return for the Frazier acreage, under the proposal.

As part of the deal, Peet would place portions of his land that adjoin the Maquoketa River in a conservation easement, Daryl Parker, conservation board director, told the supervisors.

The conservation easement would prohibit development of that property even if the property would change hands, Parker said. He noted that the landowner still pays property taxes on land with conservation easements, although the easement may be taxed at a reduced value because of the development restrictions.

Parker listed Peet's offer to place his land in a conservation easement as the primary advantage to the county of the proposed land swap.

The proposal, however, has drawn opposition from owners of land surrounding the 10-acre parcel, owned by the Block family, that would be traded to the county. Property owners said they fear that people would come onto their land to get to the county-owned parcel.

Both the Frazier Wildlife Area and the 10-acre parcel the county would acquire are landlocked, with no public access by road. Both parcels have frontage along the Maquoketa River.

The 10-acre Block parcel lies near the conservation board's Pine Valley Nature Area. If the trade goes through, Parker said he hoped that the conservation board someday could acquire the 40-acre parcel that separates the two tracts and join them together.

The supervisors earlier had asked Parker to ascertain the value of the timber on each of the parcels.

Parker said a consultant valued the timber on the Frazier acreage at \$6,300 in 2006-07. The timber on the Block parcel was valued at \$9,900 in January of this year.

Supervisors Larry "Buck" Koos and Steve Flynn said they opposed the trade.

"I don't want to shove one property owner's problems onto another property owner," said Flynn, referring to complaints of possible trespassers.

He said he could support a trade if the parcel that the county would receive had a road access.

Supervisor Jack Willey said he couldn't see the benefit of the trade to the county. He said he needed a more thorough understanding of the conservation easement.

Parker emphasized that gaining the conservation easement was the primary advantage of the land trade to the county. No money would change hands.

Supervisors also said they have received comments that the conservation board already owns enough land. They noted that land acquired by the conservation board takes it off the property tax rolls.

Jim and Shirley Devore, who own property near the 10-acre parcel, attended the meeting to express concern about the trade and possible intruders on their property.

After a discussion, Koos said he would not offer a motion to approve the trade. When it appeared that the other two supervisors felt the same, Parker abruptly left the meeting.

Flynn said he was disappointed that Parker left because he had additional questions.

The supervisors agreed to table a decision to next week.

**Travis Gerardy Memorial scholarship awarded**

Colton Feller has been chosen as the 2010 recipient of the Travis Gerardy Memorial scholarship. This is the first year this fund has been administered by the Maquoketa Area Community Foundation.

Colton is the son of Melissa Dostal of Maquoketa. He will be attending Grinnell College in Grinnell, majoring in biology and pre-med.

The Travis Gerardy Memorial Scholarship was established by his father, Cl-etus Gerardy. Recipients of this award must exhibit characteristics that set Travis apart - exceptional leadership skills, a commitment to their studies and their fellow students, and a respect for the community around them. Athleticism also played a key role in Travis' life, as it taught him the strength and discipline needed to fight the cancer that ultimately took his life.

The Travis Gerardy Memorial Scholarship is one of many scholarship funds held at the Maquoketa Area Community Foundation. For more information on any funds held at the MACF, please call (563) 652-4179 or send an email to director@maqarea.org.