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Couple to wed Downtown

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For Cari Gibson and Travis Angell, the idea of creating a romantic wedding brought them to downtown Farmington.

Both appreciate the area's ambiance and enjoy the area's historic and "homey" feeling. They'd already chosen the Governor Warner Mansion for their ceremony and wanted a unique place for the reception.

"I've always really liked the mansion, and we wanted to get married outdoors," said Cari, a Novi resident and daughter of Farmington residents Cathy and Carl Furbee.

The Furbees had dinner one night at John Cowley and Sons Pub and really enjoyed the food. When Cari and

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Travis paid a visit, they were sold on the idea of inviting family and friends to celebrate after the ceremony in the spacious, new building.

The Cowley family's new Irish pub opened a year ago in March on the site of their original building, which they demolished after more than 30 years in business. The restaurant is usually closed on Sundays and can be rented out for large parties.

Chef Paul Lindsay works from the restaurant's menu, but can also create customized menus to help celebrate special occasions. The Gibson-Angell reception will be a first for the business.

"We were looking for something that wasn't the typical 'hall,'" said Travis, whose parents, Everett Angell, Jenny Johnson and Christine Hinton, all live in the White Lake_South Lyon area. "It's unique. I liked the feel of the place, with the dark wood and brick."

The Irish atmosphere was also a selling point, as Cari has some of that heritage in her family. "We're going to have a bagpiper at the wedding, and he'll pipe us in for the reception," she said.

The couple will take a carriage ride downtown after their May 30 ceremony.

They'd eventually like to move to the area and hope their decision to have a "downtown Farmington" wedding will spark interest from other couples.

"The community has a lot to offer," Cari said.

For information about holding a special event at Cowley's, call (248) 474-5941.

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