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# Last building falls in final stage of clean up

BY LAUREN EHRLER

A small crowd gathered on Main Street Wednesday morning, June 9, to watch the demolition of the building at the northeast corner of South Main and Pleasant streets.

The demolition marks the final stage of clean-up in downtown Maquoketa after the January 2008 fire.

"Oohs" and "Ahhs" could be heard as the hydraulic excavator slowly took the building down, piece by piece.

"Oh the stories that building could tell," one spectator commented.

From recent memory, Maquoketa residents remember the building housing The Book Depot, Wholly Scrap, and the Pickle Barrel that never got the chance to open.

Citizens with a memory ranging further back recall the building housing Kendall's Menswear and Ringlep Hardware.

Asbestos extraction began on Monday and demolition followed on Wednesday.

G&B Construction of Burlington has been managing the entire clean-up process.

Contractor Jay Proctor of G&B said that the demolition was started at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday and estimated that the building was down by 11 that morning.

While G&B is still at the site cleaning up the rubble and debris, Proctor estimates to be

completely done with the project by early next week.

After the site is properly backfilled, it will be seeded with grass. G&B will also be replacing the sidewalks along the South Main and East Pleasant street frontages to the demolition area.

Maquoketa City Manager Brian Wagner said the goal is for the lots to be redeveloped commercially.

He said the City Council is hoping to find something that will fit into the "downtown mix."

The former corner building, now empty lot, is currently owned by the Maquoketa Industrial Development Assistance Service, the city's economic development financing arm.

Wagner said he hopes the city and MIDAS can work together to unify all of the sites for future development, but doesn't discard the thought of the lots remaining separated.

"This marks a point where the city can look forward to positive things happening on the site – instead of remembering the past," Wagner said.

The demolition of the building went smoothly and as planned, according to the city. The dark green, privately-owned building behind the demolition site was slightly damaged, but the issue is being resolved by the contractor.



MSP photo by Lauren Ehrler

**A hydraulic excavator takes a bite out of the building at the corner of South Main and Pleasant streets as the building was demolished in a matter of a few hours Wednesday, June 9. The demolition brings the clean-up of the debris of the January 2008 downtown fire to its final stages. The area will be leveled and seeded and a new sidewalk bordering the lots will be constructed.**

# Nominations decided in primary election

By DOUGLAS MELVOLD

Maquoketa teacher and coach Tod Bowman easily outdistanced a field of three other Democratic contenders to win his party's nomination for an open state Senate seat in this week's primary election.

Bowman, who is making his first try for public elective office, finished first with 61 percent of the vote for the Democratic nomination for the District 13 Iowa Senate seat held by Sen. Roger Stewart, D-Preston.

The four-candidate race was the most closely watched contest on either Jackson County ballot in the Tuesday, June 8, primary election.

Bowman, a Maquoketa Community High School government and psychology teacher and former wrestling coach, received an unofficial 1,564 votes, or 61 percent of the total to win the nomination.

His closest opponent, rural Zwingle farmer and agricultural businessman Brian Moore, received 714 votes, or 27.9 percent.

Ed O'Neill, a Clinton economic development leader, finished a distant third with 230 votes, or 9 percent of the total, while Paul Feller of Clinton garnered just 54 votes, or 2.1 percent.

Bowman will face Clinton area farmer Andrew Naeve, a Republican, in the general election in November.

Both are seeking to succeed Stewart, who is stepping down in December after having served two terms.

"I'm obviously very happy with the result," Bowman said Wednesday, June 9.

Bowman's strength came in the absentee vote. In Jackson County, Bowman received 465 absentee votes, nearly half of his 1,016-vote total.

In Election Day voting, Moore carried seven, or nearly half of the county's 16 precincts, but the turnout was too small to challenge the absentee lead piled up by Bowman.

UNOFFICIAL RESULTS OF DISTRICT 13 STATE SENATE RACE					
	Clinton County	Dubuque County	Jackson County	TOTAL	Percent of Total
<b>Tod Bowman</b>	478	70	1,016	1,564	61.0%
<b>Paul Feller</b>	30	8	16	54	2.1%
<b>Brian Moore</b>	100	53	561	714	27.9%
<b>Ed O'Neill</b>	161	16	53	230	9.0%

Bowman agreed that his organized effort in seeking absentee votes and making door-to-door calls "made the difference."

Moore said Wednesday that he felt his campaign "and everybody behind it did very well for only being involved in politics for 10 weeks."

He complimented Bowman for running a winning campaign. While he felt he gave his candidacy a good try, he added he did not think he would run again for office.

"The campaign process was a challenge, but I learned a lot and it was exciting," he said.

O'Neill said he hasn't decided yet whether his future plans may involve another try for public office.

He complimented his opponents for running "a nice, clean race" and said he wasn't surprised the Bowman won, with his backing from labor, teacher and athletic unions.

Naeve, meanwhile, said he looks forward to the general election campaign. He said it's difficult to gauge the amount of support for a candidate from Tuesday's results because primary elections usually have low turnouts.

Voter turnout on Tuesday in Jackson County

was 16.5 percent of all registered voters, as 2,488 voters of 15,068 registered cast ballots.

In the only other contested race on the Democratic ballot, Roxanne Conlin defeated opponents Thomas Fiegen and Bob Krause to win her party's nomination for U.S. Senate.

Conlin received 926 votes in Jackson County, followed by Krause with 218 votes and Fiegen with 131.

She will take on Sen. Charles Grassley in November. He won the GOP nomination for a sixth term.

Elsewhere on the Democratic ballot, U.S. Rep. Bruce Braley won nomination unopposed in seeking a second term as District 1 congressman.

And Gov. Chet Culver was renominated for a second term.

State Rep. Tom Schueller, D-Maquoketa, also was nominated for another term.

Four county officeholders also won nomination to retain their seats. They are District 3 Supervisor Steve Flynn, who is seeking a second term; Treasurer Alfred Tebbe Jr., the senior of-

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