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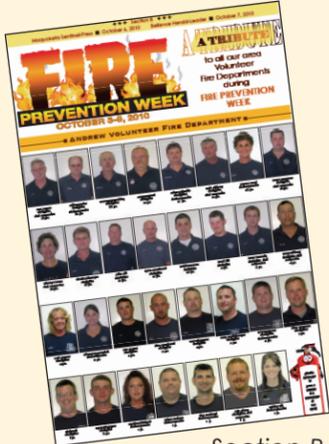
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Candidates discuss issues at forum

By **DOUGLAS MELVOLD**

Candidates for state and county offices discussed issues and exchanged views on topics ranging from regulation of livestock facilities to the growing use of absentee ballots to the state budget for nearly two hours at a forum last week in Maquoketa.

The forum, held Thursday night, Sept. 30, at Maquoketa City Hall, was sponsored by the Jackson County Farm Bureau.

Eight candidates attended, but only two who are in the same race participated. They were Tod Bowman of Maquoketa and Andrew Naeve of rural Andover, Democratic and Republican candidates respectively for the District 13 state Senate seat.

Others participating were Francis Thicke of Fairfield, Democratic candidate for Iowa secretary of agriculture; Brian Moore, Republican candidate for Iowa House District 25; Jack Willey, Republic candidate for re-election as District 2 county supervisor, and Steve Flynn, Democratic candidate for re-election as District 3 county supervisor.

Also Chris Raker, incumbent and Democratic candidate for county attorney, and Arlene Schauf, incumbent and Democratic candidate for county recorder.

State Rep. Tom Schueller, Moore's opponent for the District 25 House seat, didn't attend.

Approximately 40 people attended the forum.

The legislative candidates were asked whether they are committed to reforming the state budgeting process and steps they would suggest.

"We need some reform," Bowman said. "We need first to look at property taxes and simplifying them so people understand them."

He said he has talked with farmers who don't understand how they are assessed and said taxes on commercial properties are too high.

Commercial properties whose taxes are based on 100 percent of assessment drives potential new business away and keeps present businesses from expanding, he said.

Naeve said budgeting is the biggest problem in state government. He said the state is spending more money than it is taking in.

He said he would favor putting the spending limit of 99 percent of revenues, which is now in state law, in the state Constitution.

"That way, the Legislature cannot go around that as they've done the last four years and bypass it like it's nothing," Naeve said.

"Until we do that, we will continue to overspend and we're going to be in a whole lot more trouble than we are right now."

Moore agreed that the state needs to keep spending within its revenues. He said the state needs to determine in what areas it will allocate more money and what areas will see less funding.

Asked whether they favor Iowa continuing to be a right-to-work state, Naeve and Moore said Iowa should continue to be a state in which workers cannot be required to join or pay dues to a labor union. Both

operate farms or agriculture-related businesses.

Both said Iowa's right-to-work law encourages businesses to come to the state.

Bowman, a member of a teachers organization, didn't say whether or not he favors maintaining the right-to-work status. He said he felt that the proposed "fair share" plan would hurt unions.

Under fair share, nonunion workers would pay a fee for receiving union services, such as negotiating contracts or representing them in work-related issues.

"I think there has to be a balanced approach with labor and management," Bowman said. "We need to allow businesses to prosper and allow members of the association or union to have well-paying jobs and benefits."

The candidates also were asked whether regulation of concentrated livestock feeding operations should be at the local or state level.

Although leaving regulation up to the counties would mean 99 different policies, Bowman said he favors local control.

"Our supervisors know what is best for our area," he said.

Moore agreed, favoring local control.

Naeve disagreed, saying, "It's known from recent history that if we allow local control in this area, it effectively kills agriculture."

He said it's important to leave regulation of concentrated livestock operations at the state level, which he said is one of the few areas in which he doesn't favor local control.

Flynn and Willey said they would favor local control. Both noted that local officials know the topography of the land and areas where such operations would and would not be suitable.

Thicke said the Iowa Department of Natural Resources sets the rules, but he would favor local control over the siting of a livestock operation.

Asked about the future of biofuels, Moore said that industry is "shut down" because of the loss of tax credits for biofuels producers. He said the tax credits should be reinstated to resume production and create jobs.

Naeve said government should offer incentives for biofuel producers. He said he would oppose mandating a set level of biofuels. He would favor the use of blender pumps at service stations, at which customers would choose the level of biofuels or ethanol they would like.

He noted that blender pumps are expensive and said service stations would have to be given incentives to purchase and install them.

Bowman said he wouldn't mandate higher ethanol sales, noting it's important to have consumer choice.

He said he also likes the idea of blender pumps and agreed that businesses would have to be given incentives to install them.

He said the state should focus on improving ethanol output.

Thicke agreed that federal tax credits for ethanol should be renewed to protect



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\$1 blue jeans help fight Alzheimer's

Paying \$1 to wear blue jeans to work seemed a small price to pay if it meant assisting individuals or families dealing with Alzheimer's disease. Staff at Clover Ridge Place donated \$1 per person to wear jeans to work. They were able to donate a total of \$550 as part of the 2010 Jackson County Memory Walk, which was held Sept. 25 in Bellevue. All proceeds were given to the Alzheimer's Association Greater Iowa Chapter in Dubuque. Shown are Donita Dohrn, Clover Ridge Place Assisted Living, and Margie Meehan, Alzheimer's Association Greater Iowa Chapter.



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Bid early and often on locally hand-designed tote bags. About 26 tote bags are available via silent auction as part of a fundraiser sponsored by Friends of Maquoketa Public Library. Bags are on display now at Maquoketa Public Library. Bids will be accepted Friday, Oct. 8, through Oct. 17.

Tote bags are auctioned off

By **KELLY GERLACH**

Does that fall reading list require a tote bag to carry all the books home? Friends of the Maquoketa Public Library have the perfect answer.

The Friends group is hosting a silent auction of hand-decorated tote bags beginning Friday, Oct. 8, and ending Oct. 17. The bags are on display at Maquoketa Public Library during regular business hours.

The silent auction is a fundraiser for Friends. Silent auction bidding ceases when the group meets Oct. 17 in the community room of the library.

About 26 area residents stopped by the library to pick up blank canvas tote bags. These individuals voluntarily applied

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