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Moore, Schueller vie for seat

By KELLY GERLACH

The 2010 race for Iowa's House District 25 seat rests with the incumbent seeking his fourth term and a local businessman seeking to offer a fresh outlook to state politics.

Incumbent Tom Schueller, Democrat, and Brian Moore, Republican, are vying for the right to serve constituents in House District 25. The district includes all of Jackson County, portions of southeast Dubuque County, and portions of northern Clinton County.

House members are elected to two-year terms. Brian Moore has always described himself as a city kid with farming aspirations. He was able to make that a reality, as he hopes to do with his foray into the political arena.

Moore's political beginnings started in a different race for the opposite party earlier this year. He first contended for Roger Stewart's Senate seat as a Democrat in the June primary, a four-way contested race won by Tod Bowman of Maquoketa.

"There was an anxiety out there among the people I worked with, both in business and socially, about where the government is taking us," Moore said, explaining why he ran for office.

"The biggest fear was the budget and taxes. Property taxes went up this fall because of a lack of funding. The government could have done better by prioritizing. Leave our education alone, leave our infrastructure alone, but take (money) out of the non-essential (departments)," Moore explained.

During the primary race, Moore also prioritized funding to care for military veterans, the elderly, and the disabled.

Those priorities have not changed since the June primary, he said. "I'm not running a party-oriented campaign but one on people's issues. I'm leaning more to the middle, but because of my conservative view of the budget, I fit in with the Republicans." So when the Republican Party later came calling for Moore to take on Schueller in the Nov. 2 general election, the change made sense.

Moore listed the state's budget as the main issue this election. He said the Legislature needs a plan to cut state spending.

"When (the government) is spending more money than's being brought in, the government gets away with it. They think they have this little treasure chest behind them called the taxpayers. When revenues aren't going to meet planned spending, a 10 percent across-the-board cut in



BRIAN MOORE

Age: 48
Family: Wife Kim; children Brandon, Brett, Brig, Brandt, Bree, Brody, Brittany, Brooklyn; one grandson
Occupation: self-employed as commissioned hog buyer, livestock and grain hauler, livestock and grain farmer
Organizations: Maquoketa Optimist Club, Maquoketa Community High School Alumni Association, Marquette Booster Club, Republican Central Committee, Jackson County Farm Bureau, 4-H leader



TOM SCHUELLER

Age: 55
Family: Wife Melodie; daughter Ginger, sons Peter and Ben; seven grandsons
Occupation: Partner in Schueller & Sons Reconstruction, retired John Deere employee, former owner/operator Briarwood Care Center, former Maquoketa City Councilman
Organizations: Sacred Heart Church, Eagle's Club, Maquoketa Rotary Club, Maquoketa Lions Club, Maquoketa Area Chamber of Commerce; first chairman of Rebuild Iowa Committee in the House of Representatives

Mayor pledges attempt to retain Aldi grocery store

By DOUGLAS MELVOLD

Although Aldi Inc. officials announced last week the company will close its Maquoketa supermarket at the end of the year, Maquoketa Mayor Jason Hute isn't convinced it's a done deal.

Saying that Maquoketans and residents in surrounding communities "depend on Aldi's," the mayor said at a City Council meeting Monday night, Oct. 18, that city officials will attempt to keep an Aldi store in Maquoketa.

"I just want everybody out

there to know that we're doing whatever we can to the best of our ability to try to keep them here," Hute said.

"Whether or not that will happen, we can't promise anything, but we're going to do our best to try to keep them here."

He said many "older people on fixed incomes" shop at Aldi, a discount grocer that is known for its no frills.

They mayor didn't offer specifics on how the city might persuade the company to stay after it announced plans in a brief press release issued

Thursday, Oct. 14, to close the store effective Dec. 31.

The store, at 907 W. Platt St., had operated for the past 24 years.

An Aldi spokesperson said the company's lease of the property wasn't renewed and that another use would be made of the facility.

The four employees of the Maquoketa store will be offered jobs at an area Aldi's, the company said. The Germany-based grocery retailer has area stores in Dubuque, Clinton and Davenport.

to 3 percent, but the government increased by 15 percent. That doesn't correlate."

Although the Republican said he is "impressed" by the state's new 4-year-old voluntary preschool program, Moore said it needs to be "fine-tuned" and "cuts made to bring down costs."

The down side to not being an incumbent is that "the incumbent can use numbers, facts, and figures. I don't have those - yet. But I will be prepared."

Although he is self-employed running his own business and farm, Moore has made plans for employees to take care of the business should he be elected to the House.

Moore described himself as a pretty straightforward person. "I think people, through my business dealings, know I do what I say, not the opposite. I think (politicians) need to focus on specific areas of import to people now. We need to reign down, slow down, and take a look at things.

"The emphasis is now," Moore said.

Incumbent Tom Schueller is a former farm boy now living in the city. What hasn't changed is his determination to help people through problems at the local level.

"I thoroughly enjoy being a state representative. I can help people with problems so much faster here than by trying to change a law in Des Moines," Schueller said. But being a representative means doing what is best for as many people as possible.

"The nation is, or was at least but is coming out of, one of the worst economic crises since the farm crisis in the 1980s," Schueller said. "But Iowa maintained 3 percent points lower than the national unemployment average. We were one of the top three states for borrowing money.

"And Eastern Iowa continues to grow, with IBM (opening a branch in Dubuque) and Sedgwick expanding in Dubuque and opening a new office with 60 jobs in Bellevue, and the new

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