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MSP photos by Kelly Gerlach

**Veterans Marvin Jorgensen, Richard Ganzer, and Clif Merrick sign in during the Thank You Veterans program held Thursday, Nov. 11, at Pearson Memorial Center. The sign-in sheets are meant to record which veterans attended the program that day as well as which war they served. Those lists were then to be presented to the local American Legion.**

## Residents issue public 'Thanks' to veterans

By KELLY GERLACH

Slaps on the back, handshakes, hugs, cheers, and patriotic tunes filled Pearson Memorial Center in Maquoketa Thursday, Nov. 11, as about 180 people gathered for a public "Thank You Veterans" program.

The inaugural Veterans Day event was organized by Buddy Olson, former Maquoketa police chief, county emergency management coordinator, and proud Cold War veteran.

Area veterans and other community members filed into Pearson. Veterans, many wearing uniforms or caps declaring the war they served in, were warmly welcomed. Students from the Maquoketa Alternative Classroom invited veterans to sign papers listing the war in which they served. That list was then to be presented to the American Legion.

Deb Carson, head of the Maquoketa Alternative Classroom, opened the event. She said her father was a Marine serving in World War II, and two brothers served in Vietnam and Desert Storm, "so I'm very comfortable with everyone here and know the good relationships made (in the service)," she said.

Olson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom Devine, vice president of the Maquoketa Area Chamber of Commerce, thanked the veterans. "Because of your sacrifice (we can) conduct our businesses in this free enterprise system.

"Your sacrifices cannot, will not, and do not die in vain," Devine said.

A quick mention of the 235th birthday (Nov. 10) of the U.S. Marine Corps elicited a shout-out of "Semper Fi" from Marines in the audience.

Olson reminisced about area veterans he knew from this area and how many a young man fresh out of high school stood in front of the Decker Hotel awaiting the bus to whisk him off for basic training.



**Glen Von Sprecken salutes as the Maquoketa Community High School Band performed the national anthem during a Veterans Day program Thursday, Nov. 11.**

The Maquoketa Community High School Band played a touching montage of military anthems from the Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Air Force, and Navy. Veterans stood and were applauded as their song was played.

Deacon Bob Head offered a blessing for "all wounded soldiers, body and soul, around the world" and those with "injured bodies and traumatized spirits." He asked for peace for their hearts and the regions they served.

Following a moment of silence and Taps, Jack Willey performed "God Bless America" with accompaniment from the high school band.

The audience was treated to cookies and punch after the program.

## Results are official

By DOUGLAS MELVOLD

Tod Bowman officially was named winner of the tight District 13 Iowa Senate race this week after the post-election vote canvass in the three counties in the district.

Official totals show that the Maquoketa Democrat widened his razor-thin election night lead of 38 votes over Andrew Naeve, his Republican opponent of rural Andover, to 108 votes.

After the boards of supervisors in Jackson, Clinton and Dubuque counties canvassed votes this week, totals show that Bowman received 10,018 votes to 9,910 votes for Naeve.

Most of the changes were reflected in absentee ballots that continued to arrive by mail after Election Day. Absentee ballots that were postmarked by Nov. 1, the day before the election, and that were received by the auditor's office by Monday, Nov. 8, are counted, according to election rules.

Naeve carried the portions of Clinton and Dubuque counties that are in the district, but those margins were overcome by the 825-vote lead Bowman received in Jackson County.

M. Joell Deppe, Jackson County auditor and elections commissioner, noted that in races in which the winning margin is less than one percent, a candidate may request a recount at no cost to the requesting party.

Such a request in the Senate race would have to go to all three counties, Deppe noted.

Bowman's win was within the one percent threshold.

Naeve couldn't be reached Thursday, Nov. 11, as to whether or not he would seek a recount.

He had until 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, to file for a recount if he planned to do so.

Naeve said last week after the Nov. 2 general election that he would wait until after seeing the results of the

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## Parade of classic cars gets go-ahead

By DOUGLAS MELVOLD

Maquoketa area residents will have an opportunity to view classic cars during a parade that will be held as part of a car show next spring.

The council earlier this month approved a parade permit for the Vintage Torque Fest.

The parade will be held on the evening of April 30, 2011. It will be held on the same route as the annual Jackson County Fair parade, but in reverse.

The parade of cars will start at the fairgrounds, follow East Quarry Street to North Main Street, then turn south and follow Main to the middle school.

John Wells, spokesman for the event, said the event will attract a different type of classic car than at many such auto shows.

He asked for police assistance with traffic control. The parade is expected to last about a half-hour.

Police Chief Brad Koranda said he had discussed the parade with Wells earlier and saw no problems with the parade.

Council members asked Koranda about the cost of having additional officers on duty for the parade.

Koranda said there would be an added cost, but he said the cost could be covered in his budget.

The council approved the parade permit on condition that the parade sponsor show proof of insurance before the permit is issued.

No candy will be thrown, according to the parade permit application.

In other action, the council approved vacating an alley that runs north and south in the block bounded by North Niagara, North Second, West Quarry and James streets.

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