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DEMS FAIL TO LAUNCH



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg

Voters gather in traditional candidate groups at Fort Madison 2nd precinct caucus Monday night. At right Hugh Vandegriff, of the Pete Buttigieg campaign, woos an undecided, while right bottom, Vandegriff gives a campaign speech prior to the start of the caucus event.

INCONSISTENCIES RULE:

Iowa Democratic Party says inconsistencies bogged down reporting that was to include a popular vote piece in addition to delegate counts.



BUTTIGIEG: 'Mayor Pete' shows a better than 2:1 advantage in FM 2

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – It wasn't the way Iowa wanted to start the 2020 national presidential campaign.

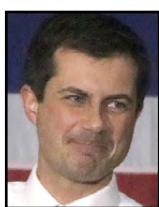
With results of Iowa's delegates, and now first preference reporting, still unavailable as of 11 p.m., national news media outlets were off and running, railing against the Iowa Democratic Party's handling of the first-in-the-nation contest.

Lee County Democratic Chair Mary Jo Reisberg didn't get her precinct's numbers reported until 11:15 p.m. But Fort Madison 2nd Ward chair Bob Morawitz wasn't able to report his precinct numbers until almost 11:30 p.m.

Reisberg said the IDP had an app that could be downloaded to personal phones to be used for reporting, but she wasn't able to use the phone and was on the backup phone reporting system for close to 2.5 hours.

She said she assumed the party ran a test of some kind, but said there were difficulties.

"We, the users, had varying degrees of difficulty downloading it. If we were successful with the download, there



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were problems signing in, so for the users, there wasn't the type of preview you usually have with a reporting app," she said.

She said one person in Lee County used the app successfully, but she only knew of one.

Reisberg was the precinct chair of Keokuk's 3rd precinct and said Buttigieg won two delegates along with Elizabeth Warren. Sanders and Biden each earned one.

But locals said the system ran fairly smoothly and was typical of Iowa caucuses.

Joe Little, who caucused at Lincoln Elementary School in Fort Madison's 2nd Ward, said caucuses are supposed to be a little chaotic.

"It's always a little disorganized, but it's been well-managed this time as far as most normal caucuses, quite frankly. But it's supposed to be that way because it's the first step of democracy," he said.

Little said the caucuses come from the Roman forums that were held in courtyards where people showed up and

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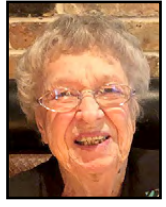
EILEEN M. RILEY

Eileen M. Riley, 101, of Cedar Rapids, IA and formerly of Fort Madison, passed away on Thursday, January 30, 2020 at West Ridge Care Center in Cedar Rapids.

She was born on April 20, 1918, in Ft. Madison to Oscar and Mary Ann Roxlau, Huntsinger. On November 30, 1939, she married Paul W. Riley. He passed away on May 20, 2001. Eileen worked at Sheaffer Pen Co., JC Penneys, and Well's Fabric Store. She was of the Catholic faith and a former member of Ss. Mary & Joseph Church. Eileen enjoyed sewing, reading, playing cards and dice games. Her greatest enjoyment was her family, and she loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Survivors include one son, Brad (Nancy) Riley of St. Louis, MO; two daughters, Carol Black of Mesa, AZ and the late Delbert Black; and Kathy (Kevin) Miller of Norway, IA. Eileen had 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and 7 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and daughter Nancy Webb.

The memorial mass will be held on Friday April 3, 2020 at 10:30 AM at Ss. Mary and Joseph Church in Fort Madison, IA. The family will meet with friends from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. Burial will follow in Oakland Cemetery. Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home and Crematory. A memorial has been established for the Alzheimer's Association. Online condolences may be left at: www.kinglynk.com.



RILEY

Pen City Current obituary policy

The Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

01/30/20 - 3:21 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Jaimie Renee Imthurn, 31, of Fort Madison, at the police station, on a charge of domestic abuse assault. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 01/30/20 - 10:29 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run on Richards Drive.
 01/30/20 - 5:37 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 200 block of Avenue E.
 01/30/20 - 6:28 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1000 block of Avenue E.
 01/31/20 - 2:44 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1500 block of 39th Street
 01/31/20 - 6:24 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 500 block of 10th Street.
 01/31/20 - 7:41 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident.
 02/01/20 - 10:25 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue A.
 02/01/20 - 1:07 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2000 block of Avenue F.
 02/02/20 - 6:03 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited and released Michael J. Moore, 65, of Fort Madison, in the 100 block of 2nd Street on a charge of driving under suspension.
 02/02/20 - 3:38 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1900 block of Avenue D.
 02/02/20 - 3:57 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1900 block of Avenue M.
 02/02/20 - 9:41 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited and released Gene A. Green, 58, of Fort Madison in the 1200 block 38th Street on a charge of driving under suspension.
 02/02/20 - 10:17 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited and released Jalen Keith Kutcher, 19, of Fort Madison in the 2500 block of Avenue L, on a charge of driving under suspension.

Lee County

Sheriff's Report

01/30/20 - 4:14 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Bradley Scott Gardner, 48, of Dexter, Mo., in the 3200 block of Hwy. 27, on a charge of operating while intoxicated. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 01/31/20 - 12:39 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Krystal Hope Lopez, 31, of Fort Madison at the intersection of 1st and Spruce in Montrose, on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.
 01/31/20 - 9:32 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Stephen John Steffensmeier, 51, of Keokuk, in the 1000 block of Palean St. in Keokuk on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and 2nd-degree theft. He was taken to Lee County Jail and issued a pre-trial release.
 01/31/20 - 5:00 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Danielle Lynn Smith, 32, of Farmington, at the sheriff's office on warrant for a judgment hold. She was released for serving the weekend.
 02/01/20 - 8:47 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Norma Jean VanPelt, 69, of Fort Madison on a warrant for a judgment hold. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 02/01/20 - 8:18 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Mary Jo Rumelhart, 39, of Fort Madison in the 1900 block of Avenue O, on a warrant for voluntary absence from custody and a judgment hold. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and released for time served.
 02/01/20 - 10:59 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Stephanie Rae Marshall, 31, of Burlington, on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 02/01/20 - 9:56 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on 303rd Avenue near Ridgewood Drive. According to the report a vehicle driven by Sally Ann Cline, 65, of Wever, made a left turn in front of another vehicle driven by Thomas Robert Wilken 69, of Niota, Ill. No injuries were reported and no citations were listed on the report.
 02/02/20 - 4:44 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Joshua Brud Seymour, 39, of Nauvoo, Ill., on a warrant for

drug trafficking. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Hancock County Sheriff's Report

01/28/20 - Michael G Miller, age 22, of Keokuk, was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of No Valid Driver's License, No Insurance, and Unlawful Display of Registration. Miller was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 01/29/20 - Scot A Flora, of Keokuk, was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm, Failure to Report Accident Knowing Personal Injury, Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Stolen Vehicle, and Possession of Weapon by a Felon. Flora remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.
 01/29/20 - Preston L Powelson, age 25, of Carthage, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear I Failure to Pay on original charges of Speeding. Powelson was released after posting required bond and given a future court date.
 01/30/20 - Nathan J Kull, age 40, of Columbus Junction, was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay on original charges of Burglary. Kull was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 01/30/20 - Mindy S Gundy, age 55, of Keokuk, was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine. Gundy remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting her next court appearance.
 01/31/20 - John A Cameron, no address listed, was arrested and charged with Petition to Revoke on charges of Delivery of Methamphetamine. Cameron remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.
 01/31/20 - Daniel E Scott, age 40, of Fort Madison, was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine. Scott remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting

his next court appearance.
 01/31/20 - Christopher G Loring, age 28, of Keokuk, was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended. Loring was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 02/01/20 - Cristyna L Rivers, age 30, of Hamilton, IL was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Driving While License Suspended. Rivers remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting her next court appearance.
 02/01/20 - William L Walker, age 45, of Keokuk, was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine. Walker was released on his own recognizance and given a future court date.
 02/01/20 - Danielle R Clark, age 29, of Carthage, IL was arrested and charged with Criminal Damage to Property and Aggravated Battery. Clark remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting her next court appearance.
 02/02/20 - Eric J Rahn, age 40, of Hamilton, IL was arrested and charged with Aggravated Domestic Battery and Intimidation. Rahn remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.
 02/02/20 - Franz Q Dunsforth, age 33, of Ainsworth, was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence. Dunsforth was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 02/02/20 - Melissa M Readshaw, age 51, of Fort Madison was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence of Drugs, Possession of Cannabis and Illegal Transportation of Cannabis. Readshaw remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting her initial court appearance.
Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

01/31/20 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to five medical calls.
 02/01/20 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one odor investigation and one medical call.
 02/02/20 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls.

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Sports

HTC girls down W-MU in conference Shootout

BY PCC STAFF

WINFIELD – The Holy Trinity girls basketball team squad has one five of their last seven and is over .500 on the year after knocking Winfield-Mt. Union Friday night in the Southeast Iowa Superconference Shootout.

The Crusaders are now 10-9 on the year after a 48-36 win on the road.

Holy Trinity opened up a six-point lead at the end of the first quarter and were up by 12 at the end of the first half.

Senior Avery Hopper, who was held to just two points on Thursday against WACO and hadn't scored in double figures since Jan. 18, broke free for 19 points to lead HTC.

Holy Trinity would carry the 12-point halftime lead through the second half not allowing the Wolves to get any closer than 10 at 31-21 with four minutes left in the third.

The Crusaders would stretch the lead to 16 in the third, but were outscored 11-8 in the final period to set the final.

Ashlyn Haas finished with eight for HTC. Claire Pothitakis has seven, Bailey Hellweg hit her 18th 3-pointer of the year and finished with 6, while Brooke Mueller and Kassi Randolph each had four to round out the Crusader scoring.

Class 3A 10th-ranked West Burlington comes to town on Tuesday night to face the Crusaders in a girls/boys varsity doubleheader.

Pleasant Valley ends Hounds' week on sour note

BY PCC STAFF

PLEASANT VALLEY – The Bloodhound boys basketball team was hoping to end the week going 3-0, but a 64-41 Saturday loss to Pleasant Valley dashed those hopes.

Fort Madison stayed with the Spartans through the first quarter behind senior Jace Burgher's six points. The two teams started out 10-10 through most of the first period, but Pleasant Valley sent a message in the final minute of the period with five unanswered.

The Spartans then stretched the lead to eight before Fort Madison put together a comeback down 20-13 behind a couple 3-pointers from Dayton Davis and Michael Mosena to close the gap to three at 23-20. But they wouldn't get any closer the rest of the game.

Pleasant Valley hit the court after taking a 27-22 lead into the locker room

and outscored the Hounds 29-7 in the third to carry a 27-point lead in the final period.

The Spartan's Ryan Dolphin hit three 3-pointers in the period, while Jacob Townsend and Jack Donahue went to work for a combined 17 third quarter points to help put the game out of reach.

Fort Madison wouldn't get any closer than the final gap of 23.

No Bloodhound was in double figures. Davis led Fort Madison with nine points, followed by Parker Denning, who had a couple 3-balls in the third period, with eight. Jayden Fedler, Mosena and Burgher all finished with six points. Tate Johnson and Landes Williams both had three points off the bench for the Hounds.

Fort Madison falls to 5-11 on the year and travels to Central Lee Tuesday night for a non-conference matchup.

Central Lee girls holding food drive during last two games

DONNELLSON - The Central Lee girls basketball team will be holding a canned food drive during the team's final two home games.

Drop off boxes will be at the entrance of the games at Central Lee High School for the Feb. 4 and Feb. 6 home basketball contests.

The canned foods will be donated to help local families in need.

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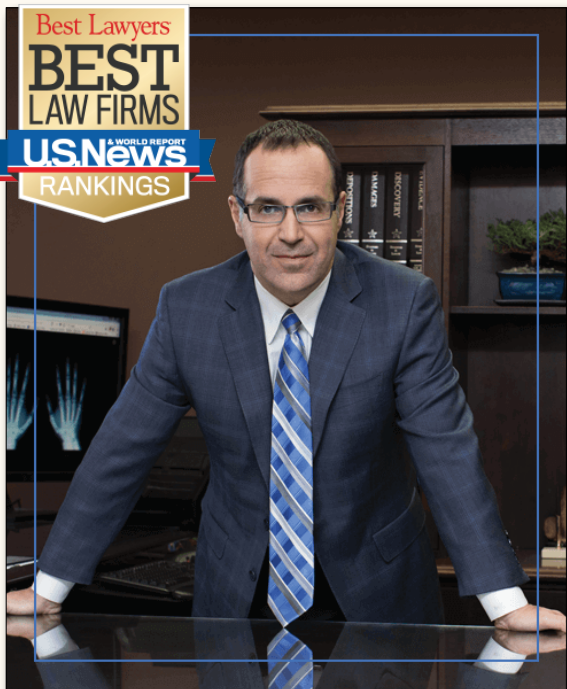
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Sports

Hounds, Lozano take titles at Southern Iowa Classic

BY PCC STAFF

FAIRFIELD – The Fort Madison Bloodhounds cruised to the team title at the Southern Iowa Classic wrestling tournament Saturday in Fairfield, and Diego Lozano won an individual title at 220 lbs.

The Bloodhounds finished with 204 points way ahead of Eddyville Blakesburg-Fremont's 134-point second-place finish.

Lozano spent less than a minute and a half on the mat the whole day cruising through the 220 lb. bracket with three pins. The senior took out Keokuk's Trystan O'Connor (21-15) in just :24 in the title match.

Seniors Owen Kruse and Danen Settles each captured second-place finishes for the Bloodhounds.

Kruse got a bye in the first round and scored a pin over Fairfield's Jonah Cooper in just :27. Kruse then scored a 9-0 major decision over Brodie Connor of Albia, before falling to Taylor Huggins of Davis County 15-6 in the championship match.

Settles recorded a pin over EBFs Trapper Hemm at 1:25 into the first period. Settles (33-6) on the year then got a sudden victory over PCM of Monroe's Seth Griener, before taking a medical forfeit in the finals, which gave Jace Smith, also of PCM, the 285 lb. title.

The Hounds got third place finishes from Matthew Steffensmeier at 113 lbs., Will Larson at 138 lbs., Quinton Ross at 145 lbs., and Mason Schau at 152 lbs.

Complete results from the tournament are below.

106 lbs – Emmett Kruse (19-16) placed 5th and scored 10.0 team points. Quarterfinal – Wyatt Stewart (Albia) 8-7 won by fall over Emmett Kruse (Fort Madison) 19-16 (Fall 3:27). Cons. Round 1 – Emmett Kruse (Fort Madison) 19-16 won by fall over Abby Blint (Mount Pleasant) 13-10 (Fall 1:03). Cons. Semi – Kade Martin (Davis County) 3-1 won by decision over Emmett Kruse (Fort Madison) 19-16 (Dec 4-2). 5th Place Match – Emmett Kruse (Fort Madison) 19-16 won by fall over Octavio Garcia (Chariton) 10-20 (Fall 4:30). 113 lbs – Matthew Steffensmeier (23-11) placed 3rd and scored 16.0 team points. Quarterfinal – Matthew Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 23-11 won by decision over Chris Bowen (Centerville) 12-12 (Dec 6-2). Semifinal – Caydn Hall (Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont) 27-8 won by fall over Matthew Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 23-11 (Fall 0:22). Cons. Semi – Matthew Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 23-11 won by fall over Drake Hamm (Davis County) 10-11 (Fall 0:51). 3rd Place Match – Matthew Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 23-11 won by fall over Marco Alejo (Knoxville) 25-10 (Fall 0:40). 120 lbs – Owen Kruse (21-14) placed 2nd and scored 21.0 team points. Champ. Round 1 – Owen Kruse (Fort Madison) 21-14 received a bye. Quarterfinal – Owen Kruse (Fort Madison) 21-14 won by fall over Jonah Cooper (Fairfield) 9-9 (Fall 0:27). Semifinal – Owen Kruse (Fort Madison) 21-14 won by major decision over Brodie Connor (Albia) 23-9 (MD 9-0). 1st Place Match – Taylor Huggins (Davis County) 29-6 won by major decision over Owen Kruse (Fort Madison) 21-14 (MD 15-6). 126 lbs – Gage Roberts (14-12) placed 4th and scored 13.5 team points. Quarterfinal – Gage Roberts (Fort Madison) 14-12 won by fall over Garrett Scharff (Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont) 0-2 (Fall 1:42). Semifinal – Corbin Broecker (Mount Pleasant) 20-4 won by tech fall over Gage Roberts (Fort Madison) 14-12 (TF-1.5 5:50 (27-12)). Cons. Semi – Gage Roberts (Fort Madison) 14-12 won by tech fall over Konar Droz (Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont) 0-3 (TF-1.5 3:25 (17-1)). 3rd Place Match – Logan Carter (Albia) 9-4 won by major decision over Gage Roberts (Fort Madison) 14-12 (MD 10-2). 132 lbs – Gavin Wiseman (23-16) placed 4th and scored 16.0 team points. Champ. Round 1 – Gavin Wiseman (Fort Madison) 23-16 received a bye. Quarterfinal – Gavin Wiseman (Fort Madison) 23-16 won by fall over Justin Simmering (Washington) 22-14 (Fall 1:26). Semifinal – Kayden Kauzlarich (Centerville) 34-2 won by major decision over Gavin Wiseman (Fort Madison) 23-16 (MD 17-8). Cons. Round 3 – Gavin Wiseman (Fort Madison) 23-16 won by fall over Hayden Hatch (Knoxville) 13-13 (Fall 1:02). 3rd Place Match – Landon Fenton (PCM) 36-7 won by decision over Gavin Wiseman (Fort Madison) 23-16 (Dec 9-6). 138 lbs – Will Larson (27-12) placed 3rd and scored 16.0 team points. Quarterfinal – Will Larson (Fort Madison) 27-12 won by fall over Easton White (Davis County) 4-19 (Fall 1:02). Semifinal – River Belger (Burlington) 22-12 won by decision over Will Larson (Fort Madison) 27-12 (Dec 9-6). Cons. Semi – Will Larson (Fort Madison) 27-12 won by decision over Levi Boudewyn (Keokuk) 21-14 (Dec 5-2). 3rd Place Match – Will Larson (Fort Madison) 27-12 won by fall over JJ Beaver (Knoxville) 21-17 (Fall 4:00). 145 lbs – Quinton Ross (3-3) placed 3rd and scored 13.0 team points. Quarterfinal – Barrett Bonnett (Albia) 27-6 won by fall over Quinton Ross (Fort Madison) 3-3 (Fall 3:19). Cons. Round 1 – Quinton Ross (Fort Madison) 3-3 won by decision over KJ Fry (Clarke) 12-15 (Dec 10-6). Cons. Semi – Quinton Ross (Fort Madison) 3-3 won by decision over Koby Gordon (Knoxville) 20-15 (Dec 5-3). 3rd Place Match – Quinton Ross (Fort Madison) 3-3 won by fall over Gage Moorman (Centerville) 29-11 (Fall 5:41). 152 lbs – Mason Schau (24-16) placed 3rd and scored 14.0 team points. Quarterfinal – Stephen Conley (Albia) 16-15 won in sudden victory – 1 over Mason Schau (Fort Madison) 24-16 (SV-1 9-4). Cons. Round 1 – Mason Schau (Fort Madison) 24-16 won by fall over Kaleb Spurgeon (Keokuk) 4-11 (Fall 1:20). Cons. Semi – Mason Schau (Fort Madison) 24-16 won in sudden victory – 1 over Jax Bellon (Knoxville) 11-8 (SV-1 6-4). 3rd Place Match – Mason Schau (Fort Madison) 24-16 won by major decision over Peyton Cline (Fairfield) 14-13 (MD 15-6). 160 lbs – Nathan Steffensmeier (18-19) placed 5th and scored 13.0 team points. Champ. Round 1 – Nathan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 18-19 received a bye.. Quarterfinal – Nathan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 18-19 won by fall over Alan Angle (Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont) 25-8 (Fall 3:40). Semifinal – Ayden Frazer (Washington) 32-4

won by fall over Nathan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 18-19 (Fall 1:00). Cons. Round 3 – Corey Skinner (Keokuk) 17-19 won by fall over Nathan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 18-19 (Fall 1:12). 5th Place Match – Nathan Steffensmeier (Fort Madison) 18-19 won by fall over Clayton Young (Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont) 6-10 (Fall 0:43). 170 lbs – Austin Ensminger (8-8) placed 5th and scored 8.0 team points. Quarterfinal – Seth Kargol (Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont) 11-18 won by fall over Austin Ensminger (Fort Madison) 8-8 (Fall 1:59). Cons. Round 1 – Austin Ensminger (Fort Madison) 8-8 won by fall over Arya Patel (Fairfield) 4-20 (Fall 0:36). Cons. Semi – Zeb Padget (PCM) 19-23 won by fall over Austin Ensminger (Fort Madison) 8-8 (Fall 3:42). 5th Place Match – Austin Ensminger (Fort Madison) 8-8 won by decision over Seth Kargol (Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont) 11-18 (Dec 9-8). 182 lbs – Levi Lowney (18-11) placed 4th and scored 14.0 team points. Quarterfinal – Levi Lowney (Fort Madison) 18-11 won by fall over Jared Landsperger (Knoxville) 13-14 (Fall 2:32). Cons. Semi – Levi Lowney (Fort Madison) 18-11 won by fall over Nash Garlow (Burlington) 7-8 (Fall 5:02). 3rd Place Match – Caden Hill (Davis County) 32-8 won by tech fall over Levi Lowney (Fort Madison) 18-11 (TF-1.5 5:26 (19-3)). 195 lbs – Bryce Britton (4-8) placed 6th and scored 6.0 team points.

Quarterfinal – Tyler Hartman (Burlington) 30-5 won by fall over Bryce Britton (Fort Madison) 4-8 (Fall 4:00). Cons. Round 1 – Bryce Britton (Fort Madison) 4-8 won by fall over Cesar Castellanos (Fairfield) 15-10 (Fall 2:14). Cons. Semi – Cooper Sloan (PCM) 17-11 won by fall over Bryce Britton (Fort Madison) 4-8 (Fall 1:23). 5th Place Match – Colton Champoux (Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont) 5-7 won by decision over Bryce Britton (Fort Madison) 4-8 (Dec 7-4). 220 lbs – Diego Lozano (21-10) placed 1st and scored 26.0 team points. Quarterfinal – Diego Lozano (Fort Madison) 21-10 won by fall over Cruise Flanders (Centerville) 10-21 (Fall 0:14). Semifinal – Diego Lozano (Fort Madison) 21-10 won by fall over Daniel Remele (Burlington) 12-11 (Fall 0:50). 1st Place Match – Diego Lozano (Fort Madison) 21-10 won by fall over Tristyn O'Connor (Keokuk) 21-15 (Fall 0:24). 285 lbs – Danen Settles (33-6) placed 2nd and scored 18.0 team points. Quarterfinal – Danen Settles (Fort Madison) 33-6 won by fall over Trapper Hemm (Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont) 5-7 (Fall 1:25). Semifinal – Danen Settles (Fort Madison) 33-6 won in sudden victory – 1 over Seth Greiner (PCM) 16-10 (SV-1 14-12). 1st Place Match – Jace Smith (PCM) 15-9 won by medical forfeit over Danen Settles (Fort Madison) 33-6 (M. For.)



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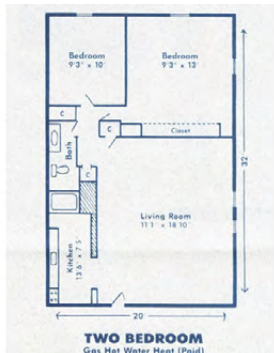
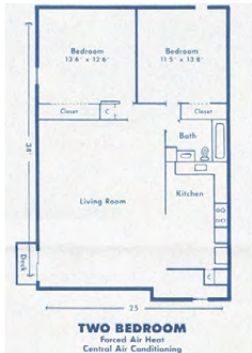
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Buttigieg shows well in FM 2, Keokuk 3

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voiced their support for candidates.

"I love caucuses over voting. A caucus is the first step of a democracy although we're a representative form of government, and we lose as soon as we get to the private voting," Little said.

Little and his wife caucused for Elizabeth Warren, who was viable in the first count in the Fort Madison 2nd Ward precinct.

"Men have already screwed this up enough ain't they," Little said.

Abbee Kelly went to her first caucus with her mom when she was 14, but was experiencing her first participation in a caucus and helped shout out directions as the acoustics in the Lincoln gym made hearing difficult.

So difficult in fact that Morawitz had to gavel the session in with a large toy bowling pin to get the room's attention.

"The process is okay, but the way this one was set up was a mess," Kelly said. "It could have been a lot smoother, but you live and you learn."

Kelly said she prefers this type of voting because you can per-

suade other people. She volunteers with the Pete Buttigieg campaign.

"We had numbers for Lee County but not for each individual precinct, so we didn't know how many each precinct would have."

Buttigieg had a strong showing in Fort Madison 2. Buttigieg unofficially received four delegates to Biden's and Warren's two each and Bernie Sanders' 1. No other candidate was viable.

Buttigieg also had 37 first preference votes, to Biden's 16, Warren's 14, and Sanders' 13.

Those numbers are now part of the official reporting along with State Delegate Equivalents.

Hugh Vandegriff, the precinct captain for Buttigieg said despite the heavy support, a lot of attendees were undecided coming in.

"So people came in pretty largely undecided and we talked to a lot of them on the way in and said 'Hey, join us,' and they did," Vandegriff said.

He said he thinks the caucus process is pretty good and the new rule of locking in supporters in viable groups in the first count, should expedite the process.



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The Bernie Sanders' group anxiously awaits to see if they will be viable in the first count Monday night at the Fort Madison 2nd Precinct caucus.

"I think it's a good process. I've experienced one of these before not as a caucus captain, but theoretically this could have gone pretty quick," Vandegriff said.

"I think I like this."

Vandegriff said the change of releasing the first expression cards which represent caucus-goers' first choice is a move toward one person-one vote, but he said this still represents that ideology with regard to the electoral college.

Mary Alice Schulte, a Biden supporter from Rochester Hills, Mich-

igan who was on hand canvassing for the Biden campaign, said she's never caucused before.

"This is very different. First you have to be very committed to your candidate because here you are coming out with your neighbors and physically standing with the person your rooting for," she said.

"I give them a lot of credit. It's a much different process than what we're used to. We just go into a ballot and flip a switch," Schulte said. "But I think this process really humanizes it."

FM man busted on meth charges

FORT MADISON – The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of a Fort Madison man on Felony and Misdemeanor drug charges.

Benjamin Steven Hobbs, 34, of Fort Madison, Iowa was arrested on January 28th, 2020 in the 4000 of Ave O in Fort Madison. Hobbs is charged with Possession with Intent to Deliver over 5 grams of methamphetamine a class B felony, Drug Tax Stamp Violation a class D felony, Possession of Marijuana a serious misdemeanor, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia a simple misdemeanor.



HOBBS

The arrest of Hobbs stems from a medical call in which the Fort Madison Police Department responded and located several items indicative of narcotics usage. Lee County Narcotics Task Force Investigators were contacted and furthered the investigation in reference to the items located.

The Lee County Attorney's Office, Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement, and the Fort Madison Police Department assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in this investigation.

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