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Buttigieg gets an edge



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

The Pete Buttigieg group was viable out of the gate in Fort Madison's 2nd precinct caucus Monday night.

County offices

Recorder presses for security fix

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE – Lee County Recorder Nancy Booten wants the county supervisors to do something about security in Fort Madison.

And she wants it now.

After Tuesday's regular Lee County Board of Supervisors meeting, Booten told supervisors that in addition to her department holding active attacker training last week, police chased two men from the building Monday.

She said her staff is understandably concerned about their safety.

"We've heard for years, 'let's do something about safety,' 'what's a life worth.' Well they don't feel like they're worth anything. They really don't because nothing's been done," Booten said.

She said recently there were two customers that had made the staff nervous and warranted a call to law enforcement. After investigating footage it was determined the two had

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Bad R'app: Local precinct chair says reporting app worked for her

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – The nation waited close to 21 hours to hear any results from Monday's first-in-the-nation presidential contest in Iowa.

A coding glitch and user-error in an app called IowaReporterApp, created by Shadow Inc, and a phone bank backlog, wreaked havoc on most Iowa caucus reporting and has created a nationwide raised eyebrow as to Iowa's place at the front of race.

Iowa Democratic Party officials released 62% of the state's results at about 3:45 p.m. Central time Tuesday. The move has failed to produce a projected winner, but Iowa caucuses technically aren't about a winner, but how delegate equivalents will be divvied up.

Iowa Democratic Party officials were hoping to have the rest of the results posted on Tuesday, but didn't guarantee anything.

Officially, South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg is leading the state with more than a third yet to report. Buttigieg had 363 delegate equivalents to Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders' 338. Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren had 246, while former Vice President Joe Biden currently sits at 210.

Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar garnered 164, which would be considered a better showing than anticipated.



BOWKER

In Lee County, 15 of the 19 precinct results were reported in the 3:45 p.m. release. Of those precincts, with only 21% yet to report, Buttigieg had 560 votes. Biden was second in Lee County with 364, followed by Sanders with 350, and Warren with 126. Klobuchar had 84 and entrepreneur Andrew Yang finished with 56. It is unclear

at this point if the satellite voting is included in those tallies.

The top three in final alignment preferences in the county were Buttigieg with 306, Biden with 211, and Sanders with 194.

Lee County has 150 delegates to allocate to the county convention and 21 state delegate equivalents.

Several county precinct chairs struggled to get numbers into the state and some waited as long as two hours on hold to report numbers when the app either failed or encountered issues.

But Fort Madison Precinct 1 Chair Rebecca Bowker said the app worked great and she was done in a matter of minutes. Bowker's precinct results are part of the 62% released.

"I think the app is getting a bad rap," she wrote in a text to the Pen City Current.

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Show Choir

FM, Central Lee singers hit Music in Motion at MP

BY PCC STAFF

MT. PLEASANT – Show choirs from Fort Madison and Central Lee Middle and High Schools will be among 14 ensembles from four states competing at the 27th annual Music in Motion Show Choir Invitational Saturday, February 8 at Mount Pleasant Community High School.

The competition begins at 9:00 am with Central Lee Middle School's Adrenaline, followed by Fortissimo from Fort Madison Middle

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Obituaries/From the Front

OBITUARIES

DOROTHY K. HOFFMAN

Dorothy K. Hoffman, 87, of Franklin, Iowa, passed away at 5:04 a.m. Monday, February 3, 2020, at Great River Medical Center in West Burlington, Iowa.

She was born December 16, 1932, in Charleston, Iowa, the daughter of Ira and Zoe (Gee) Johnson. On December 25, 1950, she married Lamar Wagner at St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Franklin, Iowa. He preceded her in death on July 3, 1975. On October 30, 1976, she married James R. Hoffman at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point, Iowa. He preceded her in death on December 1, 2014.

Survivors include her two sons: Edward Wagner of Franklin, Iowa and Paul (Kristi) Wagner of Burlington, Iowa; two daughters: Nola (John) Gram of Fort Madison and Susie (Paul) Whitaker of Argyle, Iowa; six grandchildren; seventeen great grandchildren, six great great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, a brother in infancy, four sisters and a great grandchild.

Dorothy was a member of St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Franklin, Iowa. She retired from HyVee. Dorothy enjoyed gardening and tending to her flowers. She especially loved spending time with her family.

Friends may call after 1:00 p.m. Wednesday at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson. Family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

A Funeral Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 6, 2020 at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson with Pastor Mike Bennett officiating. Burial will be at St. Peter's Cemetery, rural Franklin, Iowa.

A memorial has been established in her memory for St. Peter's Cemetery. Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be left at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

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.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

HTC's dance squad performed at halftime of the boys basketball game on senior night at Shottenkirk Gym Tuesday night.

Swingspan, CENTRifugal Force perform after lunch Saturday

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School at 9:30 am. Fort Madison High School's prep group Crimson and Black will hit the stage at 10:30 am, with their varsity ensemble Swingspan performing at 12:45 pm. CENTRifugal Force from Central Lee goes on at 1:45 pm.

Other schools with one or more groups in the competition are Cedar Rapids Xavier, Davenport Central, Pella, South St. Paul MN, Hannibal MO and Pekin IL.

The top six groups from the daytime round will square off in the evening finals starting at 7:15 pm with final awards scheduled for 10:30 pm.

Giving exhibition performances will be the show choirs from Mount Pleasant Middle School and Mount Mercy University at the end of the daytime round followed by the daytime awards at 5:55 pm. Mount Pleasant High School's InMotion performs at the conclusion of the evening finals.

Admission is \$10. A variety of food will be available for purchase throughout the event. All proceeds go to the Mount Pleasant Music Booster

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Education News/From the Front

Police chase two from North Lee County offices Monday

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arrest records and were later arrested for theft the same evening they were in the North Lee County offices.

Booten said her department is first in the door and the height of the counter makes her staff and herself very susceptible to harm if something were to happen.

"You hear all the time it can't happen here... we heard it can't happen here, well it happened at (Scotts)," She said. "We want something done. We want a door and some teller windows."

She said she didn't think it was very expensive for the improvements, and anything that could cause a delay to someone who wants to do harm could save a life.

Booten said the south Lee County offices were given security upgrades but nothing has happened in North Lee County aside from some occasional deputy presence.

"The state doesn't give us a dime, but we're protecting them. Our staff doesn't feel like we're protecting us," she said.

"If I have to take it out of my budget, since we're talking about budgets... whatever. I just think we need to do something and we need to do it now."

Supervisor Gary Folluo said there should be a hallway at North Lee County similar to what Keokuk has.

"And you should be behind a wall of glass," Folluo said.

Supervisor Matt Pflug said Booten was making valid points.

"The state doesn't give us anything and, again, we kick this can around a lot. I know it all takes money but

it's a life," Pflug said. "We have to do something, you're exactly right."

Booten said she's just looking for an additional two feet of protection across the counter. Folluo said that should go the full length of all the counters in the building.

Booten said Fort Madison police came in Monday and the two gentleman were there again and got a license, but police warned them not to come in again unless they had business there.

"Apparently, they were searching for these guys, again for another charge, because they ran out the back door and the police ran after them," Booten said.

Supervisor Ron Fedler said maybe the two did the county a favor because now they can take action.

Lee County Conservation Director Nathan Unsworth said it's not just the county building.

"Every office has challenges, right? We have people that get out of jail, walk down the highway and stop in our office. That's happened several times and motorists come in off the road to get help," Unsworth said.

"It's a problem. I don't know if you can do everything to stop it."

Booten said she understands that and is just looking for something to delay someone from doing harm.

"I think we're all guilty of talking about it and talking about it and not taking any action," Pflug said.

Board Chair Ron Fedler said it's time to take action and instructed Booten to work with county maintenance to see what the costs look like and bring it back to the board.

SCC's nursing grads outpace national exam standards

WEST BURLINGTON - In the last quarter of 2019, 100% of nursing students who graduated from SCC's LPN and RN programs successfully passed the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) as reported by the Iowa Board of Nursing.

The 2019 year end results were just as impressive with the NCLEX-PN pass rate at 100% and NCLEX-RN pass rate at 94%. SCC nursing graduates far outperformed both state and national averages.

The NCLEX is the licensure test that nursing graduates must pass before they can take on nursing positions.

"Our nursing students are dedicated from the moment they take their first class, and it shows with these passing rates."

Schroeder points out that SCC nursing students regularly outperform their state and national peers.

"We feel that's a sign of the high

level of quality and academic rigor of our programs," she says. "When our students graduate, they truly know their stuff."

She says nurses are in very high demand. SCC is with the students through the whole program to encourage and help them achieve their goals, starting with passing the NCLEX.

Students considering a nursing degree with SCC may be eligible for a number of scholarship and grant opportunities, including the SCC Foundation scholarships and Iowa's Last Dollar Scholarship.

To learn more about SCC's nursing and related health degree programs of study, as well as scholarship opportunities, visit scciowa.edu.

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Sports

Holy Trinity Catholic's Chandler Rung (5) brings the ball up hounded by West Burlington's Cayson Shipp (0) in Tuesday's 49-42 Crusader loss. The Crusaders scored just three points in the first quarter, but came back in the fourth quarter to make a game of it.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Crusaders erase 16-point deficit, come up short

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON – Slow starts have been a problem at times for the Holy Trinity boys basketball team.

It was a big problem for the Crusaders in Tuesday's 49-42 loss to West Burlington.

Holy Trinity trailed 19-3 in the first quarter, and was behind by 16 points at the end of the third quarter, and still had a chance to tie the game in the closing seconds.

Jason Thurman, who had hit three 3-pointers to lead the fourth-quarter comeback, missed an open three from the right corner with 30 seconds left as the Crusaders trailed 45-42.

"It's kind of been the story of the season," Holy Trinity coach John Hellige said.

"If we can get out of the gate a little better there, it's maybe a different outcome."

The Crusaders outscored West Burlington 18-5 in the first seven minutes of the fourth quarter, getting to within 45-42 on a 3-pointer from Chandler Rung. But every time Holy Trinity had a chance to cut into the lead, the Falcons would get the ball right back.

"All those little possessions here, possessions there, they add up," Hellige said.

"These kids have a lot of fortitude. They have no quit."

Quentin Schneider had 11 points to lead Holy Trinity. Thurman had nine, and Vasin Thurman added seven. Holy Trinity had just three first-quarter points — a layup from Rung with 3:50 left, and a free throw from Vasin Thurman with 10 seconds left.

Holy Trinity had a 10-3 run to get within single digits before West Burlington scored the last four points in the final minute.

It was another climb the Crusaders have faced this season.

"That was the challenge after the game," Hellige said. "What do we have to do before the game to be the aggressor, and not have to chase people for 3 ½ quarters?"

The Crusaders are 6-12 on the year and travel to Cardinal on Thursday night.



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Education News

Holy Trinity Catholic Honor Roll

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – Holy Trinity Catholic Schools has announced its second quarter and first semester honor rolls for the 2019-2020 school year. Pen City Current joins our advertisers and readers in congratulating these students on their academic success. Job well done!

Second Quarter Honor Rolls

4.0 Honor Roll

8th Grade
Taegan Denning, Natalie Randolph

10th Grade
Jackson Blint, Abby Holtkamp, Jack Malinski, Mitchell Pothitakis, Cassidy Randolph, Anna Sobczak

11th Grade
Danny Caruso, Bailey Hellweg, Ava Peitz, Claire Pothitakis, Maria Rauenbuehler, Alison Robu, Chandler Rung, Jason Thurman, Vasin Thurman

12th Grade
Brandon Delaney, Reagan Garrels, Ashlyn Haas, Jacob Mohrfeld, Ryan Otte, Nicole Pothitakis, Samantha Pothitakis, Elle Rashid

A Honor Roll

7th Grade
Anna Bendlage, Isabella Callison, Kylie Fortune, Henry Graham, Ellie Lake, Regan Schmitz, Teagan Snaadt

8th Grade
Mary Kate Bendlage, Daltin Boeding, Michael Chapman, Conner Gehling, Jenna Hellman, Reagan Holvoet, Maddox Rung

9th Grade
Kayla Box, Alexa Dingman, Laura Mehmert, Rachel Menke, Jacob Pothitakis, Brianna Wright

10th Grade
Lucy Graham, Kelli Meierotto, Jackson Van Hamme

11th Grade
Taylor Crabtree, Katherine Denning, Tina Huang, Annabelle Scheetz, Anna Schroeder, John Stinson, Emma Torgler

12th Grade
Blake Crabtree, Rhett Full-

hart, Claire Graham, Quentin Schneider, Maille Sheerin, Jayde Watznauer, DaYeong You

B Honor Roll

7th Grade
Luke Hellige, Mason Kruse, Brayton Schneider, Adam Sobczak, Tobias Van Hamme, Jack Wearda

8th Grade
Jacob Hummel, Sheldon Kruse, Andrew Mehmert, Seth Moeller, Ethan Peitz, Mary Beth Scheetz, Edward Schroeder

9th Grade
Emily Boeding, Elliott Dostalek, Mary Hellige, Brooke Mueller, Riley Timmerman

10th Grade
Cody Briggs, Tessa Gendron, Mya Schmitz, Raquel Schneider, Tyler Snaadt, Alexis Stalcup

11th Grade
Elizabeth Ebbing, Kyle Knepp, Kadin Medland, Jordan Mueller

12th Grade
Abby Dingman, Evan Ellison, Matthew Hellige, Mason Holvoet, Avery Hopper, Jason Rees

First Semester Honor Rolls

4.0 Honor Roll

8th Grade
Taegan Denning, Jenna Hellman, Natalie Randolph

9th Grade
Laura Mehmert

10th Grade
Jackson Blint, Lucy Graham, Abby Holtkamp, Jack Malinski, Mitchell Pothitakis, Cassidy Randolph, Anna Sobczak, Jackson Van-Hamme

11th Grade
Danny Caruso, Bailey Hellweg, Tina Huang, Ava Peitz, Claire Pothitakis, Maria Rauenbuehler, Alison Robu, Chandler Rung, John Stinson, Jason Thurman, Vasin Thurman

12th Grade
Brandon Delaney, Ambrosia Dustin, Reagan Garrels, Claire Graham, Ashlyn Haas, Jacob Mohrfeld, Ryan Otte, Nicole Pothitakis, Samantha Pothitakis, Elle Rashid, Maille Sheerin

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Anna Bendlage, Isabella

Callison, Kylie Fortune, Mason Kruse, Ellie Lake, Regan Schmitz, Teagan Snaadt

8th Grade
Mary Kate Bendlage, Michael Chapman, Conner Gehling, Maddox Rung

9th Grade
Emily Boeding, Kayla Box, Alexa Dingman, Rachel Menke, Jacob Pothitakis, Brianna Wright

10th Grade
Kelli Meierotto, Mya Schmitz

11th Grade
Taylor Crabtree, Katherine Denning, Annabelle Scheetz, Emma Torgler

12th Grade
Blake Crabtree, Evan Ellison, Rhett Fullhart, Matthew Hellige, Quentin Schneider, Jayde Watznauer, DaYeong You

B Honor Roll

7th Grade
Henry Graham, Luke Hellige, Brayton Schneider, Adam Sobczak, Tobias Van Hamme, Jack Wearda

8th Grade
Reagan Holvoet, Jacob Hummel, Sheldon Kruse, Andrew Mehmert, Seth Moeller, Ethan Peitz, Mary Beth Scheetz, Edward Schroeder, James Stinson

9th Grade
Elliott Dostalek, Mary Hellige, Brooke Mueller, Riley Timmerman

10th Grade
Cody Briggs, Michael Di-Prima, Tessa Gendron, Blake Hemann, Raquel Schneider, Tyler Snaadt, Alexis Stalcup

11th Grade
Kyle Knepp, Kadin Medland, Trevor Mohrfeld, Jordan Mueller, Anna Schroeder

12th Grade
Hollie Burford, Abby Dingman, Mason Holvoet, Avery Hopper, Evan Meierotto, Jason Rees

Kuhlmeier gets monthly Industrial Arts recognition

FORT MADISON - The student selected for Industrial Arts Student of the month is Jordan Kuhlmeier. Jordan exhibits great work ethic and quality of work in the classroom. As a Junior he also competed in the Advanced welding division at the Iowa HS Craft Championships presented by ABC of Iowa. There were 16 competitors, 4 of which were from Indian Hills CC.

The award is presented by RadioKeokuk and Kerr Fabrication of Keokuk.



HTC's Graham wins University of Iowa art/writing awards



FORT MADISON - The Belin-Blank Center at the University of Iowa has announced the regional award recipients of the 2020 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Presented by the nonprofit organization, the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are the country's longest-running and most prestigious scholarship and recognition program for creative students in grades 7-12. T

Claire Graham, a senior at Holy Trinity Catholic High School, won two Gold Keys and an Honorable Mention in the poetry category, and a Silver Key in the painting category. In addition to this, her poem entitled, "My Town," has earned the honor of an American Voices nomination. Miss Graham will attend an awards ceremony at the University of Iowa's Belin Blank Center on Saturday, March 7th.



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The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:

Meeting Date: 2/18/20	Meeting Time: 5:30 PM	Meeting Location: City Council Chambers, 811 Ave E, Fort Madison, IA
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At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After adoption of the proposed tax levy, the Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Web Site (if available): fortmadison-ia.com	City Telephone Number: 319/372-7700			
Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2019/2020	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2020/2021**	Budget Year Proposed Maximum Property Tax 2020/2021	Annual % CHG
Regular Taxable Valuation	1 297,348,874	305,973,711	305,973,711	
Tax Levies:				
Regular General	2 \$2,408,526	\$2,408,526	\$2,478,387	
Contract for Use of Bridge	3 \$0	\$0	\$0	
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Opr & Maint of City-Owned Civic Center	6 \$0	\$0	\$0	
Planning a Sanitary Disposal Project	7 \$0	\$0	\$0	
Liability, Property & Self-Insurance Costs	8 \$76,000	\$76,000	\$76,000	
Support of Local Emer. Mgmt. Commission	9 \$9,660	\$9,660	\$5,500	
Emergency	10 \$80,284	\$80,284	\$82,611	
Police & Fire Retirement	11 \$534,940	\$534,940	\$566,480	
FICA & IPERS	12 \$949,080	\$949,080	\$904,510	
Other Employee Benefits	13 \$0	\$0	\$0	
*Total 384.15A Maximum Tax Levy	14 \$4,058,490	\$4,058,490	\$4,113,488	1.36%
Calculated 384.15A Maximum Tax Rate	15 \$13.64892	\$13.26418	\$13.44393	

Explanation of significant increases in the budget:

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If applicable, the above notice also available online at:

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*Total city tax rate will also include voted general fund levy, debt service levy, and capital improvement reserve levy

**Budget year effective property tax rate is the rate that would be assessed for these levies if the dollars requested is not changed in the coming budget year

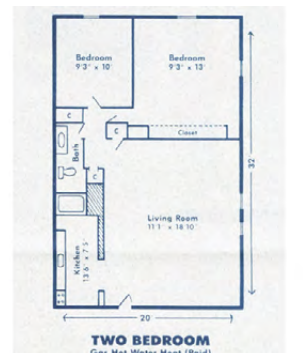
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Fareway, Dole offers Learning Garden program

BOONE - Fareway and Dole Packaged Foods LLC launched the second annual Learning Garden contest that will grant two elementary schools in Fareway's footprint with a Captain Planet Foundation Learning Garden. The contest began February 3 and runs until March 4, 2020.

Fareway shoppers can enter their school for a chance to win by visiting Fareway.com or <https://captainplanetfoundation.org/contest/fareway/> and filling out the contest application. Two lucky schools will win a comprehensive Learning Garden complete with lesson kits filled with supplies, a schoolyard garden, fully-equipped garden cooking cart, and strategies for summer garden maintenance.

The Learning Garden program provides a context for multidisciplinary learning, ranging from nutrition and science, to

social studies, math, and language arts. Students benefit by expanding their palates, taste-testing healthy foods, and learning about food origins.

Last year's winners were Interstate 35 Elementary School in Truro, IA; Medford Elementary School in Medford, MN; Truman Elementary School in Truman, MN; and Leeds Elementary School in Sioux City, IA.

"Dole is very excited to be partnering with Fareway again to bring two lucky schools Learning Gardens. It is so important for children to learn about where their food comes from and develop healthy eating habits at an early age," said Marty Ordman, Communications Director, Dole Packaged Foods.

"So many subjects can be taught in the garden and hands-on garden learning is an excellent

way to support student understanding of natural systems, food origins, and healthy eating," explained Leesa Carter, President & CEO of Captain Planet Foundation. "Captain Planet Foundation is dedicated to ensuring that kids are armed with an understanding of the natural world in which they live, and we are thrilled to be partnering again with Fareway and Dole Packaged Foods to provide two lucky schools with Project Learning Gardens."

"Fareway is excited to partner with Dole and the Captain Planet Foundation for a second year. We are committed to supporting educational excellence, and the hands-on garden and curriculum is an integral part of the conversation when teaching kids where their food comes from," said Jeff Stearns, Vice President of Marketing for Fareway. "We encourage every elementary school to consider entering for their chance at winning this great, free resource."

State still 28% short in precinct results

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"I downloaded it prior to last night. The app itself was extremely friendly. However, there were some authentication steps that, if not followed, could have made it difficult for some users."

But Fort Madison Precinct 2 chair Bob Morawitz wasn't able to have his results received via the backup phone in system until approximately 11:30 p.m. The caucus ended at Lincoln Elementary at 8:30 p.m.

Lee County Chair Mary Jo Riesberg was the precinct chair in Keokuk's Precinct 3 and finally got her votes entered at about 11:15 p.m. At 10:05 p.m. Monday, Riesberg had been on hold for over an hour.

"I'd say the caucus itself was well-planned. The reporting system is the issue," she wrote in a text Monday night. She couldn't speak via phone due to being on hold with IDP officials.

Riesberg said she

assumed the state ran some kind of a test, but users had varying degrees of difficulty downloading it.

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

"I know one person in Lee County used it with success. Maybe more, but I only know of one."

IDP officials released several statements throughout the day about the process and what the nation could expect.

"Today we informed campaigns that we will be releasing the majority of caucus results at 4 p.m. CST. Moving forward — just like we would have on caucus night — we will continue to release results as we are able to. We are also executing our plans and procedures to gather the paper documents and chasing any additional precincts to report results as we normally would on caucus night," wrote IDP Communications Director Mandy McClure Tuesday afternoon.

Troy Price, the IDP chairman, tried to explain some of the issues with a statement just after 8 a.m. Tuesday.

"We have every indication that our systems were secure and there was not a cyber security

intrusion. In preparation for the caucuses, our systems were tested by independent cybersecurity consultants," Price wrote.

"As precinct caucus results started coming in, the IDP ran them through an accuracy and quality check. It became clear that there were inconsistencies with the reports. The underlying cause of these inconsistencies was not immediately clear, and required investigation, which took time.

"As this investigation unfolded, IDP staff activated pre-planned backup measures and entered data manually. This took longer than expected.

"As part of our investigation, we determined with certainty that the underlying data collected via the app was sound. While the app was recording data accurately, it was reporting out only partial data. We have determined that this was due to a coding issue in the reporting system. This issue was identified and fixed. The application's reporting issue did not impact the ability of precinct chairs to report data accurately.

"While our plan is to release results as soon as possible today, our ultimate goal is to ensure that the integrity and accuracy of the process continues to be upheld."

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