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Still no caucus call

A Dead Heat: 100% reporting has Buttigieg up by just 1.5 delegates over Sanders

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – Pressure from national Democratic officials is coming to bear on the Iowa Democratic Party, as calls for a recanvass surfaced Thursday morning.

In a tweet this morning, Democratic National Committee Chair Tom Perez said the issues with the Iowa Caucus had gone on long enough.

“Enough is enough. In light of the problems that have emerged in the implementation of the delegate selection plan and in order to assure public confidence in the results, I am calling on the Iowa Democratic Party to immediately begin a



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recanvass,” Perez tweeted.

There’s been no answer on the Iowa Democratic Party website to Perez’s request and there are still 3% of precincts unreported as well as satellite caucus sites, which could be the determining factor in the state’s race.

As of 3 p.m. Thursday with 97% of the results released, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders had closed the gap on South Bend, Ind. Mayor Pete Buttigieg to just three state delegate equivalents, or .2%. Buttigieg stands at 550 with Sanders reportedly behind by three at 547.

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SPORTS

Bloodhounds win Southeast title again

Decker subs in at 195 and gets pin to boost Hounds in 54-18 win over Burlington

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

BURLINGTON – The Fort Madison Bloodhounds captured their second straight Southeast Conference wrestling title Thursday with a 54-18 win over Burlington.

The Grayhounds shifted some wrestlers around in the heavier classes



SMITH

as they tried to unseat the defending Southeast Conference champs in Burlington’s first year in the loop.

In one of the biggest wins of the night, Chance Decker came up from junior varsity and scored a pin over Burlington’s Emanuel Nunez-Villareal 1:18 into the first period.

Decker was able to work a 2-point takedown after Nunez-Villareal lunged at Decker. The Bloodhound sidestepped the shot and grabbed the Grayhound going by pulling him to the mat for a 2-0 lead.

After a stoppage in action when the wrestlers slid over the circle line, Decker had to go the sideline with a blown shoe at the 1:13 mark. With a borrowed shoe, Decker was able to get the advantage on the restart and roll Nunez-Villareal over for quick pin.

“He stepped up big,” Smith said of the win. “They put a different kid in there with Levi Lowney out thinking the might get a win, but Decker squashed that. I’m happy for him.”

Quinton Ross won in a forfeit at 145 to start the match, and then Mason Schau took the Grayhounds’ Owen

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County staff gets active attacker training

Efforts to delay an attacker help give law enforcement time

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

KEOKUK – On the heels of a Lee County department head almost demanding security upgrades at the North Lee County Courthouse, six county staff and one supervisor got tips Wednesday night on how to handle an active situation.



DONALDSON

Chad Donaldson, an investigator with the Lee County Sheriff’s Department and head of the Lee County Narcotics Task Force, gave the staff and Supervisor Gary Folluo more than two hours of information on how best to react and survive an active attack, not just in the office, but also anywhere else in life.

“We’re trying to get away from calling them active shooters, because once again if all you think about is events that involve guns, that’s all your going to plan for,” he said.

“As you’re all well aware, there are a lot of events happening that involve things other than firearms, such as driving vehicles through crowds and edged weapon attacks.”

Donaldson outlined several tactics to utilize in the event someone was looking to do harm in the South Lee County Court-



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Lee County Sheriff Investigator Chad Donaldson works through response stages of an active attacker with county staff Wednesday night.

house. He said people in courthouses can be full of emotion and stress and having a workable, and practiced plan is the best way to be prepared.

Donaldson said people looking to do harm are looking to hurt as many people as possible and as quickly as possible.

“We need to focus on limiting their targets of opportunity.”

He used the recent New Zealand mosque shooting as an example of what people who are intent on doing harm are seeing.

The shooter in that tragedy had a Go-Pro

type camera and recorded the shootings first hand.

That showed clearly how the shooter was determined to kill as many people as possible inside and outside the mosque.

“When it comes to the active attacker there is no set profile. Nothing easy that leads us to say, this is what this person’s going to do.”

“But once again, especially in the courthouse, you deal with the same people we

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Obituaries/Iowa News

OBITUARIES

JOSEPH M. SMITH

Joseph M. "Little Joe" Smith, 71, of Dallas City, Illinois passed away Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at the Great River Hospice House, West Burlington.

Joe was born on December 28, 1948 in Monmouth, Illinois, to Harvey and Barbara Hoskins. He was adopted and raised by Raymond and Elizabeth Smith. On September 5, 1981 he married Janice Myers in Las Vegas, Nevada. They later divorced.



SMITH

Mr. Smith was a 1967 graduate of the Dallas City High School. Joe served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was awarded two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart for his service. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and his friends and family. Joe loved to cook.

Survivors include his former wife, Janice of Dallas City; four children: Selina (Vernon) Tucker of Ft. Madison, Iowa, Stacey Pence of LaHarpe, Jason Smith of Dallas City and Ryan (Samantha) Smith of Dallas City; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three brothers: Chris (Billie) Smith of Stronghurst, Illinois, Danny (Lee) Smith of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and Rick Tate; three sisters: Jackie (Larry) Ferguson of Blandinsville, Ramona (David) Desotel of Danville, Iowa and Rhonda Ewing of Ft. Madison.



Joe was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Steve Hoskins.

A celebration of Joe's life will be held from 3:00 until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City. Military Rites will be conducted at 6:00 p.m. at Banks & Beals.

A memorial fund has been established in his memory. To leave a condolence please visit Joe's obituary at banksandbeals.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.

OBITUARIES

PATRICIA HEIDBREDER

Patricia Heidbreder, 86, of Ft. Madison passed away on Thursday, February 06, 2020 at 2:05 AM at her home.

She was born on July 18, 1933 in Ft. Madison to Roy and Violet Tucker Bartman. On September 28, 1957 she married John Heidbreder in Ft. Madison and he passed away on November 11, 1990. Patty worked at IAAP for several years and was also a bartender at Connor's Cove. She enjoyed gardening, flowers, and loved feeding hummingbirds. She and John enjoyed spending time camping and especially loved having their grandchildren join them. Patty enjoyed taking in strays whether it be animals or people. Patty loved feeding birds, especially hummingbirds. She served in the US Navy during the Korean conflict as a store clerk.



HEIDBREDER

Survivors include two daughters, Lyn (Buddy) Hoenig of Montrose and Bonnie "Shelly" Heidbreder of Ft. Madison; one son, John "Rob" Heidbreder of Ft. Madison; six grandchildren, Angela, Tasha, Brandon, Brice, Braun and Christina; eight great grandchildren, Ciara, Bailey, Jessa, Jada, Gayla, Gracie, Roberto, Belle and one on the way; one step brother, Terry Dietsch of Missouri and one step sister, Tina Marshall of Iowa City. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. There will be no formal services at this time and burial will be in Oakland Cemetery. Online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

State offers free elderly tax help

DES MOINES - The Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) reminds Iowans with low to moderate income, Iowans who are elderly, and Iowans with disabilities that they can get free tax preparation services at sites throughout the state.

Funding for this initiative comes from a two-year grant through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) grant program. VITA is an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) initiative designed to promote and support free tax preparation services for the underserved, in both urban and non-urban locations.

DHS contracts with the Iowa Center for Economic Success to promote and deliver the tax preparation services through coalition partners across the state. You can find locations and times for tax preparation assistance at: <http://theiowacenter.org/taxes/> or at <http://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/>.

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Opinion/Education News

Investigation records can remain confidential

BY MARGARET JOHNSON
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Q. Are law enforcement records open to the public and the press?

A. This is a frequently asked question of our office. Access to law enforcement records was originally addressed in 1982 in an Attorney General's opinion, Weeg to Holt, 82-10-3. That opinion interprets Iowa Code section 68A.7(5), now codified as section 22.7(5), which provides public access to "the date, time, specific location, and immediate facts and circumstances surrounding a crime or incident."

The opinion notes that a news reporter or citizen does not have to know about a crime or incident to obtain information about it. The record request could be a general one, to review the public record of police activities during the past 24 hours: "A citizen may request [Chapter 22.7(5)] information for a particular day or time, or for any number of days or times. The request is not required to specify the particular criminal incident for which the information is requested."

Generally, the opinion calls for routine access to all "date, time, specific location and immediate facts and circumstances" information, and the record custodian carries "the burden of establishing facts necessary to withhold public records. . . ."

More recently, the Iowa Supreme Court held in Mitchell et al. v. Cedar Rapids et al., 926 N.W. 2d 222 (Iowa 2019), that investigative records retain their confidential status even after an investigation closes.

In Mitchell, the Supreme Court used a balancing test to decide which records constitute information



relating to the date, time, specific location, and immediate facts and circumstances. The Court held that certain facts, such as the absence of any confidential police informants named in the record, absence of named but innocent suspects, a completed investigation and the presence of heightened public interest favor disclosure.

Did You Know that the Iowa Public Information Board staff is available to assist you with questions or problems involving open meetings and public records in Iowa? During the month of January 2020, 61 contacts were made with the Iowa Public Information Board office.

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Informal complaints 5
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HTC gives awards at Science Night Wednesday

Submitted article

FORT MADISON – The following students were honored with awards from the Holy Trinity Catholic Science Night on Wednesday at HTC high school.

High School

1. John Stinson
2. Jack Blint
3. Laura Mehret
4. Kayla Box

7th-8th Grade

1. Ellie Lake
 1. Andy Mehmert
 2. Clara Blint
 3. Regan Schmits and Isabella Callison
- Honorable Mentions – Cohen Gunnison and Daltin Boedings

Sixth Grade

- Aiden Dostalek 1st
 - Nathan Box 2nd
 - Chase Hemann & Corbin VanNiewaal 3rd
 - Lia Fullenkamp 4th
 - James Denning 5th
 - Henry Steffensmeier 6th
- Honorable Mention : Blake Mohrfeld, Emily Hummel & Sarah Menke, Emma Mohrfeld, John Hummel & Carson Pauly, Izzy Behne &

McKayla Schinstock

Fifth Grade

- Tie for First : Elizabeth Griffin and Emmalyn Snaadt
- 2nd Ellie Hellman
 - 3rd Peyton Howard
 - 4th Lucy Steffensmeier

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- 5th Elijah Kline
- 6th Jack Hellman

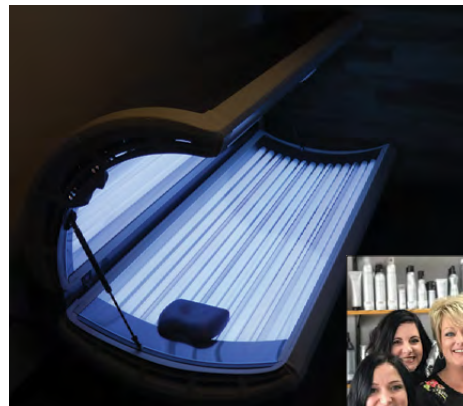
Fourth Grade

- 1st Morgan Krogmeier

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- 2nd Mason Cain & Jay Ellison
 - 3rd Olivia Bendlage & Calli Kruse
 - 4th tie: Faith Ward & Layne Schmitt and Emma Menke
 - 5th Stefan Berlett
 - 6th Mason Roach
- Honorable Mention: Tanner Snaadt, Chase Menke & Cooper Boylan, Noah Schinstock, Jacob Walker

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Sports

Team dual, individual qualifying up next

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George to a 5-5 tie in the second match of the night at 152 lbs.

Schau was up 4-1 in the first period scoring two take downs, but George was able to escape one and then escaped on the start of period 2 from the down start to make it 4-2. He would then get a take down to tie it up just before the end of the second.

Schau was set to start the third down, but Burlington gave a pass on the start and both wrestlers started on their feet, which awarded Schau a automatic 1-point escape.

At the 1:20 mark Schau would get George compromised, but the take down happened outside the circle and no points were awarded. George would get a free point on a stall against Schau off the restart to tie up the game. There would be a restart with two seconds left, but Schau would hang on to George to run out the time and force an extra session. George would then get a takedown in front of the Burlington bench in the sudden victory for a 7-5 win.

Senior Nathan Steffensmeier would get a lateral throw on Burlington's Nolan Simpson at 160 lbs for a 45-second pin to put the Hounds up 12-3.

Burlington would get two wins at 170 and 182 lbs to tie things up at 12 before Decker got his pin for an 18-12 lead.

Deigo Lozano and Tyler Hartman staged one of the more dramatic matches of the night at 220 lbs. Hartman had a couple injury time outs and was complaining of getting poked in the eye. One tie up in front of the bench on a shot from Lozano sent Hartman off the mat much to the dismay of

the Grayhound fans.

In then end, Lozano recorded an escape from the down start of period 2 and after one of the injury timeouts, Lozano was able to get Hartman to the mat for the pin 45 seconds into the second period for a 24-12 lead.

Lozano has been racking up quick pins of late and said he started a bit different against Hartman.

"He won the Fort Madison tournament at 195 lbs so he bumped up tonight. I just wanted to try and wear him out in the first and then put pressure on in the second period," Lozano said.

He said the goal of the night was to keep the conference title in Fort Madison.

"Coach Smith prepared us for this all week, and then got us all pumped up tonight before we came out. The goal was to keep the title in Fort Madison."

After Lozano's win, it was mostly Fort Madison from there on out. Danen Settles recorded a pin a 285, and then Fort Madison would get two forfeits to go up 42-12. Matthew Steffensmeier scored a 16-0 technical fall wrestling up a class at 120 and Owen Kruse had a nice 8-7 win over Ian Taylor at 126 also a class higher than his normal 120.

Class 3A's 5th ranked Duncan Delzell overcame an aggressive start from Fort Madison's Gavin Wiseman to gt a pin at 1:31 for Burlington's final six points of the night.

"He's had some stiff competition this year, but he held his own," Smith said. "I know he's not happy with the result, though."

Will Larson would clean things up with a 15-1

major decision over the Grayhounds River Belger.

Smith said it was a good conference season with the addition of the Grayhounds.

"It's great we could hold onto it and I think it's a good having them as a new addition to the conference. It makes it more challenging," Smith said.

Fort Madison is off until Wednesday when they travel to North Scott for team dual state qualifying and will take on Cedar Rapids Kennedy. The winner of that match will take on North Scott for the right to go to state in team competition.

Individual districts are on Saturday in Bettendorf where the top two wrestlers in each bracket qualify for the state meet which starts on Feb. 20 at Wells-Fargo Arena.

Complete results of the match are below
 Fort Madison (FOMA) 54.0 Burlington (BURL) 18.0
 145: Quinton Ross (FOMA) over Nick Wegmann (BURL) (Inj. [time]) 152: Owen George (BURL) over Mason Schau (FOMA) (SV-1 7-5) 160: Nathan Steffensmeier (FOMA) over Nolan Simpson (BURL) (Fall 0:45) 170: Julian Perez-Hall (BURL) over Austin Ensminger (FOMA) (Fall 2:24) 182: Nash Garlow (BURL) over Bryce Britton (FOMA) (Dec 4-2) 195: Chance Decker (FOMA) over Emanuel Nunez-Villareal (BURL) (Fall 1:18) 220: Diego Lozano (FOMA) over Tyler Hartman (BURL) (Fall 2:45) 285: Danen Settles (FOMA) over Daniel Remele (BURL) (Fall 0:55) 106: Emmett Kruse (FOMA) over (BURL) (For.) 113: Ace Meierotto (FOMA) over (BURL) (For.) 120: Matthew Steffensmeier (FOMA) over Brian Velazquez (BURL) (TF 16-0 4:00) 126: Owen Kruse (FOMA) over Ian Taylor (BURL) (Dec 8-7) 132: Duncan Delzell (BURL) over Gavin Wiseman (FOMA) (Fall 1:31) 138: Will Larson (FOMA) over River Belger (BURL) (MD 15-1)

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Sports



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Fort Madison's Owen Kruse hangs on against Burlington's Ian Taylor at 126 lbs. Kruse would score an 8-7 win to help the Bloodhounds to a 54-18 win and the Southeast Conference championship..



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Bloodhound senior Diego Lozano gets Burlington's Tyler Hartman to the mat for a pin at 220 lbs Thursday night in Fort Madison's 54-18 win over the Grayhounds.

YMCA youth soccer leagues forming

Submitted article

FORT MADISON – Spring Youth Soccer League registration is now open at the Fort Madison Family YMCA.

The Y's Soccer Program is broken into two leagues, Little Tykes and Lee County. Both leagues are designed to prepare and instruct players on the fundamentals of the sport while playing in game situations.

Little Tykes Youth League – Available to girls and boys 3 to 6 years of age. This league emphasizes on fun, with players having the opportunity to learn the basic skills of youth soccer while preparing them for the next level through game situations. The importance of teamwork, fair play, sportsmanship and cooperation are also emphasized in this league. This league is divided into two divisions: 3/4 years old and 5/6 year olds. Registration deadline is Sunday, March 15th; with late registration March 16th through March 22nd. A \$10 late fee will be applied to all late registrations and shirts are not guaranteed. Practices and games for Little Tykes Soccer League are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Baxter Sports Complex. Little Tykes season begins March 31st and ends Thursday, May 7th. Player and coach requests are available but are not guaranteed.

Lee County Youth League – Available to 1st – 6th grade boys and girls. This league focuses on the fundamentals of the game of soccer giving players the ability to expand on skills all while continuing to build positive sportsmanship to their foundation. Lee County Soccer League is divided into the following divisions: 1st/2nd grade, 3rd/4th grade, and 5th/6th grade. Registration Deadline is Sunday, March 1st; with late registration March 2nd through March 8th. A \$10 late fee will be applied to all late registrations and shirts are not guaranteed. Practices for Lee County Soccer League begin the week of March 16th. Times and locations of practices are determined by each teams' volunteer coach. Games are held at the Baxter Sports Complex on Saturday mornings. Player and coach requests are available but are not guaranteed.

Registration forms can be found online at www.fortmadison.org and at the Fort Madison YMCA at 220 26th St. Fort Madison, Iowa starting July 8th. Early registration is encouraged prior to initial deadlines to ensure a shirt for your player and to avoid the late registration fee of \$10.

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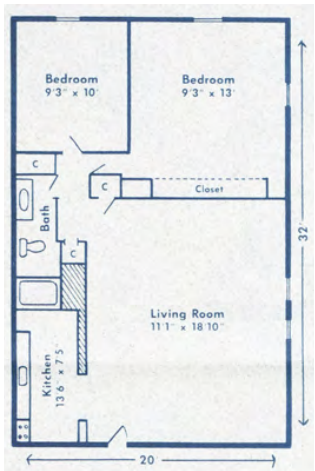
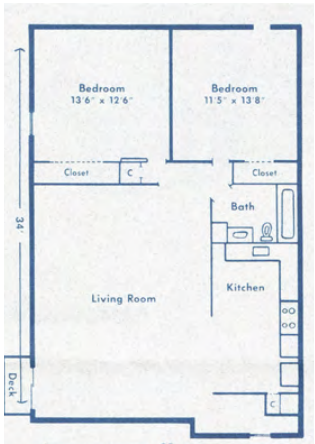
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From the Front

Avoid, conceal, and deny are key tactics

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deal with. Those same people are coming here, to attorney's offices, and to upstairs floors, and a lot of times they are upset."

Donaldson said people in the building need to be aware of their surrounding and be able to recognize when something doesn't sound right.

Typically, people will have three reactions when something dangerous is occurring, denial, deliberation and decisive movements, Donaldson said. He said human brains react differently than what he called "lizard" brain.

"A lizard encounters something out of the ordinary and it's gone, but humans will try to process it, or deny it. That's time that you lose in those situations," he said.

He said people in the building should know the difference between a stack of papers dropped on the floor compared to

a 'pop', 'pop', 'pop'.

"If you spend time telling yourself, No surely that couldn't be gun fire and your in denial, you're wasting time. Don't be in denial of what's taking place. If you're wrong, at least you'll be there to be wrong," he said.

He said the deliberation phase is when you realize something his happening and you need to execute a plan. If you don't have a plan, he said, you're wasting time in the deliberation phase. Practice plans result in the shortest time lapse in deliberation.

The decisive action is when a person is taking action to protect themselves. Donaldson said there are dos and don'ts in what actions to take.

He said keeping your heart rate under control with deep breathing to keep cognitive function. He said at 90 beats per minute is when the body loses fine motor skills. At 120 beats the body starts to lose complex motor skills, but the body is

in a better state to flee.

He said the first reaction should be to avoid the situation, which equates to running from the scene through the quickest exit you can find, or staying away from the scene. He said people react together. If someone runs, most people will run and that group mentality will create a delay in the attackers movements as they will have to process the running.

If you can't escape the building, Donaldson said you should look to deny access to the attacker, which includes hiding and barricading in a room, the heavier the barricade the better. He said using tethers to hold a door closed is workable, but stand away from the front of the door.

"Once again that takes time for the attacker to find targets of opportunity, and that gives law enforcement more time to react," Donaldson said.

Donaldson said average response time for law enforcement to arrive after being dispatched is three minutes. He said that's just til arrival. Entry, locating and stopping the suspect is additional time. That delay is when people in danger need to react. Stay mobile and look for exits.

Donaldson said law enforcement in those live active situations, will not stop for injured people until the threat has been neutralized.

"We have to eliminate the threat because if we're still hearing gun fire we will keep moving to the sound of that gunfire," Donaldson said.

"And even with an attacker down, law enforcement will still clear the building"

He said when law enforcement shows up the best thing to do is breathe deep, follow commands, show your palms and don't move. He said even though area law enforcement would know the people in the building, they will approach everyone the same way.

"At that point I don't know who's doing it and I have to approach everyone in the same fashion. We don't know if someone has had a bad day or what."

The training didn't include any physical activity, but a power point presentation along with some question and answer sessions. Donaldson said those options are available, but the training was a first step to get people thinking the right way.

Caucuses may take some time to sort out

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Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren and former Vice President Joe Biden are still 3rd and 4th in the delegate count with 381 and 331 respectively.

In Lee County, Buttigieg was 2.2 delegate equivalents over second place Biden and well in front of Sanders and Warren.

Recanvassing would require a hand-audit of all the ballots, a move that the Iowa Democratic Party said they were already in the middle of after learning of the reporting app's errors.

"We owe it to the thousands of Iowa Democratic volunteers and caucusgoers to remain focused on collecting and reviewing incoming results," said IDP Chair Troy Price said, noting that officials "identified inconsistencies in the data and used our redundant paper records to promptly correct those errors. This is an ongoing process in close coordination with precinct chairs, and we are working diligently to report the final 54 precincts to get as close to final reporting as possible."

Iowa caucuses are based on state delegates and not on popular vote, but for the first time, the Iowa Democratic Party is revealing a first-preference count, and a reallocated preference which happens after realignments are done at each caucus precinct.

In voters' first preference tally at the caucuses, Sanders had 24.7 percent, or 42,672 votes, and Buttigieg took 21.3 percent, or 36,718 votes.

In voters' reallocated preference, Sanders had 26.5 percent, or 44,753 votes, and Buttigieg had 25 percent, or 42,235 votes.

In Scott County, part of the Quad Cities, the two were dead even at 31.82 delegate equivalents each, a telling story as to how tight the race has turned out.



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