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Local first responders held the flag during the playing of the national anthem at the Fort Madison High School football game. The game was dedicated to all first responders and emergency response personnel.

State board sets new testing standards

DES MOINES – The State Board of Education this week approved performance levels that determine how many students met expectations on Iowa’s new state test, the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP)

The board adopted performance levels based on a recommendation from a committee of Iowa educators and the test’s developer, Iowa Testing Programs at the University of Iowa. The recommendations were shared during Thursday’s board meeting, along with statewide test results based on the performance levels.

“Our students must be ready to meet the demands of the 21st century,” said Gov. Reynolds. “Iowa’s new state test introduces higher expectations and new measurements to better assess student progress as well as improve accountability in our education system. Partnering with educators and students, our state will continue to ensure access to STEM, computer science and work-based learning programs to better prepare our young people for their future success.”

“These recommendations are a testament to Iowa teachers who hold high expectations for what students should know and be able to do at each grade level,” Iowa Department of Education Director Ryan Wise said. “Having challenging statewide academic standards and a state test that better measures progress in meeting the standards will help prepare students for the demands of postsecondary education and the workforce,” Wise said.

ISASP replaced the former Iowa Assessments, with students taking the new tests for the first time in the spring. The English language arts and math tests were administered to students in grades 3 through 11, while science tests were given in grades 5, 8 and 10.

The new state test went beyond the traditional paper-pencil format and multiple-choice questions to include an online format and an assessment of student writing.

Student performance on the ISASP was scored at three levels: Advanced, Proficient and Not Yet Proficient.

A committee of 185 Iowa educators met in July and participated in a nationally recognized process



REYNOLDS

Watch groups talk city crime stats

BY CHUCK
VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Over some hot dogs and beverages, about a dozen Fort Madison residents gathered in Old Settler’s Park to talk crime and neighborhood watch groups.

Representatives from the 34th Place, Lincoln, and Dry Creek Neighborhood Watch groups spoke to the group about getting a neighborhood watch started in their area of the town.

Larry Lee Stewart, of the Lincoln group, gave a detailed description of criminal activity in the area, including small crimes like property damage and larcenies to violent crimes.

His violent crime information comes from a Federal Bureau of Investigation database and outlined



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Larry Lee Stewart outlines some of the city’s heavier crime areas. Stewart’s presentation was part of a forum put on by the city’s three current neighborhood watch programs.

where in the community there are hot spots of crime.

Steve Howard, with the 34th Place group, has helped get the other two groups. He told a story

about a vehicle that was moving through the area a couple years ago the group brought to the attention of authorities who were able to catch the man and

put him in jail on multiple counts.

“This thing works,” Howard told the group.

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Sports

Clippers run away from Hounds in 2nd half

Hounds were down by just one in the third quarter

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – From the looks of things on the opening kick off, it was gonna be a long night for the Bloodhound football team Friday night.

But as it turned the Hounds played some of their best football of the year in the first half of a 35-13 loss to Clear Creek-Amana at Richmond Stadium/Youel Field.

Fort Madison won the toss and elected to receive on a night honoring our areas first responders, but the Hounds didn't respond, and left the kick-off laying in the grass as if it was punt, allowing the Clippers to recover and start at the Fort Madison 22-yard line.

With the Hounds squandering winning the coin toss and the Clippers offense starting the game just 22 yards off of paydirt, the Hounds were in trouble early.

But a quick pass from Ryan Navarra to TJ Bollers was met viciously by Kaeli Maestro. The 5'8"-200 lb linebacker put his shoulder into Bollers on the Clippers first possession forcing Bollers to cough up the ball and it was recovered by Calem Maclearn at the Clear Creek Amana 41-yard line.

Fort Madison then put together it's best drive of the night going 59 yards in the next 16 plays. At 1st and goal from the nine yardline, junior quarterback Will Larson tried to slice in from the four and ran into a stiff Clipper line. Larson coughed the ball up from under the scrum and Diego Lozano, for the second time this year, recovered it in the endzone for the touchdown. Fort Madison would miss the point after.

The two teams would trade possessions capped by a sack by Lozano on a 4th and 4 play, where Navarra tried to escape to his right, but the speedy Lozano, tracked him down to end the drive,

Fort Madison would run six plays highlighted by a 13-yard reception from Larson to Quentin Schneider, who reined in the ball after diving for it to the right. But the Hounds couldn't keep anything going, which would be the case in most of the 2nd half, as well.

On 4th and 11, Head Coach Derek Doherty called a time out and put in a play that had Parker Denning open inside the pylon down the left side, but Larson overthrew his target, a common theme for the night for Larson.

Clear Creek-Amana put together a six-play drive and



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison quarterback Will Larson scoots in from a yard out to bring Fort Madison within 1 at 13-14 in Friday night's 35-13 loss to Clear Creek-Amana. Larson's dad Randy, second from far right in the gray shirt, watches on the sideline.

on 2nd and 11 from their own 41, Navarra hit Bollers just behind the line of scrimmage and Bollers shook off about five tackles all the way to end zone down the left side to take a 7-6 lead

"I want to start off saying I'm super proud of our guys, they emptied the gas tank. We preach attitude and effort and they brought it tonight, I just wanted to say that to start," Doherty said.

"We didn't finish some things and when you don't finish tackles bad things happen like that. That's a pretty good football team and we're just not quite there yet."

Fort Madison would go four-and-out after the kick and were forced to punt, and Clear Creek-Amana would find the endzone on the second play on a 51 yard touchdown toss from Navarra, but an illegal block on the play sent the Clippers back to the drawing board.

Nine plays later Navarra hooked up with sophomore Harrison Rosenberg for a 25-yard pass, again with Rosenberg running down the right sideline cutting and making Bloodhounds miss on the way to take a 14-6 lead.

Fort Madison would get a nifty return on the kick off from Brock Calif, all the way to the Hounds 49. Fort Madison ran five plays and then let the game clock slip down to 1:23 before calling a time out on 4th and 1 at the 23.

The Hounds ran a play-action keeper to the right side, but Larson couldn't find enough room to convert a first down and the Hounds

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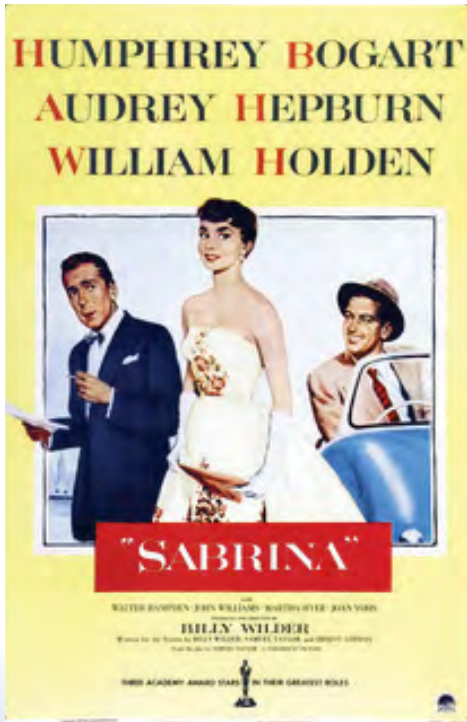


Fort Madison's Quentin Schneider (3) gets a clean look at Clear-Creek's Ryan Navara (6) in the second quarter. The Clippers came away with a 35-13 win Friday night.

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Sports

Britton a spark for Bloodhounds defense with eight tackles

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turned it over with 1:18 left in the first half.

CC-A would then run eight plays in the 1:18 throwing on all but one, where Navara slipped away around the end for a 15-yard gain. One 3rd and 10 from the Hounds 28 Navara again found an open receiver down the middle, but laundry was thrown on the field again and the play was nullified. The Clippers ended up turning it over on downs and the score would stay 14-6 at halftime

Doherty said Clear Creek made some good adjustments at halftime to take away the short lateral passing game that was opening some lanes for Hound receivers.

“Credit to them for running routes and making plays,” Doherty said. “We had some receivers open tonight, too. Football is about execution and if we execute on some things, maybe this is a different conversation.”

The Hounds made some changes of their own in the lockerroom. Romeo Maestro, jumped a route from his outside backer spot and picked off a pass on the Clippers first play from scrimmage to open the half.

Larson would gain a couple on 1st and 10 and then hit Michael Mosena in the flat and he would gallop 31 yards to set up a 1st and goal at the 7. Three plays later, Larson would run an option left off a play-action and would tuck the ball in and slip past the Clippers defense into the endzone to make it 13-14.

But that’s all the Hounds would put on the board, while the Clippers would handle the rest of the scoring in the 2nd half. Navarra would cap a 12-play 63-yard scoring drive on CC-A’s next possession.

The Hounds held at 2nd and 1, and 3rd and 1, but then Navarra would slip into the endzone on a read option to the right on 4th and 1 for a 21-13 lead.

The Clippers also got rushing scores from sophomore Gage Freeman on a 24-yard breakthrough for a 13-28 lead and then Cole Pfister would break free for a 15-yard score with about 9 minutes left in the game to set the final score 35-13.

Romeo Maestro continues to lead the defense with 7.5 tackles, a sack and an interception on the night. Bryce Britton had eight tackles and four for losses.

“Bryce Britton, that’s a guy that’s probably not going to get a lot of credit but he played his tail off,” Doherty said. “That’s a kid that has bought into everything we do. He got his number called tonight, he was a captain, played with his hair on fire and I’m proud of him.”

Larson went 17-33 for 134 yards. He also had 11 carries for 27 yards and the score. Fort Madison had just 59 yards on the ground and 204 yards of total offense.

“They dragged us into some deep water and we just didn’t have enough bodies,” Doherty said.

“We’re looking a 1-0 after next week I mean that’s what we’ve said all along. One week at a time and I firmly believe in that mentality. Nothing we can do about this loss other than learn from it. Losing sucks, but if we don’t learn anything and grow from it, it’s just a loss.”

The Hounds (2-1) return to Richmond Stadium next Friday when the Burlington Grayhounds come calling. The Grayhounds (1-2) knocked off Clinton 33-26 Friday for their first win of the season.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison’s Will Larson (8) throws a dump pass to Brock Califf (5) in Friday night’s 35-13 loss to Clear Creek-Amana. The Hounds fall to 2-1 overall and play host to Burlington (1-2) this Friday.

“

They dragged us into some deep water and we just didn’t have enough bodies.”

-Derek Doherty
FMHS Head Coach



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Sports/Lottery Numbers

Mt. Pleasant just too much for Central Lee

Central Lee happily looking forward to some 2A games

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

DONNELSON - Nick Ehret looked over at the celebrating Mount Pleasant football team, and the Central Lee coach knew his team wouldn't see the size of players like the Panthers had for the rest of the season.

"I hope not," Ehret said with a laugh. "Not that I'm aware of."

The Hawks' 55-7 loss on Friday night was the program's 14th consecutive defeat, but Ehret saw signs that, with West Burlington-Notre Dame ahead next week followed by district play, there was improvement.

"We did some good things," Ehret said. "That's just a very good team, big and physical. But yeah, we did some good things."

The Hawks (0-3) trailed just 14-0 at the end of the first quarter before the Panthers (2-1) dominated with a 41-point second quarter.

"Defensively, I thought we did some good things,"

Ehret said. "But I just thought we got overwhelmed at times."

Central Lee has played Fort Madison (Class 3A), Mediapolis (Class 1A) and Mount Pleasant (Class 3A) to start this season, teams with larger numbers than the Hawks.

WB-ND is a Class 2A team, and then the Hawks play their final five games against opponents in 2A District 6.

"We're getting to that point where we're sick of (losing)," Ehret said. "Now they have to do something about it."

"We're playing teams we feel we can compete against. We match up well. But we still have to go out there and play. Nobody is going to roll over for us. Everybody's got weapons we have got to stop. But we're happy to be through these first three weeks."

Mount Pleasant's opening scoring drive took just 57 seconds, capped by a 24-yard touchdown pass from Brody Bender to Rylan Seberg.

The Panthers fumbled in Central Lee territory on their next possession, but the Hawks couldn't move the ball. Bender then threw a 71-yard touchdown pass to Chase Williamson on the ensuing possession for a 14-0 lead.

Mount Pleasant then scored six touchdowns in the second quarter. Logan Bass had two touchdown runs of 9 and 43 yards. Jack Johnson had a 62-yard touchdown run. Isaiah Albright had a 15-yard touchdown run, then Bender threw a 33-yard TD pass to Seberg. Klayton Kleinkopf closed the scoring in the quarter with a 31-yard touchdown run. Johnson rushed for 147 yards. Bender threw for 163 yards.

The Hawks scored in the fourth quarter on Dalton Westercamp's 2-yard run, then had another touchdown called back because of a penalty.

Westercamp rushed for 43 yards. Adam Boeck threw for 42 yards, then Mason Schau threw for 67 yards in the second half. Trent Stutes had five catches for 105 yards.

"Offensively, we did some good things, but we still have some things to sort out," Ehret said.

Ehret said the Hawks showed improvement after last week's 82-14 loss to Mediapolis. "We played hard tonight, which was definitely an improvement from last week in how we played," Ehret said. "Our attitudes were better."

He knew the Hawks had survived their early games. "We had three tough teams to start the year. We did," Ehret said. "But we're through it."

Watch groups want to help other neighbors get started

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He said the data compiled by Stewart was eye-opening.

"These charts just blow you away," Howard said.

Stewart said he there were too many things going on today.

"We just had too many events going on today and it just sucked people away from here," Smith said.

"We had eight or nine people that weren't from the watch, but the rest were from the

groups. But we did have a good conversation with one person who's very interested in getting a group started in her neighborhood, so that makes it all worth it."

Stewart said the numbers over the past six years show a shift in crime in the city to several concentrated areas. One near 8th and G. Smith said Fort Madison is the No. 1 city in the state for stolen bicycles. He also said 90 percent of all stolen motor vehicles in Fort Madison during the same time have been taken because the keys were left in the vehicle.

Stewart said that six guns were taken from the motor vehicles taken and only three have been recovered. Two of those were taken by juveniles.

Stewart said his non-violent crime statistics were compiled from Pen City Current's For the Record section, which is information received daily from Fort Madison Police Department and Lee County Sheriff's Department. He said he left out shoplifting charges.

The groups have been holding open meetings and now community meetings to help educate residents in other neighborhoods on creating and sustaining their own watch groups. Anyone interested in more information on how to get the watch groups started can visit them on Facebook at (34th Place) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1563343443950722/>, (Lincoln) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/742909882536500/>, (Dry Creek) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1574131209554770/>.

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Scene Around Town/Classifieds



Fiesta Royalty

At left, Carmen Mesecher, 16, of Fort Madison, daughter of Bonnie Pennington and Jamie Mesecher was crowned Mexican Fiesta Queen for 2019. At right, Alissa Fraise, daughter of Lisa Fraise, was named 2019 Mexican Fiesta Princess.



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the classifieds

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FORT MADISON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING September 16, 2019 6:00 P.M. Finance: DiPrima/Menke AGENDA

- I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum
- II. Recognition of guests
- III. Reading of Foundation documents
- IV. Monthly communica-

tions

- A. Student Rep Report –
- B. Curriculum Corner - Deb Hentzel, CLC Data from 2018-2019
- C. "Did You Know?"
- D. District Presentations
 - Splash Into Science
 - Summer Projects
- E. Superintendent Goal Report

V. Approve the agenda

VI. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

1. August 19, 2019 Regular Meeting

2. September 9, 2019 Work Session

B. Financial reports

1. August Balance Sheet

2. August Revenue Summary

3. Expenditure Report

4. Student Activity Report

C. Accounts payable

1. August General Account Board Bills for Approval AMEX

2. September General Account Board Bills for Approval

3. Student Activity Account Board Bills for Approval AMEX

4. Nutrition Account Board Bills for Approval AMEX

D. Consider personnel resignations

1. Katie Coffman, associate at the middle school

2. Darria Doty, associate at Richardson

3. Michael Davolt, associate at the middle school

E. Consider employment of personnel

1. Jared Rehm, 8th grade volleyball coach

2. Travis Cullen, assistant high school football coach

3 Sarah Kohl, full Key Club sponsor

4. Mark Cartwright, inside concession stand manager

1/2

5. Kelly Knustrom, inside

concession stand manager 1/2

6. Dana Smith, NHS sponsor

7. Natalie Eid, custodian at Richardson

F. Consider contract modifications

1. David Zaccari, high school band teacher, contract to include ten extended days

G. Consider leave of absence

H. Consider open enrollment requests

I. Other reports

1. Director moved and director

seconded the documents submitted in the consent section of the agenda be approved and/or filed as submitted.

VII. Action Items

A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services – Kim Harmon

1. Superintendent – Erin Slater

1. Consider approval of policy changes

200.1 - Organization of the Board of Directors

200.1-R-1 - Organizational Meeting Procedures

903.5-R-1 - District Wide Logo Regulation

2. Consider approval of the FFA request for travel from Bonnie Peterson-Slee to attend the National FFA Convention from October 30th through November 2nd.

3. Consider approval of 7th and 8th grade science to travel to the Florida Keys in the spring of 2021.

4. Activity and athletic fundraisers

5. Consider approval of lane changes

C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager – Sandy Elmore

1. Approve Disposal Report FY19

VIII. Discussion Items

A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services – Kim Harmon

1. CSIP Goals and preliminary enrollment count

B. Superintendent – Erin Slater

1. Consider policy changes

201 - Board of Directors' Elections

202.1 - Qualifications

202.2 - Oath of Office

202.3 - Term of Office

202.4 - Vacancies

202.5 - Student School Board Representatives

203 - Board of Directors' Conflict of Interest

210.2 - Board Meeting Procedure

501.5 - Attendance Center Assignment

2. Sample format for future district fundraisers

3. Board Member Attendance

C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager – Sandy Elmore

1. Comments from the audience

X. Legislative update

XI. Announcements

Board Meeting Dates 2019-2020

October 7, 2019 6:00 P.M. – Work Session, Board Room, Central Office

October 21, 2019 6:00 P.M. – Regular Meeting, Board Room, Central Office

November 4, 2019 6:00 PM - Work Session, Board Room, Central Office

November 5, 2019 - Board Elections

November 18, 2019 6:00 PM - Regular Meeting, Board Room, Central Office

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XII. Adjourn

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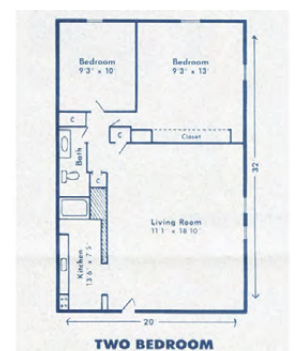
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to determine the recommended performance levels, which define the range of scores for each of the three performance levels. The process was led by Pearson, a vendor of Iowa Testing Programs.

The committee also reviewed the impact of the performance levels when applied to 2019 assessment results before recommending them to the State Board of Education.

On Thursday, board members reviewed the same “impact data,” which represent statewide proficiency rates for each grade level, subject area and subgroup of students, such as students from low-income backgrounds.

2018-19 Statewide Student Proficiency Rates

“This is a different, more challenging test that is

better aligned with Iowa’s academic standards,” Wise said. “These results set a new baseline for future progress on the test. They should not be compared to results from previous years because the test is new and different.”

Results by school and school district will be available in October. Parents will receive individual student results from their schools.

Iowa’s academic standards and assessment complement other state education efforts and achievements, including:

- The nation’s highest graduation rate (91 percent).
- The nation’s most extensive teacher leadership system, which taps into the expertise of top teachers to strengthen teaching around them and raise student achievement. In 2018, Iowa saw a significant increase in school districts reporting they met student achievement goals.

•A focus on connecting students with future careers through a statewide expansion of work-based learning opportunities, computer science instruction, career and technical education programs, and a statewide science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) initiative.

•An early literacy screening system to catch and address reading problems in kindergarten through third-grade students early on. Since 2015, the share of students who met or surpassed benchmarks has climbed nearly 7 percentage points.

•A school accountability system that includes a focus on postsecondary readiness and student engagement and safety in addition to student achievement and growth.

“Iowa has the right roadmap in place to prepare all students for success in high school and beyond,” Wise said.

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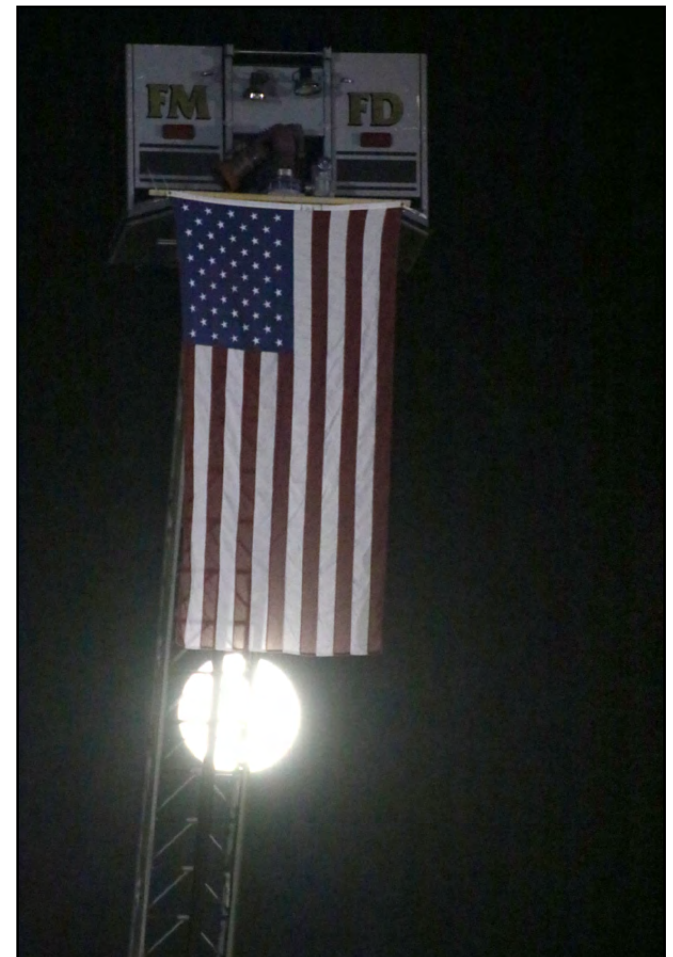
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