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From above & below the hill

ISASP first time runs smoother than expected due to technology, student, staff responsibility, efforts

As with any launching of a new approach to testing and technology, a feeling of insecurity hovers over the atmosphere, but the first running of the ISASP online testing proved to be a well-oiled machine.

Though there was a deep concern that Chromebooks would not be charged or function correctly, students and technology staff proved those fears wrong.

"I was very proud of our students being responsible with charged Chromebooks. The first day of testing only 17 extra ones had to be issued and we had 90 available. The next two days we only used 20 and 23 of them; those are outstanding numbers considering we tested nearly 1,000 students," said Media Specialist Kim Foley-Sharp who

orchestrated the academic event with the organization of Guidance Counselor Conrad Kiebler.

"We had a few snags the first morning, but after that most students and staff members were into the swing of things. I was pleased with everyone's efforts and energy to make our first time, a pleasant one," said Kiebler.

In a random survey of 52 students after the first day of testing, the consensus was that switching from the paper format to the online one was not as difficult as they had expected it to be.

Also, 34 students out of the 52 students surveyed agreed that it was boring, but a more fun way to take it.

~ Jaye Katz



Chromebooks in hand, students head for their last of the three days of ISASP testing which took place in their PAWS sessions.



Down by the Quad City Times building south parking lot, signs direct traffic to safe places. The Mississippi River rose higher than the 1993 flood level to break a record of 22.63 with an expected crest of 22.7 on Friday, May 3, 2019.

Record flood hits QC

As part of the sandbagging efforts to protect the lowa side of the Quad Cities, senior Ryan Lampo who registered for the National Guard assisted with carrying and placing sandbags at Buffalo, Iowa.

"I put in from three o'clock until eight o'clock moving sandbags one of the days. It was hard work, but worth the experience. When I got home, I crashed," said Lampo. Prior to his sandbagging activity, Lampo witnessed the power of the Mississippi River.

"The day that the water inundated Second Street in Davenport, I was not working with the National Guard, but observing when the Mississippi River quickly had people rushing to their cars in the parking lot as it powerfully within minutes flooded the area with about three to four feet of water," said Lampo.