Loebsock says he’ll keep fighting for federal CTE funding

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR
FORT MADISON – With a pronounced skills gap in Lee County, career training education is floating up to the top of state school priority lists and U.S. Rep. Dave Loebsack visited Fort Madison High School Thursday to look at what's happening in that arena locally.

Loebsock took a 30-minute tour with Fort Madison High School Superintendent Dr. Erin Slater and Principal Greg Smith visiting the school's welding, culinary, automotive, and ag classes, and spoke with instructors about the programs.

Loebsock asked what the biggest need was and Smith told him resources to expand the program. Smith said he uses federal Perkins grants to help put equipment and supplies in the programs, but that money is short lived. He said local businesses and industries have donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to the high school programs, but resources are still a high priority to expand.

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College in Cedar Rapids, offer certificate programs where students can earn dual credits on site, including job certifications, and go to work right out of high school.

Loebsock, who taught at Cornell College in Iowa for 24 years, said the generation that looked at college as the ultimate prep for a career has passed.

"I don't believe that people need a degree beyond the graduate degree," he said.

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Slater says district assessing above state, federal requirements

but they can get a great job without doing that. They might have to go to a community college, but not always do they even have to do that.”

Slater said the district is working closely with industrial and business partners to identify how the district can help with demands on those employers.

“Greg’s a part of it, too. We sit at the table with business and industry and say, ‘What is it that you’re needing, what is the workforce demanding, and what can we do to help to help get kids plugged in?’ Those conversations are important to have,” Slater said.

Loebsack said he’s not convinced that Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos knows what she has to have, “Slater said.

“The good news is more and more schools are doing exactly what you folks are doing here. Again, it goes back to what are these students going to do when they are done here, and just recognizing that setting people on a four-year track and beyond is not necessarily the way to go.”

Loebsack said the economy is a big factor in maintaining the need for these programs so high schoolers are a valued resource for employers.

“As long as the economy is going strong, we’re going to be able to get these kids jobs.”

Loebsack also asked how the district was performing with the Every Student Succeeds Act, which is the federal education mandate that replaced No Child Left Behind in 2015 under President Barack Obama.

“Your district is sending them to us, and we make sure we are successful so we need to do that, but one of the things our district has been working on the last four years is multiple assessments, formative assessments. Doing that on-time real-time instruction and then that real-time feedback for kids and teachers,” Slater said.

He said No child Left Behind focused on everyone being above average which really made no sense.

“I think No Child Left Behind is a classic example of Congress making a law not knowing what the hell they were doing,” Loebsack said.

Slater said she believes the district is assessing students at a higher level than the government requires.

“We need to because those are the faces we see very day. Parents, are sending them to us, they’re expecting them to be successful so we need to make sure we are doing everything we can,” Slater said.

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GEORGE BROWN

George Brown, 75 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at his home. He was born January 11, 1944 in Pennsylvania, a son of George Andrews and Louise Brown. He first married Charlotta Grant. She preceded him in death. On January 21, 2000 he married Beverly (Hoenig) Wenke in Fort Madison. She survives.

George worked as a bowling alley mechanic. He and Beverly were co-owners of Americana Bowl for years. Later in life he flipped houses. He was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers, Chicago Cubs, and country music fan. He was very humble and kind.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly Brown of Fort Madison; one son, Joseph Brown of Fort Madison; three daughters: Kim (Bryan) Morehouse of Fort Madison; Susie (John) Frey of Toronto, Ohio; and Sherry (Johnathon) Sherrell of Steubenville, Ohio; one step-son, Martin (Trac) Wenke of Argyle, Iowa; one step-daughter, Cathy (Greg) Garrels of Burlington, Iowa; three sisters: Mary Brown, Marlene Brown, and Laura Marie Jones, all of Fredrickstown, Pennsylvania; several grandchildren, great grandchildren, step-grandchildren and a step-great grandchild; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife Charlotta, and two sons, William Lee Brown and George C. “Pokey” Brown.

Private graveside services and burial will be at a later date at Oakland Cemetery, Fort Madison. Barr Memorial Chapel in charge of the arrangements. A memorial has been established, contributions may be made at the Barr Memorial Chapel. Online condolences to the Brown family may be made at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

**For the Record**

- **Fort Madison Police Report**
  - 08/28/19 – 9:31 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 700 block of Avenue G.
  - 08/28/19 – 11:06 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1200 block of 26th Street. Fort Madison Police arrested Jessie Marie Maddox, 46, of Fort Madison in the 1200 block of 26th Street on a charge of 1st-degree harassment. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

- **Lee County Sheriff’s Report**
  - 08/28/19 – 10:41 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Cole Allen Wyatt, 22, of Montrose, at the sheriff’s office on a charge of OWI-1st offense. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear.

- **Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report**
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The following is a list of current events and happenings in Fort Madison and north Lee County as submitted to the Pen City Current.

### Lunch-Ala-Art
The Fort Madison Area Arts Association is holding Lunch-al-a-Art Friday at noon featuring Parthenon Pizza, salad, and dessert for $9. Kath Neff will then host a gallery talk on fiber art. Call 372-3996 for details.

### Chamber Ladies Golf Outing
The Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce will be holding its 8th annual Ladies Golf Outing on Sept. 13. For more information or to register your team email the chamber at chamber@fortmadison.com or to volunteer.

### Riverview Games
The Fort Madison Riverview Games are back! On Sept. 14 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Riverview Park. Fort Madison service clubs, OCLI Iowa Fertilizer, Chamber of Commerce, First State Bank, and Hy-Vee, the Fort Madison YMCA, Kempker’s True Value Rental and the Chamber are sponsoring this year’s event. Volunteers are still needed. Contact the Chamber at chamber@fortmadison.com for details or to volunteer.

### Pop Can Drive
The Fort Madison Middle School bands will be hosting their annual Pop Can Drive on Sept. 14th at FMMS from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Drop off location is no north side of the school. All redeemable cans and plastic bottles will be accepted. No glass or recyclables. Proceeds help defray costs of the band department. Contact Lisa Knipe at 319-372-4687 with questions.

### Bloodhound Booster Events
The Fort Madison Bloodhound Booster Club is hosting a BINGO night on Sept. 21, at the LULAC Hall in Fort Madison. Also the Booster Club is having organizations in the area sponsor the Bark and Bite at home football games this year. Wilson BBQ is sponsoring this Friday with pulled pork sandwiches and baked beans.

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Hounds, Hawks ready for opening week clash

Doherty trying to make it three straight over Hawks in home opener

BY ETHAN LILLARD
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON—Heading into the fourth-consecutive season of the Lee County rivalry between the Hounds and the Hawks, Central Lee has a chance to even the series between the two programs at 2-2 over the five year span.

Both teams are starting fresh in different ways however, coming into the 2019 campaign.

Long-time Bloodhound head coach Derek Doherty now finds himself at the helm for Central Lee’s 2019 campaign.

“'They're pretty identical to us,'” Doherty said. “'They change their offense and they change their defense. Coach Ehret and I shared film, we decided that would be the fair route to go. We saw a lot of the same things we run. We’re intrigued by that matchup to line up against their 11 and see who can execute better.'”

With the Hounds opening the season at home Friday night, getting off on the right foot and getting the first win of the Doherty era is crucial. A win Friday is just after a rough 0-9 season.

Both teams will also look similar in styles of play on both sides of the ball according to their head coaches.

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With the Hounds opening the season at home Friday night, getting off on the right foot and getting the first win of the Doherty era is crucial. A win Friday is just the momentum boost Fort Madison needs to start the season off hot.

“We’re going to be about energy and effort and having a good attitude and execution,” Doherty said. “We know what our kids are capable of, it’s just getting them to do it. For a lot of them, this is their first chance to execute under Friday night lights. That’s exciting because we know how hard they worked this summer and here is their opportunity.”

Last season Fort Madison went with a pass-heavy approach, as newly graduated Lennan Barker aired the ball out a team-high 283 times for 1,630 yards. By comparison, Kali Maestro led the team with 343 rushing yards on 88 attempts, while Diego Lozano ranked second on the team in rushing with 26 totes for 206 total yards.

Maestro and Lozano both return for their senior campaigns looking to improve upon last season’s numbers, but the 1,630 passing yards may be harder to replace. The good news is it appears Fort Madison has an idea of who will be running the huddle this season with junior Will Larson taking first-team reps under center.

Larson will be without two of the team’s leading receivers from last season in Dom Frantz and Shaymour Redd-Donald, but Parker Denning and Michael Mosena both saw the field for plenty of snaps last season and look ready to take over lead receiving roles this year.

As for Central Lee, regrouping from a winless season is one thing, but playing on the road against a bigger school makes Friday’s contest even more of an uphill battle. Ehret knows Friday will come down to flight or fright for the Hawks.

“It’s obviously a big test for us to play a bigger school,” Ehret said. “They’ve got us the last couple of years. We just have to go out there and compete to the best of our abilities and hopefully we can do a little better than we did last year.”

Defensively Fort Madison won’t have to worry about slowing down the Hawks former leading rusher in Tyler Hopp, but they will have to be ready for the aerial attacks from now senior quarterback Evan Pohren who tossed a team-high 625 yards last season. As for formations and style of play, expect it to be somewhat of a mirror image of what Fort Madison will look like.

“Week one is crazy because you don’t know,” Doherty said. “Yeah, we shared film, but we have some things inside of our system that we didn’t show on film and I know that they have the same. It’s kind of a crazy start I guess.

“You never know what you’re going to get from them this first week. They’ve got some good athletes out there. Coach Ehret is a fantastic coach, so you know that their guys are going to be disciplined and ready to go and know what they need to do.”

Two schools, two programs looking for a fresh start and two coaches who are looking to build a foundation for their futures both this season and beyond.

While the program matchup and coaching matchups are intriguing, at the end of the day, players play and coaches coach.

“We talk to them about control the controllables, but once Friday night happens we can call plays and stuff, but we’re really out of the mix,” Doherty said. “It’s up to them to get down and do what they need to do.”

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**Bridges Training**

A Bridges Out of Poverty community training session sponsored by Young House Family Services will be held Wed. Sept. 11 at The Landing in Montrose beginning with check-in at 4:30 p.m. Training runs from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and is free. To register email Shayla Blackburn at sblackburn@younghouse.org or by phone at 319-371-7465.

**Girl Scouts Discovery Night**

All girls are invited to join in on a free Discovery night on Sept. 18 at the Fort Madison Public Library from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more information visit the website at [www.girlscouts.today.org](http://www.girlscouts.today.org) or call 800-798-0833.

**North Lee County Relay for Life**

The annual Relay for Life takes place this year on September 27th from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. and will feature Maddie Poppe in Concert. This year’s theme is “idols of strength.”

**Weekly Book Sale**

Friends of the Fort Madison Public Library is holding a weekly book sales from 11 a.m to 1 p.m. on Thursday’s at the Public Library.

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**Fort Madison Farmer’s Market**

The farmer’s market continues through Sept. 30 on Mondays on the east side of Central Park in Fort Madison from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Every second Monday is Kid’s Day at the market.

**Kensington events**

The Kensington is offering Senior’s Only Community Bingo on the second Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m. The event is free for seniors and cash prizes are awarded. Caregivers Connection is held the 4th Tuesday of every month at noon. Call 319-372-4233 to reserve your seat.