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Student straw poll picks Trump over Sanders

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

FORT MADISON – A straw poll conducted of potential student voters at the Fort Madison High School has President Donald Trump leading among all presidential candidates.

Of the 224 votes cast at the High School Monday morning, 58 were for Donald Trump (25.9%), while 46 or 20.5% went for Democrat Bernie Sanders. Other top vote getters were former Vice President Joe Biden with 8.5% of 19 votes; and South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg caught 15 votes or 6.7%.

Democrats Tulsi Gabbard and Elizabeth Warren each garnered 13 votes, while Democrat Beto O'Rourke, who visited the school on the day he announced his candidacy earlier this year, got 12 votes. Andrew Yang was the only other candidate to garner at least 10 votes.

The poll was conducted after students, who will be eligible to vote in the 2020 general election, registered to vote through the Iowa Secretary of State's office website

This was a statewide effort and the goal is to get 90% of the students who are eligible to vote registered," said FMHS history teacher Mike Ehlers.

"If we get 90% registered, we get the Carrie Chatman Catt award. That's being put on statewide, but part of this is students becoming more civic-minded," Ehlers said. "We talk about Iowa Common Core and it's standards and this ties right into that being a participatory member of society," Ehlers said.

Catt was an Iowan that was a national leader in the women's suffrage movement.

Ehlers said supporting Trump has been hard for some of his students to vocalize.

"Some of my government kids are afraid to be vocal

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Never shiver

Your Heat & Air guy Tom Schulz dressed up as part of the wildly popular Lee County Sheriff's Office's "No Tricks, Just Treats" event on Monday night. Children and adults estimated at close to 1,000 worked through the halls of the LCSO.

> Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Salvation Army still offering student weekend meal bags

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A meal program that began this fall in Fort Madison is providing weekend meal bags for students.

The program is sponsored by the Salvation Army and was pilot program in Keokuk last year. This year Fort Madison students in grades K-5

are eligible to take home a weekend food kit at no charge.

There is also no income limitations on the program.

Donna Palmeter, Food Ministry/ Public Relations Assistant with the Fort Madison Salvation Army, said not putting income limits was important because it allowed the program to cover any child that may be going to bed hungry.

"Not income based at all. Anybody can do it," Palmeter said. "The reason we have it that way, is that some people may make a nice income, but have medical bills or other reasons that keep them from making it every month."

"We just make it open to everyone so no one should feel left out. Lee County is the 4th highest in the state for food insecurity so we want to try to help meet those needs."

She said currently the program has 147 kids, but their are resources available to provide for more children each week.

"We got a grant last year to fund it so we have the funds to help a lot more children and families," Palmeter said.

The Keokuk program

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City releases details on ATV, golf cart law

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – The following is statement from the City of Fort Madison on the new law allowing golf carts, All-Terrain Vehicles and Utility Task Vehicles on city streets with city limits.

The Fort Madison City Council passed an ordinance allowing the use of the vehicles within city limits and the new law will take effect on Friday, Nov. 1.

These vehicles cannot be operated upon primary road extensions such as Highway 61/2 through Fort Madison.

Restrictions:

None of these vehicles shall be operated on or parked upon City sidewalks, any City park property (except park roadways and parking areas), upon that portion of the street located between the curb and the sidewalk or property line (referred to as the "right-of-way") except for the purpose of crossing the same to a public street upon which operation is allowed.

None of the vehicles may be operated on upon a city street which is a primary road extension through the City. Said vehicles are permitted to cross a City street which is a primary road extension through the City, if necessary, to reach City roads where legal operation is permitted. These primary roads include: Hwy. 2/61, X32 and 18th Street to Avenue L, J48 and 15th Street to Avenue H, 48th Street, Bluff Road. Said vehicles may only be operated on City streets between sunrise and sunset; Golf carts, ATVs and UTVs are prohibited on City streets during inclement weather when visibility is reduced or impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions or at any other time when there is insufficient light to clearly see a person or vehicle on a roadway at a distance five hundred (500) feet (roughly one

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Sports

HTC girls hitting stride with BND sweep

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON -There is a different level, even with inexperience, for Holy Trinity's volleyball team once it gets into the postseason.

It showed in Monday's 25-12, 25-19, 25-20 win over Notre Dame in the Class 1A regional quarterfinal at Holy Trinity.

The No. 8 Crusaders (26-10) play host to Seymour (16-16) in Thursday's semifinal.

Holy Trinity is going after its 10th consecutive trip to the state tournament, but the Crusaders have had a few ups-anddowns this season.

This match, coach Melissa Freesmeier said, was one of the Crusaders' better efforts.

Holy Trinity Catholic's Kassi Randolph (2) and Katie Denning (22) put up a block against **Burlington Notre Dames** sophomore Katy Stephens in the first set of Monday's three game sweep by the Crusaders. Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

"It's fun when they do what they're capable of doing," Freesmeier said.

The Crusaders split their last four matches of



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Holy Trinity Catholic's Kassi Randolph (2) and Katie Denning (22) put up a block against Burlington Notre Dame's sophomore Katy Stephens in the first set of Monday's three-game sweep by the Crusaders.

told them to be aggressive, and I think we were tonight."

The Crusaders dominated the opening set, building an early 7-2 lead. Notre Dame battled back to within 22-11 before Holy Trinity closed the set by winning three of the final four points.

The second set looked like it would be just as

at 16, when Pothitakis had three consecutive kills and the Crusaders were in command. Hopper's tip fell to the court on match point, and Holy Trinity was advancing.

It's all about confidence. "These kids, when they

realize how good they really are, can really do great things," Freesmeier said.

BHS puts down Fort Madison's upset bid

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP

BURLINGTON — The start was perfect.

And then it turned into a wake-up call.

Fort Madison High School's volleyball team struck early and often in Tuesday's Class 4A regional semifinal against Burlington High School.

But the Grayhounds quickly responded to end the Bloodhounds' season with a 25-19, 25-22, 25-14 victory.

Fort Madison finished with a 15-24 record. Burlington advanced to play at North Scott in next week's regional final.

The Bloodhounds, who lost to the Grayhounds three times this season, started strong, scoring seven of the first eight points and leading 14-5 in the first set. Jillian Wiseman, Fort Madison's leading hitter this season, had six kills and a block in the opening run.

Then Burlington scored 13 of the next 14 points. Three of the points came on service aces from Carley McGinity. Kylie May had two kills and Bailey Wiemann, Alyssa Dameron and Angel Baylark each had one.

"I think it's a matter of them waking up, we rotated Jillian out of the front row, we made a few errors, made our kids think a little more, and Burlington got some momentum," Fort Madison coach Kent Bailey said. "They're a good team. They've got multiple hitters. They got going and we didn't get them stopped."

Fort Madison had an early deficit in the second set, but came back for a 21-20 lead. Then the Grayhounds closed the set with a 5-1 run — Baylark had two kills and then May had a kill on set point.

Wiemann took over to start the third set, with three kills and a block as Burlington built an 11-8 lead. Fort Madison scored two consecutive points, then the Grayhounds scored 10 of the next 11. Baylark had three kills and McGinity had two in the run.

"We had opportunities," Bailey said. "Our kids played well. It's just a matter of a mistake here, a mistake there. A couple of hitting mistakes, a serve receive error. We allowed them to get a jump on us.

"Give our kids credit. We battled. I knew they would."

Wiseman finished with 15 kills on 42 of 51 hitting to lead the Bloodhounds.

"Jillian is a special player," Bailey said. "And I hope she understands that. A 5-foot-10 kid who can hit the ball like that, she's a definite asset to our program. I hope someday she realizes how good she was."

Bailey appreciated his team's effort.

"We played a tough schedule," he said. "We've got a number of young kids — we had a mix of younger and older kids playing, and they played tough. We played a lot of different kids this year, and hopefully that bodes well for next year."

Lauren Bailey was 14 of 14 serving with an ace, led the Hounds with 16 assists and had 12 digs on the night. Gracie Pumphrey had 13 digs to lead Fort Madison on defense.

Lee County Health Department - 2019 FLU CLINIC SCHEDULE

Methodist -Keokuk 1:00pm-4:30pm 10/17 Heritage Center **Keokuk** 10:00am-Noon 10/22 Parkview Apts.

10/10-Trinity United

West Point 11:00am-Noon 10/22 Rose Michael

Gardens Ft. Madison 1:00pm-2:00pm



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11/4 Montrose Public Library 9:00am-10:30am

11/5 Twin Oak Apts. Denmark 9:00am-10:00am

11/7 Newberry Center Ft. Madison 10:00am-Noon

11/12 Hillview Village Ft. Madison 10:30am-Noon

11/14 River Terrace Keokuk 9:00am-10:00am

11/14 Trinity United Keokuk 1:00pm-4:30pm

11/19 Hoerner YMCA Keokuk 8:30am-10:00am

11/20 Donnellson Public Library 12:30pm-1:30pm

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For the Record

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Fort Madison Police Report 10/25/19 – 8:55 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 400 block of 11th Street. 10/25/19 – 8:52 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a personal injury report in the 1500 block of Avenue E. 10/26/19 - 1:37 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of 37th Street. 10/26/19 – 3:30 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2400 block of Avenue G. 10/27/19 – 8:04 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Donald Epps, Jr., 39, of Fort Madison in the 1800 block of Avenue D on a charge of public intoxication. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 10/27/19 - 9:25 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 400 block of Avenue H. 10/28/19 – 2:11 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Marty Joe Cochenour, 43, of Fort Madison in the 100 block of Avenue C on a warrant for 1st-degree harassment. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 10/28/19 - 8:56 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report

Lee County Sheriff's Report

of a larceny/theft in the

600 block of 9th Street.

10/25/19 – 12:14 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jacob Wayne Bridges, 38, of Keokuk on Hwy. 61 on a charge of driving while barred. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on his own recognizance. 10/25/19 - 5:42 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Matthew Kristian Smith, 22, of Donnellson, at the sheriff's office on a charge of probation violation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 10/25/19 - 3:29 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Derrick Lance Blaine, 35, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for 4th-degree theft. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear. 10/26/19 - no time list-

ed – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kristofer Charles Johnson, 20, of Cedar Rapids, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for probation violation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 10/26/19 - 7:11 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Douglas Edward Rhodes, 50, of Keokuk, in the 1200 block of Bank Street on a warrant for domestic assault with bodily injury. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 10/28/19 - 5:39 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Chad Ray Davis, 53, of Donnellson, at the Lee County Jail on a warrant for a judgment hold. He was held in custody, 10/28/19 - 11:53 a.m. -Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested a 17-year-old male juvenile at the Juvenile Detention Center, on a charge of inmate assault. He was held at the center for a court appearance. 10/28/19 - 2:30 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Ruben Joseph Bowman, 41, of Burlington, no location listed, on a warrant for contempt of court. He was released on bond.

Hancock County Sheriff's Report

10/23/19 - Amber A

Mathews, age 37, of

Hamilton, IL was arrested on a McDonough County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay on original charges of Operating an Uninsured Vehicle. Mathews was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date. 10/24/19 - Delbert J. Kellum, age 44, of Keokuk, IA was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay on original charges of theft. Kellum was released on his own recognizance and given a future court date. 10/24/19 - Danielle R. Clark, age 28, of Carthage, IL was arrested on a Hancock County warrant charging her with Violation of Bond. Clark remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting her next court appearance. 10/24/19 – Skylar A. Mulch, age 21, of Quincy, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging

him with Failure to Appear/

Failure to Pay on original charges of Improper Use of Registration. Mulch was released on his own recognizance and given a future court date. 10/24/19 - Victor A. Aragona, age 48, of Carthage, IL was arrested on a Hane ck County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of Disord rly Conduct. Aragona was released after posting the required bond and given a future co. rt date. 10/24/19 – Tyler J. Korn, age 19, of Warsaw, IL was arrested and charged with Possession of Cannabis More Than 10 Grams Less Than 30 Grams. Korn was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date. 10/25/19 – Tristan A. Cain, age 18, of Bowen, IL was arrested and charged with Disorderly Conduct. Cain was released on his own recognizance and given a future court date. 10/25/19 – Breeanna M. Whitten, age 22, of Carthage, IL was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine. Whitten was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date. 10/25/19 - Regan N. Cheatham, age 25, of Carthage, IL was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine. Cheatham was released on her own recognizance and given a future court date. 10/27/19 - Stephanie G Hildebrand, age 28, of Hamilton, IL was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended. Hildebrand remains lodged in lieu of bail awaiting her next court appearance. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

10/25/19 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to deer rescue from a swimming pool, one medical, one car accident with injury. 10/26/19 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls, one car accident 10/27/19 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls. 10/27/19 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one false alarm, two medical calls and one lift assist.



Sports/Weather



Hounds fall

At left, Reyna Lampe's attack catches the top of the net as Angela Baylark (3) and Carley McGinity (1) try to block. At right, sophomore Logan Johnson (16) goes for a kill against the Grayhounds' Madison Bunton (10) in the third game of the Bloodhounds' three-game loss to BHS.

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Letter to the Editor/From the Front

Golf carts, ATVs, UTVs must be registered with the county, IDNR

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standard City block);

Vehicles covered under this ordinance may only be operated by persons possessing a valid operator's license and who is at least eighteen *18) years of age, or by any person with a valid, State-issued "instructional permit" and accompanied by an adult possessing a valid driver's license in accordance with Iowa law(s).

Operators shall observe all State and local traffic control regulations and devices. No operator shall be under the influence of intoxicating beverages, narcotics or habit-forming drugs, and open alcoholic beverage containers are not permitted in or

No person shall operate a golf cart, ATV, or UTV in a careless, reckless or negligent manner which endangers others or causing injury or damage.

All riders must remain seated at all times;

No more than two adults may ride in the front seat and no more than two adults may ride in the back seat if said seat exists.

No part of any rider or operator may extend beyond the sides of the vehicle; Children must be accompanied by an adult driver and must follow all the require-

ments of this subsection except the capacity limits as long as all children are seated on the seat and no part of the body of the child extends beyond the sides of the golf cart,

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mohrfeld has right vision for FM

To the Editor,

First of all, I would like to congratulate Mayor Brad Randolph on his very successful tenure as the Mayor of Fort Madison. Brad has demonstrated a great vision for our community and has worked diligently to make many of these ideas become a reality. Thank you Brad for your service to our community!

In order to continue to move our city forward, we need to elect a candidate with similar vision and goals. We have that individual in Matt Mohrfeld. Matt has stated a list of goals for Fort Madison that includes looking beyond the present to the future, improving infrastructure and public safety, increasing cooperation and collaboration between city and community interests, remaining fiscally disciplined and continuing to promoted health and wellness. Matt is a proven businessman, having grown a family business into one of the largest of its kind in the Midwest. This requires skills in dealing with employees and suppliers, fiscal management and promotional expertise. Skills that are essential to hold the office of Mayor of Fort Madison. Please join me in voting for a proven leader as our next mayor. Please vote for Matt Mohrfeld for Mayor of Fort Madison on November 5th.

Larry D. Smith



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IDNR Registration:

All such vehicles will be required to register the ATV, UTV or Golf Cart with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

The owner of each shall be required to provide proof of ownership. This includes but is not limited to the bill of sale, and, if applicable, a prior title signed over by the previous owner, IDNR registration or registration from appropriate out-of-state authority. Persons who are the original owner would need the bill of sale and a manufacturer's Certificate of Origin.

All shall be required to be properly registered with the IDNR and display their current registration decal. The current registration certificate shall be carried on board. Lee County Permit:

No one shall operate a Golf Cart/ATV/UTV within Fort Madison City Limits unless the owner possess a Lee County Permit issued by the Lee County Recorder. The Lee County Recorder shall issue a permit only when the owner has provided the following:

Proof the operator is aged 18 or older.

Proof the vehicle is currently registered with the IDNR.

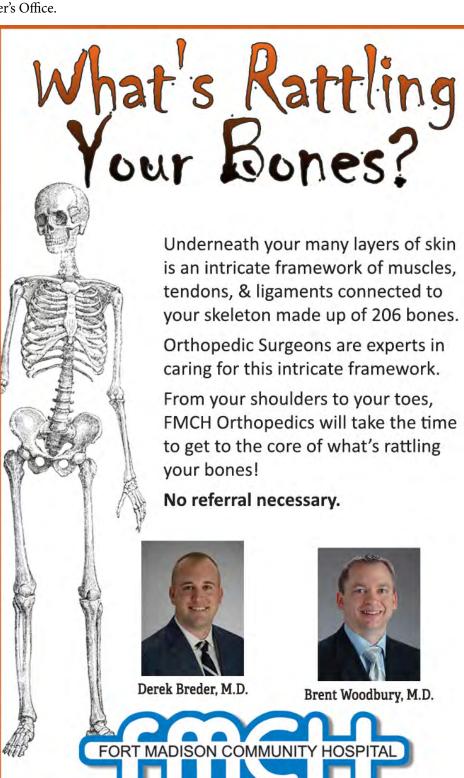
Proof the owner and operator have liability insurance covering the operator of the ATV/UTV in Fort Madison with the minimum coverage of \$50,000 bodily injury per person, \$100,000 bodily injury per accident and \$50,000 property damage.

All permits shall be issued to a specific vehicle and receive a specific decal for that vehicle. The decal shall be affixed to the rear of the vehicle along with the current DNR decal so that it is clearly visible.

The Lee County Recorder will need to see a driver's license for all owners and they must be at least 18 years old.

For insurance coverage the Recorder will need to see the declaration page from the policy showing the owner or owners names, the specific vehicle covered, and the amounts of coverage. Insurance cards will not be accepted.

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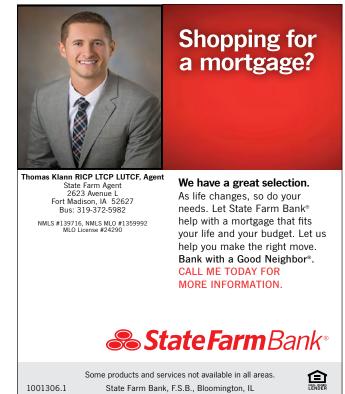
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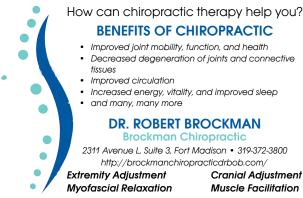








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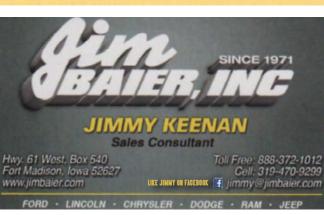
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From the Front

High School offers group voter registration for juniors, seniors

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about their support of Trump because of the backlash they would get here in SE Iowa," Ehlers said.

"Some mentioned that Trump was responsible for bringing down the head of ISIS over the weekend and that they switched their vote to him."

High School Principal Greg Smith said the students registered to vote and then were presented with a number of other questions, including whether they plan on voting, and if they are currently aligned with any candidate. The information then goes to the Secretary of State's office to track how many students were registered.

"My take is they just want kids to sign up. Most kids don't vote because they just don't know the process to sign up, and they don't want to mess with it," Smith said. "So now they're getting them to sign up and then they can just walk in and do it," Smith said.

He said the process also brought up identification issues for some of the students that need to be rectified before they can register.

Matthew Meierotto, a senior said the process was helpful.

"I haven't looked much into politics, My parents are Democrats, but I haven't looked into either side of things. I've always been interested about the process. When they go around and give speeches I like to watch that," he said.

Meierotto, who's just short of his Eagle Scout rank in Boy Scouts of America, said he heard Trump speak at a Boy Scout Camp Jamboree in 2017 at the Summit Bechtel Reserve.

"I think he was the first president to ever come to one of those so I thought that was pretty cool."

Dryden Dorothy said it was simple to register at the school, but he didn't under-

stand why young people thought it was such as inconvenience.

Quinton Ross registered to vote through the system and said he thinks Trump is doing a good job.

"I'm strickly going for Trump because I think he's a nice man, doing a decent enough job right now, and I haven't heard any issues happening since he became president," Ross said.

Tanner Brown also said Trump was doing a good job and he was impressed that Trump made a trip to North Korea. Brown also said Trump's push on China has been good for the country

"No one was expecting those things," Brown said.

Arren Harrington, another senior said he registered that morning and said it was very simple process.

Harrington said he supported Trump because of his stance on gun control and tariffs on some goods like electronics. But he said tariffs on grain has had a negative impact on the local economy.

"He's not changing the country drastically as in like taking away our guns and stuff, and he's fighting for our civil rights. He's keeping it the way it should be. Keeping it the way it's always worked best."

Madelyn Swigart, a junior, said she wasn't sure who she was voting for, but was leaning to the Democratic ticket.

"It's all kinda new to me. I think I lean more toward the Democratic side because of stances on things like abortion, and definitely the environment," Swigart said

"Global warning is a big thing and it's important to me that the next president fix things because it's getting worse and worse"

Lauren King, another junior who registered Monday, said the group registering is a good idea.



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FMHS History teacher Mike Ehlers and Principal Greg Smith talk with students about registering to vote Monday morning at Fort Madison High School.

"I think it will get more people to register. I don't think the youth sees this as a big deal and they don't care that much," she said.

She said it's just now hitting her that she will be able to vote. She said she hasn't identified herself with any party.

"My dad is a Trump supporter, because he likes some of his views, but he doesn't agree with everything."

The straw poll also favored Sen. Joni Ernst garnering 81 votes (36.2%) of

the student's support with Democrats Kimberly Graham getting 51 votes and Theresa Greenfield getting 40.

In the U.S. District 2 Representative race, Democrat Rita Hall had an astounding 118 votes (52.7%) while Bobby Schilling had 62 votes and Marinanette Miller-Meeks got 44 votes.

Out of the 224 that filled out the straw poll, 191 (85.2) said they will register to vote when they are old enough. 33 or 14.8% said they would not.

Grades K-5 meal kits still available

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provides meals for K-8th grade and Palmeter said Fort Madison School officials cut the program to K-5 for the first year.

The packages include four meal type foods like a ravioli or mac & cheese, some breakfast options like a cereal bar, or a small box of cereal, snacks and fruit juice.

"It varies from week to week. We put them in grocery sacks and we have volunteers get together once a week and take them to the schools. Over the whole time we've had more than 28 volunteers," she said.

She said local banks and factories have got on board with volunteers, and Arctic Ice donates totes to keep the food cold. She said the Calvary Assembly of God Church donates space to help put the bags together.

"We're still learning and growing as we do it."

Parents have to sign their children up for the meals however, due to potential allergens.

"They do have to sign up because we try our best not to have peanuts or peanut products in any of the food items, but parents have to sign indicating they will check for allergens"

Palmeter said the program isn't on a clock and the Salvation Army will continue to serve meals as long as the need and funding are available.

"We have funding to reach quite a few more kids so we just want to get the word out there so people are aware," she said.

Registration forms can be picked up at the Fort Madison Food Bank, the Community Action Center, the Salvation Army itself or Richardson, Lincoln or Fort Madison Middle schools.

Palmeter said just take the registration forms to the student's school and school officials will get in contact with the Salvation Army.

