Residents get first look at new trash cart plan

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - It started with a bang as residents peppered a city-hired consultant with questions about the new trash cart program being instituted this summer for Fort Madison residents.

Laura Liegois, with Municipal Connections, welcomed about 40 residents into Fort Madison Council Chambers Monday night as part of three community forums set to help residents understand and adapt to the new program that will be in full effect by July 22.

The program will provide, at a minimum, one 65-gallon trash cart to each address in the city. Residents will no longer pay the current $15 per month solid waste fee and additional task stickers will no longer be sold. Each residence will be assessed $15 per month for the new 65-gallon container. A 95-gallon container is available for an additional $2.50 per month.

Resident Jim Inghram jumped into the conversation before Liegois could get started with her presentation, asking how the city can go from allowing two 40-gallon containers to one 65-gallon container at the same cost to residents and say nothing has changed.

"So this is what - a done deal?" Inghram said. "There's no vote, there's no 'hey, were not interested... no 'hey, you've been lying to us...' this is just take it and shove it right up my butt and like it, huh?"

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FMHS students stage 2nd walk-out

Students say they’re protesting violence, not just guns

BY ANIAH ROSS  
PCC INTERNS

FORT MADISON - Last Friday a couple dozen FMHS students walked out of their classrooms at 10:00 am. They stood outside the buildings for 26 minutes and 13 seconds, 26 minutes for the Sandy Hook Elementary shooting and 13 seconds in honor of the Columbine shooting thirteen years ago. Each student was out there for their own reason, their own purpose, but all were in agreement that “thoughts and prayers do nothing”.

The organizer of this walkout was senior Sara “Sally” Johnstun. She made sure that this walkout was for something and not an excuse to get out of school. Johnstun had many opinions and thoughts which she voice at the walkout along with others who participated.

"A big misconception about the students who are speaking out is that we want to take guns away. We don’t want to ban all guns. We want there to be tougher background checks and extensive training like there is when it comes to driving a car," said Johnstun. "I also think its ironic when my generation gets made fun of for our use of technology and how we’ve become zombies who can’t think for ourselves and we’re lazy and everything, but then when we voice our opinions and actually do something about the issues that are being challenged right now in America, all of a sudden our opinions are dismissed.

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Recount doesn’t change school bond issue

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE - After about eight hours of counting and scanning ballots from the April 3 Fort Madison School District’s bond referendum election, the results stayed the same and the referendum has officially failed.

According to Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise, there were two “undervotes” in two different precincts and one undervote in the absentee ballots. The absentee ballot was blank so didn’t count toward either side.

After recounting all the ballots, there was one undervote that was a “yes” and another that was a “no.” All the other ballots were counted correctly and the referendum has officially failed," she said at about 3:15 Tuesday.

Three women, Carol Ross, who was appointed by the district, Janet Fife-Lafrenz, appointed the county and Marjorie Wilhelm, who was selected by the other two, spent a full day separating the ballots into yeses and noes, a done deal,” Inghram said. “There’s no vote, there’s no ‘hey, we’re not interested... no ‘hey, you’ve been lying to us..., this is just take it and shove it right up my butt and like it, huh?’

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Fort Madison Police Report
04/20/18 - 2:33 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/ theft in the 500 block of 15th Street. 04/20/18 - 12:12 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a theft in the 300 block of East Main Street.

*edit: Dottie Louise Shirkey, 41

04/20/18 - 9:19 p.m. - Fort County Jail and held.

He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 4800 block of Avenue O, on a charge of 5th degree theft (enhanced).

Hunter Joseph Sorenson, 18, of Burlington in the 4800 block of Avenue O, 04/20/18 - 5:37 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Hunter Joseph Sorenson, 21, of Burlington in the 4800 block of Avenue O on a charge of 4th degree theft (enhanced). He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 04/20/18 - 9:19 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Jodie Louise Sherry, 41 of Fort Madison, in the 700 block of 15th Street on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 04/21/18 - 12:42 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Tyler Edward Rung, 20, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 24th Street and Avenue L, on a charge of driving under suspension. He was released upon citation. 04/21/18 - 1:24 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Daryn Michael Ackley, 23, of Keokuk, in the 600 block of 4th Street on a warrant for failure to pay fines. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 04/21/18 - 10:26 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2200 block of Avenue D. 04/21/18 - 1:25 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2900 block of Avenue L. 04/21/18 - 4:34 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 2900 block of Avenue L. 04/21/18 - 6:00 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Brooke Sue Peterman, 39 of Fort Madison, in the 2100 block of Hwy. 81 on a charge of simple trespass. She was released upon citation. 04/21/18 - 6:15 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Devin Scott Lenz, 23, listed as homeless in the 1200 block of Hwy. 61 on a charge of OWI-1st offense. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 04/22/18 - 12:26 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 3100 block of Avenue O. 04/22/18 - 2:45 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny theft in the 1200 block of Avenue F. 04/22/18 - 6:38 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny theft in the 3100 block of Avenue O. 04/22/18 - 6:38 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny theft in the 2900 block of Avenue L. 04/22/18 - 6:38 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny theft in the 3000 block of Avenue O. 04/22/18 - 6:38 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Devin Scott Lenz, 23, listed as homeless in the 2900 block of Avenue L.

Kimmi Jo Nelson, 19, of Fort Madison at the police station on a charge of violation of a protection order. She was released with a court date.

Lee County Sheriff's Report
04/20/18 - 4:58 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Brandon Paul Heston Whippie, 28, of Keokuk in the 3600 block of Iowa Road in Keokuk on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 04/21/18 - 3:41 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested James Brett Stinson, 29, of Keokuk in the 4000 block of Main Street in Keokuk, on charges of speeding, no insurance and felon in control of a firearm. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on a pre-trial release. 04/22/18 - 7:41 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Timothy Scott Belmonti, 47, of Keokuk, at the intersection of 7th Street and Blondev in Keokuk on a charge of possession of intoxication. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

04/21/18 - 12:39 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jason lee Morris, 53, of Fort Madison in the 2600 block of Avenue O in Fort Madison on charges of driving while intoxicated (DWI)-2nd offences, interference with official acts, assaulting a law enforcement officer, no proof of financial liability, speeding, failure to use headlamps and 1st degree harassment. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held those listed above are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.
FMHS down MP in boys tennis

Hounds move to 3-3 on the year with win over Panthers

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison boys tennis team edged Mt. Pleasant 6-4 in a make up game from the wintry weather a couple weeks ago.

The Bloodhounds got four wins in singles action to secure the win.

Austen Krueger downed the Panthers’ Corbin Brooker 6-1, 6-4 at No. 2 singles and both Jason and Vasin Thurman won at Nos. 3 and 5 singles matches. Jason won in straight sets 6-2, 6-3. Vasin took Jack Schimmelpfennig into a tie break 6-3, 3-6 (10-3), and then Gage Hinz won at No. 6 singles over the Panthers’ Donnie Arledge 6-4, 6-3.

At No. 1 singles Ethan Weber knocked off FMHS’s top swinger Sam Avery 6-4, 6-3 and Mt. Pleasant’s Elijah Pooster beat Blake Feuerhammer 6-4, 7-5.

In doubles action Avery and Krueger teamed up for a win over Brooker and Jason Hoyle 7-6 (7-2 tiebreaker) 6-2. The Thurman brothers lost to Weber and Schimmelpfennig 6-4, 7-5, and Feuerhammer and Hinz lost at the No. 3 doubles 1-6, 6-3 (8-10) in the tiebreaker.

“Austin Krueger played a nice sound match in singles,” said head coach Dean Hogan. “Ivy and Brey played a good doubles match today.” Avery and Krueger did very well in their doubles and are both those guys are getting better and better each match said head coach Dean Hogan. “Thurman and Thurman, lost to Weber and Schimmelpfennig 6-2. The Thurman brothers lost to Weber and Schimmelpfennig 6-2, 7-5. The Bloodhounds got four wins in singles action to secure the win.

In junior varsity doubles, Henriksen defeated Bryce Workman 6-0, 6-2. David Nguyen defeated Blake Feuerhammer 6-4, 7-5. Pooster beat Blake Feuerhammer 6-4, 7-5.

Siemens to close Burlington plant

Company 125 employees to lose jobs at Dresser-Rand

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

BURLINGTON - According to a statement released by a spokesperson this afternoon, Siemens announced today that it will be closing its Burlington, Iowa, facility.

The statement emailed to Pen City Current this afternoon stated, “The reductions will occur in two phases over the next year and affect employees from Siemens’ Power and Gas, Power Generation Services, and Dresser-Rand businesses, as well as some corporate functions. This difficult decision was made as part of a necessary global plan to enable Siemens to meet the competitive pressures in the energy market by reducing costs while best serving our customers.”

Full details on the closure were not immediately available, but employees on the first shift were informed of the company’s decision Monday morning and then were sent home at about 11:20 a.m.

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OBITUARIES

SHERIAN K. PRIVIA

Sherian K. Privia, 71, of Ft. Madison passed away on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at The Kensington.

She was born on December 17, 1946 in LaHarpe, IL to Darrell and Ruby Eaves Pickard. On October 28, 1967 she married Larry Privia in Ft. Madison. Sherian was a homemaker and had previously worked at Cattermole Library and State Central Bank. Family was most important to Sherian, especially her grandchildren. She also loved to read, do crafts, play bingo, collect angels, go on car rides and socialize with her friends.

Survivors include her husband, Larry Privia of Ft. Madison; one son, Jeffrey (Christine) Privia of Underwood, IA; two daughters, Kimberly (Robert) Reichelt of Davenport; five grandchildren, Alicia, Julia, Tyler, Jacob and Rachel; one great grandson, Mason; one sister, Brenda (Jerry) Harrison of Ft. Myers, FL. She was preceded in death by her parents, an infant daughter, Karla and one brother, Howard.

The funeral service will be at 2 PM on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Earl Beal officiating. The family will meet with friends from 12:30 PM until the time of the service at 2 PM. Burial will follow in Oakland Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in her memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

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Students say their opinions matter in school shootings

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regarded because we don’t have enough experience, and 18 year olds don’t have enough experience. I’m sorry, but if I’m allowed to buy a rifle at the age of 18, shouldn’t I be allowed to have an opinion and be able to voice that opinion peacefully?”

Other students were in agreement with Johnstun. During the time spent honoring past school shootings, students talked about what they are standing for. A peaceful discussion filled with educated opinions and facts were passed around among the group.

Sophomore Abbee Kelly was among those who walked out and spoke of her reasons for participating.

“As someone who chooses to walkout at 10:00 am, not only on April 20 but also on March 14, this means a lot to me,” says Kelly. “I choose to walkout of school not only to protest acts of gun violence but to honor all the lives lost due to school shootings. The protest against gun violence has become a big thing among Gen Z. I am very glad our school district is allowing the kids to protest, as it is their right to do so.”

While out there sophomore Zina Johnstun read off a poem she had written to inspire others.

“I made the poem in English class,” says Zina Johnstun. “I took in the happenings of what is going on in today’s world. The gun laws need to be stricter and the number if people who have died will just keep on rising. This poem was meant to inspire people to see just how much of an impact this is making on so many people."

Students all across the country walked out in protest on April 20th. They honored those lost and stood up against gun violence. They can no longer be quiet, they are the ones that will shake everything up, because they are America’s next voters, next politicians, and next generation.

Recount finds one ‘yes’ vote, one ‘no’ vote

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nos and then fed them through the electronic scanner for verification.

Officially the ballots cast were 1,748 in favor of the measure, with 1,203 votes cast against building the $30 million new preK-3rd grade elementary and new ballfields on school-owned property off Bluff Road.

The district requested the recount after the measure originally failed with 59.2% of the vote in favor. The district needed 60% for approval.

GRHS to host sleep therapy open house

WEST BURLINGTON – Great River Health System-Heritage Medical Equipment and Supplies will host a Sleep Therapy Open House from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 15 and Wednesday, May 16, at 624 S. Roosevelt Ave., Burlington.

Staff will provide free maintenance checks on CPAP and BiPAP machines, and a variety of mask styles will be on display. Durable medical equipment and billing specialists will be available to discuss insurance coverage for sleep-therapy products and replacement parts, and to answer other questions.

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

TUE 24 Apr  Clear Skies  High – 70.3º F | Low – 58.7º F

WED 25 Apr  Clear Skies  High– 60.8º F | Low – 41.6º F

THU 26 Apr  Light Rain  High– 57.3º F | Low – 45.1º F

FRI 27 Apr  Light Rain  High– 59.9º F | Low – 41.6º F

SAT 28 Apr  Clear Skies  High– 66.5º F | Low – 48.0º F

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