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"I've brushed myself off and now we're gonna look and see what's out there."

- Brad Randolph,
Fort Madison Mayor

Mayor pursuing depot despite council poll

Randolph, Greenwald on quest to find late funding

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – He called it a standing eight count, but Fort Madison Mayor Brad Randolph hasn't given up on relocating the Amtrak depot to the historic museum in Riverview Park.

Despite what amounted to a straw poll of the Fort Madison City Council Tuesday that indicated the council wouldn't support continuing the depot project in light of critical budget constraints, Randolph said he



RANDOLPH

and Councilman Chris Greenwald are not done looking for answers.

"I just don't want people to think I was in favor of the project and then against it. After hearing Councilman (Chad) Canagas say he was ready to wash his hands of the depot and then (Councilman Matt) Mohrfeld say the council wouldn't vote

for it, I was very frustrated and said at that point maybe it was best to pull it," Randolph said Saturday.

"But I took a standing eight count, I've brushed myself off, and now we're going to look at see what's out there."

When Randolph polled the council during a budget workshop and the informal consensus was to pull funding for the remainder of the relocation, a cost es-

timated at about \$280,000, Greenwald said the council might as well board up the city.

Greenwald told the council that it isn't necessarily the best option to shut all activity down and weather the storm.

He said if the city wasn't going to continue to look to the future, then the council should just pull outside funding, including funding for the Old Fort, the historical society, the arts association, and all external support, and focus all revenues back to the general fund.

"Just shut her down, board her up," he said.

Randolph said he's been spearheading this project since 2012 and the city has spent countless hours and resources on the project, and if it wasn't for the squeez-

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HTC's Mohrfeld takes 5th at state swim

Junior had goal of a top 8 time in the state

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

IOWA CITY – Holy Trinity Catholic's Jacob Mohrfeld said he was hoping to get a top five finish at the state swim meet on Saturday.

And then the junior who swims with the Burlington High School team in a shared program, went out and got a top five finish.

Mohrfeld, in essence, duplicated his state qualifying swim in the 100-yard freestyle with a :59.67 run at the University of Iowa Campus and Recreation Center.

Mohrfeld qualified with a :59.66 at the district meet in Cedar Rapids.

Iowa City's Forrest Frazier, the favored swimmer in the meet, finished the swim at :55.17 seconds.

With Frazier in the adjacent lane, Mohrfeld said he couldn't help but notice the front runner.

"Usually, I really don't try to focus on that, but I could see him out ahead of me," he said.

His goal going into this year's high school season was to get a top eight time in the state and he said he was happy with the finish.

"Definitely, my goal going into the season was to get a top 8 placing at state. Getting fifth place is more than plenty ahead of that."

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\$2M Powerball ticket sold at Burlington Hy-Vee

BY PCC STAFF

CLIVE, Iowa — Someone who bought a Powerball® ticket at a Burlington supermarket won a \$2 million prize in Saturday's drawing. It is Iowa's second big lottery winner in a month.

The \$2 million-winning ticket was purchased at Hy-Vee, 3140 Agency St. in Burlington. The ticket came within one number of having at least a share of Saturday's \$223.6 million jackpot.

The ticket initially matched the first five numbers but missed the Powerball to win a \$1 million prize. But

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Obituaries/Current-Lee

OBITUARIES

DAVID WAYNE BURFORD

Mr. David Wayne Burford, 84, of Dallas City, IL, passed away at 1:45 p.m. Friday, February 8, 2019 at his home.

David was born December 14, 1934 in Carman, IL the son of Emil and Florence Dulaney Burford. On September 3, 1983 he married Chi Burford in Burlington, IA.



BURFORD

Mr. Burford was a graduate of the LaHarpe High School. He worked at Champion Spark Plug in Burlington before retiring. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and bowling. Mr. Burford was always willing to help anyone he could.

Survivors include his wife, Chi, two sons, Rick Burford of Dallas City and Greg (Dawn) Burford of Pleasant Prairie, WI, two daughters, Deb Burford of West Des Moines, IA and Cindy Bollin of Hawaii, two step-children, Greg Johnson and Terry Johnson, twelve grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and one sister, Dorothy Thompson of Blandinsville, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Jean Hitz and one brother-in-law, Lloyd Thompson. A Celebration of Life will be held from 1:00p.m. until 3:00p.m. Saturday, February 16, 2019 at the River Of Life Fellowship Church in Dallas City. A private burial will be in the Burlington Memorial Park Cemetery, Burlington, IA. In lieu of flowers a private fund has been established for Rev. Doug Clark pastor of the River Of Life Fellowship.

To sign the guest book or leave a condolence please visit David's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

BETTY JUNE NEWBERRY

Betty June Newberry, 94, of Argyle, IA, died Friday, February 8, 2019 at the Fort Madison Community Hospital in Fort Madison, IA.

She was born on August 12, 1924, in Croton, Iowa, the daughter of George and Ellen K. Fett Schoene. She graduated from Argyle High School as Valedictorian of the Class of 1942. On October 17, 1945, Betty was united in marriage to Dale Newberry at the First Methodist Church in Fort Madison. He preceded her in death on April 18, 2011. She had been employed at Shaffer Pen during WW II, from 1942 - 1945. She then spent the rest of her life being a farmer's wife and homemaker.



NEWBERRY

She was a faithful member of the Argyle Presbyterian Church in Argyle, IA. She enjoyed being outdoors and working in her flower gardens. She loved to cook, quilt and clean her house. Most of all Betty loved her family and enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She is survived by three children, SueAnn (Larry) Peterson of Montrose, Steven (Linda) Newberry of Argyle and Jane (Mike) Phillips of Weslaco, TX, six grandsons, twenty-two great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday at the Argyle Presbyterian Church with Pastor Shelby Whitney and Pastor Alice Hawes officiating. Burial will be in the Argyle Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held Monday from 5 - 7 pm at the Argyle Presbyterian Church with family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to the Argyle Presbyterian Church or Samaritan's Purse. On-line condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

CURRENT-LEE

FORT MADISON – The following is a list of events and happenings going on in Fort Madison as submitted to en City Current.

State Farm – Thomas Klann Agency announces February “Quotes for Good”

State Farm – Thomas Klann Agency is excited to help out another Non-Profit Organization in our community. In February 2019 we will be giving back to Lee County K-9 Association by donating \$5 for every new Auto Insurance Quote in the month of February 2019. So tell all your non-State Farm family/friends/coworkers to reach out to us for a quote and share this event to spread the word! If you are a current State Farm auto insurance customer, reach out to us for a Life Insurance or Disability Income conversation and we will donate \$5 for that also. Contact Jess or Sam at 319-372-5982, 2623 Ave L Fort Madison, or email: jess@fortmadisoninsurance.com or samantha@fortmadisoninsurance.com.



Local artist on display at SCC

Lori Illner Greene will have her art work on display at the Southeastern Community College Art Gallery, 1500 W. Agency Road in West Burlington from Jan. 28-Feb. 15. The gallery showing will feature her “Raptors and Other Birds of Prey” series.

Winning the Game

The Iowa State Extension and Iowa Farm Bureau are sponsoring a workshop on launching a 2019 Pre-Harvest Marketing plan at the Learning Center on the Lee County Fairgrounds in Donnellson on Feb. 11th at 6 p.m. Preregistering is encouraged at www.iowafarmbureau.com.

FMCH Community Health Education Series

Dr. Josh Sirucek, Family Practice and Sports Medicine will host a seminar on Exploring Lower Back Pain Tuesday, Feb. 12, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the FMCH Conference rooms. Call 376-2244 to RSVP and for more information.



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Sports/From the Front

Prize is second over \$1M this month in Iowa

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whoever bought the ticket also added the Power Play® option to the purchase, which multiplied the prize to \$2 million. The Burlington ticket was the only one in the country to win a \$2 million prize in Saturday's drawing.

Saturday's winning numbers were: 1-2-3-7-39 and Powerball 25. No one matched all six numbers to win the jackpot, so the big prize climbs to an estimated \$242 million annuity (\$148.1 million lump-sum option) for Wednesday.

Hy-Vee will receive a \$2,000 bonus from the Iowa Lottery for selling the \$2 million-winning ticket at one of its stores.

Prizes of \$2 million must be claimed at Iowa Lottery headquarters in Clive. The lottery's offices are open Monday through Friday. If the winner or winners need information before coming forward to claim the prize, they are welcome to call the lottery at 515-725-7900.

Earlier this month, a Quad-Cities man claimed a \$1 million Mega Millions® prize with a ticket he purchased at a central-Iowa convenience store for that game's Jan. 15 drawing. Danny Lovett, a trucker driver from East Moline, Ill., claimed his \$1 million prize on Feb. 4.

HTC boys complete sweep of Central Lee

Regular season finale with WACO Monday night

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DONNELSON - The Holy Trinity boys are undefeated in day games this year.



FEHSEKE

The Crusaders played a make-up game Saturday morning at Central and held on for a 55-53 win in Southeast Iowa Superconference boys basketball action.

The 5-14 Crusaders got 12 points from junior guard Reed Fehseke and 10 points from senior Adam Rauenbuehler, who also hit a couple of key free throws down the stretch to help seal the win.

The game had at least six lead changes and five ties

with Holy Trinity holding the lead at the end of each quarter.

Head Coach John Hellige got balanced scoring from six of his players. Brant Holtkamp, Quentin Schneider, and Blake Crabtree all had eight points, while Matt Hellige chipped in with nine to go with Fehseke and Rauenbuehler's double digit nights.

HTC opened up a 7-2 lead in the early going, but Central Lee battled back to a 13-13 tie. The Crusaders would outscore the Hawks 8-4 through the rest of the first for a 21-17 lead.

The Crusaders opened up an 8-point lead in the second half keyed by a 3-ball from Crabtree, but Central Lee would go on a 8-0 run to end the half down by just 1 at 30-29.

HTC would outscore Central Lee 14-8 in the third and had a seven-point lead with a

minute to go, but again Central would throw up big points in the final minute to close the gap to 44-40.

The Hawks had a one-point lead with two minutes remaining in the game at 48-47, but Holy Trinity would score back-to-back buckets unanswered for a 51-48 lead and Central Lee wouldn't be able to catch up to the Crusaders.

"It was very much a team effort," Hellige said. "I loved the balanced scoring and the way we finished the game. We got a huge steal and two free throws from Adam when we were down by one with 1:30 left to play."

TJ Stutes led the Hawks with 12 points and Tyler Hopp had 10.

The Crusaders play their final regular season game on Monday, weather permitting, in a junior varsity/varsity boys doubleheader at home beginning at 6:30.

District play starts at 7 p.m. at Pekin on Thursday.

COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION SERIES

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Lower Back Pain is a common, painful condition affecting more than 3 million people each year in the U.S. It crosses all age groups, from adolescents to the elderly. Lower back pain ranges in acuity and can affect your general well-being and day-to-day activities. We invite you to attend an educational session on Lower Back Pain presented by Sports Medicine Physician, Dr. Josh Sirucek. He will discuss causes, symptoms and treatment options.

Tuesday, February 12, 2019
5:30 - 6:30 pm
FMCH Conference Rooms

Light refreshments will be served. For more information & to RSVP, please call 376-2244.

Presented by:
Dr. Josh Sirucek,
Family Practice & Sports Medicine

Dr. Josh Sirucek is a Board Certified Family Practitioner. He completed a Fellowship in Sports Medicine at JPS Sports Medicine in Arlington, Texas after completing his residency at Texas A&M. He received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree from Midwestern University in Arizona.

"I decided to go into health care after I had an emergency surgery that saved my life at the age of 16. I have been intrigued and fascinated with learning how to better myself in order to pay this gift forward. I love people and get along well with them."

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Pick 4 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm

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2/9
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Sports

Mohrfeld now off to YMCA season

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Mohrfeld's district time in the 100 was a BHS record and the first under a minute.

In the 200 individual medley race, Mohrfeld finished 22nd, but his third turn at a time of :34.25 was seventh fastest on the day.

He also swam on the 200-medley relay and the 200 individual relay, both of which BHS teams finished 18th of 24 teams. In the medley relay, the Grayhounds finished at 1:41.09. Mohrfeld's :26.75 was the seventh fastest second leg of the event. Fellow HTC junior Wyatt Hellman swam the final leg at :23.05. Danville's Kale Schuff and Central Lee's Blake Wyrick also swam on both relay teams.

The Grayhounds finished at 1:30.65 in the freestyle medley with Mohrfeld on the first leg. Hellman swam the third leg at :22.98.

Mohrfeld said he'll get small break now before training for the YMCA swim season where his state and

district times have qualified him for the national meet.

"I'm not done with my season. I participate in the YMCA league. I've been doing that since I was five and I keep doing that. I'll start training for state and regionals. There's about three weeks to state, three weeks after that is the regional meet, and then the national event," he said. "But my family and I haven't discussed that far ahead yet."

Mohrfeld said he comes from a family of non-swimmers.

"Both of my parents can't swim. My dad (Matt) really knows how to train and stuff like that, but he can't swim to save his life."

Wyrick also competed in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events. The senior lost .3 of a second off his district time in the 50 to finish 22nd out of 24. In the 100, he cut .4 seconds off his district time and finished with the 18th best time in the state.



Courtesy photo

Holy Trinity Catholic junior Jacob Mohrfeld, far right, stands on the podium at the state swim meet on Saturday after taking 5th place in the 100-yard freestyle. Mohrfeld set the school record swimming as part of the Burlington High School team.

Fairfield wraps regular season for Lady Hounds

District play begins at BHS on Wednesday night

PCC STAFF

FAIRFIELD – The Fairfield Lady Trojans capped the season for the Lady Hounds with a 74-35 loss on the road Friday.

The loss sets the regular season mark for the Lady Hounds at 1-19 with a

couple games canceled due to the weather. The lone win came at home against Albia back on Jan. 5.

District action begins on Feb 13 against Burlington at BHS.

The Hounds were led by junior Anna Kester

who scored 15, including three 3-pointers on the night. Fort Madison didn't get on the board until about two minutes were left in the quarter. Trailing 14-2, the Hounds put up five in the last minute to cut the lead to 14-7.

Fairfield was able to put more distance between the two by holding the Lady Hounds scoreless

for about five minutes in the second period and held a 35-14 lead at the half.

The Trojans pushed the lead to 62-24 at the end of three and had the game in hand.

Maddie Rashid had seven points on the night, while Eleesha Estrada had five, and Brandy Walker and Nadia Boeding each had four points.

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PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 1/2/2019

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. on Wednesday, January 2, 2019, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Randolph presided with Council Members Greenwald, Morawitz, Rink, Andrews, Mohrfeld, Lair and Cangas present.

On motion, Council approved the agenda as written. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 12/18/2018; New Liquor License: Fort Madison Liquor & Tobacco Outlet Plus, 1735 Avenue H, effective January 25, 2019 – Class E Liquor, Class C Beer, Class B Wine with Sunday Sales; and Payment of Claims.

for property located at 2956 Highway 103.

On motion, Council approved the Mayor's reappointment of Kimberly Engle and Julie Hellman to the Tourism Commission, terms expiring 12/31/2021, and Chris Sorrento to the Historic Preservation Commission, term expiring 12/31/2021.

At 5:38 P.M., on motion, Council entered Closed Session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(j) to discuss the sale of particular real estate. Council adjourned to the Landing Conference Room to hold the Closed Session. With no action taken, at 5:51 P.M., Council returned to Council Chambers and, on motion, came out of Closed Session. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2019-03, setting public hearing for 1/15/2019, at 5:30 P.M. on the sale of City-owned property known as 1136 Avenue H.

Council then held a discussion concerning the budget process.


At 6:38 P.M. on motion, Council adjourned until January 15, 2019, at 5:30 P.M.

/s/ Bradley A. Randolph, Mayor
ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2019-01, accepting Public Improvement Project 2018-03, Water Storage Facilities Rehab. On motion, Council adopted Resolution 2019-02, accepting Plat of Survey and waiving subdivision requirements (Title 11 – Subdivision Regulations) for Pitt Enterprises, LLC,

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 MID AMERICAN ENERGY CO., HEAT4,227.73
 MIDLAND SCIENTIFIC INC., THERMAL PAPER109.99
 MUNICIPAL SUPPLY CO.,

BEVEL GASKET4,565.10
 NORRIS ASPHALT PAVING, RODEO PARK TRAIL67,944.43
 OMNI SITE, WIRELESS SERVICE 1 YEAR144.00
 PDC LABORATORIES, INC, FIELD SAMPLING1,121.00
 QUALITY FLOW SYSTEMS, INC, NEW IMPELLERS1,770.00
 QUILL CORPORATION, BLACK TONER.....312.58
 RHINO INDUSTRIES, INC., CHEMICALS1,925.00
 ROBERT N. JOHNSON III, MONTHLY SERVICES2,767.19
 SHOPKO, SUPPLIES78.92
 SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, TRAINING90.00
 STANLEY CONSULTANTS INC, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES4,766.96
 TESTAMERICA INC., TESTING670.95
 TIM'S REPAIR SHOP, CHAIN SAW431.95
 TRUCK REPAIR INC., HOSES764.27
 TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, MONTHLY SUPPORT252.50
 U.S. CELLULAR, PHONES537.28
 UPS, SHIPPING43.20
 UTILITY SERVICE CO., APPLICATION139,176.40
 VULCAN INDUSTRIES INC., SPARE PARTS160.00
 WINDSTREAM, PHONE50.03
 TOTAL258,543.16
 GENERAL FUND12,635.99
 SPECIAL REVENUE356.25
 ROAD USE.....6,891.81
 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND.....68,438.18
 WATER O&M153,980.18
 WASTE WATER O&M14,236.87
 SOLID WASTE1,291.60
 AIRPORT712.28
 GRAND TOTAL258,543.16

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 AMAZON, SHELF MATERIAL112.13
 AMES PUBLIC LIBRARY, DAMAGED MATERIAL33.98
 BAKER & TAYLOR, READING MATERIAL1,735.48
 BETTENDORF PUBLIC LIBRARY, NON-RETURN MATERIAL12.00
 COUNCIL BLUFFS PUBLIC LIBRARY, NON-RETURNED MATERIAL22.00
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TIONERY, BINDER165.79
 DR. GRACE O. DOANE ALDEN, NONRETURNED MATERIAL10.07
 GALE GROUP, SHELF MATERIAL224.16
 IOWA LIBRARY ASSOC., 2019 MEMBERSHIP75.00
 J&S ELECTRONIC BUSINESS, MONTHLY CONTRACT.....17.64
 KANOPY, SHELF MATERIAL6.00
 MEDIACOM, PHONE208.07
 MID AMERICAN ENERGY CO., HEAT432.56
 NAVIANT, IMAGING UNIT313.59
 ORIENTAL TRADING COMPANY, TOYS56.12
 PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE, SHELF MATERIAL159.00
 PETTY CASH, SNACKS/MISC55.11
 QUILL CORPORATION, BLACK TONER.....534.34
 RAYMOND GEDDES COMPANY INC, MISC SUPPLIES.....176.96
 RECORD AUTOMATIC DOORS, INSTALLED CLEAR DOOR2,066.00
 RECORDED BOOKS LLC, SHELF MATERIAL382.44
 SERVICE MASTER OF FM, JANITORIAL SERVICE905.10
 TOTAL7,841.04
 GENERAL FUND5,845.54
 SPECIAL REVENUE1,995.50
 GRAND TOTAL7,841.04

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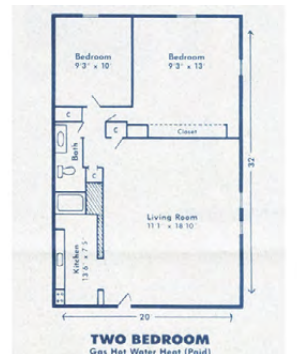
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Mayor hopes to have news at Feb. 19 meeting

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ing the budget has experienced in the last few fiscal years, the council would still support it.

City funding has dropped almost \$330,000 in sales tax revenue alone, in addition to the city's contribution from riverboat gambling ending several years ago.

Opponents of continuing to fund the depot say there has been no real commitment on the part of Amtrak to get the project moved. Amtrak has committed \$150,000 to the project plus a \$400 monthly rental on the property. However, the national rail service system has moved methodically slow in agreeing to submitted documentation.

At Tuesday's meeting Cangas said he had no faith in Amtrak's commitment to the city currently with the project, or in the future with maintaining the stop in Fort Madison.

Cangas also left the meeting early and wasn't on hand when Randolph was doing the straw poll of the council, citing he had to travel the next day. Cangas's departure left several tied issues with the six remaining councilman expressing their opinions.

Randolph said the project has taken close to two decades, a time frame that could ultimately be the reason for its demise.

"This project has taken way longer than anyone anticipated, and for reasons beyond our control, and that's part of the problem here as well," he said.

The city is planning on a vote to approve the next fiscal year budget, which begins on July 1, at the Feb. 19th meeting.

"We're taking the information we have now and we are looking at all options and talking with a lot of people. And we hope to have something in front of the council on the 19th," Randolph said.

He said he believes that if he can find a way to take most of the financial burden off the city, he can garner enough votes from the council to move forward with the project.



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MON 11 Feb



Snow

High- 34.2° F | Low - 26.9° F

TUE 12 Feb



Snow

High- 31.9° F | Low - 21.6° F

WED 13 Feb



Clear

High- 36.0° F | Low - 33.8° F

THU 14 Feb



Moderate Rain

High- 39.5° F | Low - 39.3° F

FRI 15 Feb



Light Snow

High- 24.7° F | Low - 16.7° F

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