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 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) Can-gas 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 to 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 estimated 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 squeeze-

$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

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 Dunlaney Burford. On September 3, 1983 he married Chi Burford in Burlington, IA.

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 banksandb.ind.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.

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 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren. 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.

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Prize is second over $1M this month in Iowa

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.
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 1:30.65, 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 Schaff and Central Lee's Blake Wyrick also swam on both relay teams.

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Mohrfeld now off to YMCA season

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Fairfield wraps regular season for Lady Hounds

**District play begins at BHS on Wednesday night**

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 15-14 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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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 adopted Resolution No. 2019-03, setting public hearing for 11/15/2019, at 5:30 P.M. on the sale of City-owned property known as II/36 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. as Bradley A. Randolph, Mayor

ATTEND: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

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Mayor hopes to have news at Feb. 19 meeting

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MON 11 Feb
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High– 34.2º F | Low – 26.9º F

TUE 12 Feb
Snow
High– 31.9º F | Low – 21.6º F

WED 13 Feb
Clear
High– 36.0º F | Low – 33.8º F

THU 14 Feb
Moderate Rain
High– 39.5º F | Low – 39.3º F

FRI 15 Feb
Light Snow
High– 24.7º F | Low – 16.7º F

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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.