No leads yet in graffiti case

$2,000 offered for help in solving vandalism incident

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Rewards totaling more than $2,000 are still being offered for information leading to the arrest of those convicted of spray-painting graffiti two days after the Fareway Grocery building currently under construction. Police Chief Tim Sittig said Tuesday that no tips or leads have been received regarding the incident.

During the overnight hours of June 29 and 30th someone spray painted an anti-police message on the building prompting a swift reaction from an anonymous donor who offered $1,000 to anyone providing information that leads the arrest of the suspect(s) involved.

Fareway CEO Reynolds Cramer then offered to match the $1,000 reward plus contributed another $1,000 to the Fort Madison Police Department. Pen City Current will also be adding to the reward money.

In a show of support for the community and its newest business partner two Fort Madison police officers were joined by two Fort Madison Firefighters who went over to the new building and removed the graffiti two days after the incident.

Sittig said the crime is a simple misdemeanor, but if the message has legitimacy the perpetrators could be charged with terrorism, a felony which could result in up to a $7,500 fine and five years in prison.

Anyone having any information regarding this crime can contact Investigator Jack Gray of the Fort Madison Police Department at 319-372-2525 or Lee County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-382-8900.
Great River Regional Waste Authority reminds you to use the 3 R’s!

Here are some helpful tips:

**REDUCE**
*Reduce the amount of waste produced in society*
The best way to manage waste is to not produce it. This can be done by shopping carefully and being aware of a few guidelines.
- Buy durable goods & products in bulk
- Avoid over-packaged & disposable goods
- Use cloth napkins/towels instead of paper napkins/towels
- Make 2-sided copies whenever possible
- Maintain central files for multiple individuals
- Use electronic mail/communications or a central bulletin board

**REUSE**
*Reuse products for the same purpose or for a different purpose*
It makes economic & environmental sense to reuse products. Sometimes it takes a creative mind to do so.
- Sell or Donate old clothes, appliances, toys & furniture
- Use resealable containers rather than plastic wrap
- Reuse grocery bags or bring your own cloth bags to the store

**RECYCLE**
*Recycle/convert common waste into reusable material*
Recycling is a series of steps that takes a used material and reprocesses, re-manufactures and sells it as a new product. Begin recycling at home and work.
- Recycle all acceptable products at our recycling bins, stations & trailers (see www.grrwa.com for a complete list of locations)
- Check for curbside recycling acceptable items & schedules on your local city websites
- Purchase and use recycled materials for the home & office
- Implement a composting process for your lawn & garden

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**OBITUARIES**

IRENE MAE YEAGER

Irene Mae Yeager, 91 years, Wever, Iowa died April 20, 2017 at the West Point Care Center, West Point, Iowa. On May 10, 1958, she married Robert L. Yeager Sr. He preceded her in death on April 14, 2008.

The Yeager family will greet friends from 3:00 - 5:00 pm Sunday, July 23, 2017 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison, Iowa. A graveside service and burial of the cremated remains of Irene Mae Yeager and Robert L. Yeager Sr will be at 11:00 am Monday, July 24, 2017 at the Oakland Cemetery, Fort Madison. Online condolences to the Yeager family may be made at the Barr Memorial Chapel website, www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

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**FM Chamber members are #ChamberStrong**

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce’s Member Benefits Committee continues to visit member businesses as part of their #ChamberStrong campaign. The goal of the program is to personally visit every Chamber member every two years to thank them for their membership and support. The most recent visits took place Thursday. Members that were visited were Fort Madison Community Hospital and Jim Baier.

Members have access to various networking opportunities throughout the year, professional development opportunities, use of the Chamber facilities, use of the Chamber bulk mail permit, workshops, and more. For more information about becoming a Chamber member, visit their website at www.ftmadison.com or call the office at (319) 372-5471.

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Area woman nabbed on drug charges

BY PCC STAFF

DONNELSON – The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of a Donnellson, Iowa woman on felony and misdemeanor drug charges.

Jennifer Lynn Morris, 37, of 408 North Oak Street, Donnellson, Iowa was arrested on July 13th, 2017 at her residence on felony and misdemeanor drug charges. Morris is charged with two counts of Delivery of Methamphetamine less than Five Grams within 1000 Feet of a Public Park Second or Subsequent Offense, a class C felony with enhancement, an aggravated misdemeanor, Child Endangerment, an aggravated misdemeanor, Possession of a Controlled Substance (Hydrocodone), a serious misdemeanor, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, a simple misdemeanor. If convicted, Morris faces up to 95 years and 30 days in a state correctional facility.

The arrest of Morris stems from an investigation by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force into allegations that she was involved in the use and distribution of illegal narcotics in the Lee County area.

The Lee County Attorney’s Office, Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement, and the Lee County Sheriff’s Office assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in this investigation.

The defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

The Lee County Narcotics Task Force is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Justice and the funds administered by the Iowa Governor’s Office of Drug Control Policy.

Task Force arrests multiple tri-state area residents

The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of multiple tri-state area residents on felony and misdemeanor drug charges.

Joshua Allen Loveless, 32, of 5208 River Valley Road, Fort Madison, Iowa was arrested on July 16th, 2017 in the 300 block of Main Street in Keokuk on felony and misdemeanor drug charges. Loveless is charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance (marijuana and methamphetamine), a serious misdemeanor, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, a simple misdemeanor. If convicted, Loveless faces up to 17 years and 30 days in a state correctional facility.

Erica Renee Woodbury, 25, of Box 127, Wayland, Missouri was arrested on July 17th, 2017 at 923 South 14th street in Keokuk on a felony drug charge. Woodbury is charged with Delivery of Methamphetamine Less Than Five Grams, a class C felony. If convicted, Woodbury faces up to 10 years in a state correctional facility.

The arrest of Woodbury stems from an investigation into allegations that she is involved in the distribution of methamphetamine in the Keokuk area.

The Lee County Narcotics Task Force also reports the arrests of two other individuals on July 17th, 2017 at 923 South 14th Street in Keokuk on felony and misdemeanor drug charges. Dakota Lee Rogers, 24, of 923 South 14th Street in Keokuk is charged with Possession with Intent to Deliver Methamphetamine in Excess of Five Grams, a class B felony, Maintaining a Drug House, an aggravated misdemeanor, Possession of a Controlled Substance (Morphine), a serious misdemeanor, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, a simple misdemeanor. If convicted, Rogers faces up to 38 years and 30 days in a state correctional facility. Shanna Lynn Ellingson, 23, is charged with two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance (marijuana and methamphetamine), a serious misdemeanor, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, a simple misdemeanor. If convicted, Ellingson faces up to 2 years and 30 days in a state correctional facility.

The arrests of Rogers and Ellingson stem from allegations that they were involved in the use, distribution, and manufacture of methamphetamine in the Keokuk area. A search warrant was served in connection to this investigation and items that support the charges were discovered.

The Lee County Attorney’s Office, Keokuk Police Department, Lee County Sheriff’s Office, Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement, and the 8th Judicial District of Probation and Parole assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in this investigation.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Old Fort Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 21, 2017
at 5:15pm
Old Fort Replica
PRESENT: Sharon Harp, Joe Thurman, Dr. Eugene Watkins (Site Manager), Dave Moehn, Dr. Marie Brady-Whitcanak, John Luna (Management Analyst), Carol Foss, Rich Abel, and Linda Baxter (Gift Shop)
ABSENT: None
Guests: Andy Andrews (NLCHS), City Manager David Varley, Michelle Slatery and Jeremy Thurman

PRESENT: Sharon Harp, Joe Thurman, Dr. Eugene Watkins
VOTED:

1. A printed report was given by the Site Managers Report:
   a. V olunteers are needed for the seed and Trees Forever projects. Apply in person at 1904-7th Avenue H in Fort Madison, Iowa. No phone calls please.
   b. Sharon and Joe Abel, and Linda Baxter (Gift Shop)
   c. Memorial Day ceremonies will be held as follows:
      1. Battlefield is open 9am-5pm.
      2. Kiddie parade in the morning.
      3. National salute at 1:00pm.
      4. Guns will be fired from 12 foreign countries, 36 states and 56 Iowa towns.
      5. $3,000 has been donated for the flagpole and trees. Some were some donations. Some were entered by Sonny Hubert.
      6. Once listed on the Historic Registry and Historic Battlefield list, hopefully tombstones can be obtained by next spring.
      7. Lone Chimney needs to be moved. Large cracks near the top in back need to contact the town about this.
      8. 2020 is the goal to finish all of this.

2. Have had visitors from 12 foreign countries, 36 states and 56 Iowa towns.
3. Students need Community Service:
   a. Students need 20 hours of Community Service.
   b. Gave school principals information on ways students could help.

Friends of Old Fort Madison:
1. Battlefield is progressing well.
2. Had to spend money on bulldozers, but had some donations. Some were $3,000-$4,000, for a total of $77,000.
3. Spent $56,000 on bulldozers, Green Oak, Mohrfeld and other truckers.
4. Scott’s will donate the seed and Trees Forever are donating the trees.
5. $3,000 has been donated for the flagpole and $228.00 for the 10x15 vintage flag. A current flag costs much less.
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9. Joe brought up the need for more postings on Social Media. All local events, hours, locations and activities.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at 5:15pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Marie Moved, Carol Seconded, to Adjourn the Meeting. Motion Carried.
Meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm
Submitted, Carol Foss, Secretary
Old Fort Commission

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