Two suspects, one arrest in statue theft

DONELLSON - Donnellson police have made one arrest and are on the lookout for a suspect in connection with the recent theft of statues in Lee and Van Buren counties in Iowa.

According to a Wednesday evening press release from Donnellson/West Point Police Chief Brad Roberts, on August 1st, 2017, the Donnellson Police Department obtained arrest warrants for persons suspected of stealing a bronze statue from the Railroad Park in Donnellson.

Information regarding the theft of the statue was investigated over the course of the past 10 days and led officers to evidence supporting the request for arrest warrants for Skylah Christine Beach, 25, of Burlington, and Gregory Michael Crall Jr., 32, of Burlington.

In the early morning hours of July 23rd, 2017, suspects stole a bronze statue from Railroad Park in Donnellson. The statue, valued at over $4,000 was labeled "Lazy Days" and located in a flower bed in the park. Suspects tied a chain around the statue and dragged the statue from its location, north on Main St., to a gravel road in Lee County, where the statue

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Sculptor is August FMAAA Exhibitor

Reception set for Friday from 5-7 p.m.

BY BRIAN RIGGS
Fort Madison Area Artists Association

FORT MADISON - Rebecca Butler of Quincy, Illinois, brings "Earth Encompasses Art" to FMAAA gallery for the August feature exhibition.

A reception for her will be held Aug. 4th from 5-7 p.m. Bartlett Instruments is the sponsor for this month's feature. Rebecca will speak at Lunch-a-rt on Aug. 25th from noon to 2pm.

Last year Rebecca opened "The Budding Artist" at 307 N 36th Suite 108 in Quincy. The space can fit up to 25 and specializes in ceramics glazing, raw clay building, and painting parties. In a way, the space found her. After eight years of corporate retail, Rebecca was ensnared in an annual inventory, in which regional managers from certain districts swoop in like monkey warriors from Wizard of Oz. The horde attacks and has no understanding of her issues in a smaller town with a high selling division. Not even revrieve for lunch, so Rebecca heads out of the store to her car and into a fast food lot. From there she up the rmps to an empty lot across from the drive thru to eat in peace. When arising from the wrapper, she sees the empty store space for rent. The rest is history. She sums up her style the best: "My name is Rebecca Butler. I am the owner of The Budding Artist, a pottery and painting studio in Quincy, IL. I received my BFA in Studio Art from Quincy University, where I also, currently teach Ceramics."

I grew up in an artistic family, learning at an early age, to appreciate the "art" that surrounds us, whether it was a beautiful sunset on the river, a flowering weed growing out of the sidewalk, or a homeless woman in New Orleans. There is beauty in almost everything. I don't have a certain subject matter for my paintings, if it catches my eye I paint it.

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Tri State Rodeo needs Lil’ cowpokes

FORT MADISON - The 25th Annual Lil’ Spurs Rodeo will be held on Monday, September 4th at the Tri State Rodeo grounds in Fort Madison.

The annual event is for children, 3 - 14, and includes Mutton Bustin’ Calf Riding, Stick Horse Barrel Racing, Goat Tail Tie, Greased Pig Contest and Calf Scramble.

The event is sponsored annually by Shottenkirk Automotive Group, Kempker’s True Value and Just Ask Rental, Fort Madison Community Hospital and Pepsi.

Pre-Registration is required. Forms are due by Monday August 28th. Online registration only and forms can be found at www.tristaterodeo.org.

Check in time for pre-registered contestants will be from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Rodeo Pavilion, at the north end of the rodeo grounds, on Monday September 4th. Each pre-registered contestant will receive a free t-shirt. The event will begin at 10:00 a.m.

The event has grown significantly each year with over 300 contestants and a crowd of over 1,500 people. Admission to Lil’ Spurs Rodeo is the cost of a $5.00 rodeo button. Buttons are on sale now at Fort Madison area businesses, the Tri State Rodeo ticket office, and the day of the Lil’ Spurs Rodeo at the gates.

The favorite of the spectators is the Mutton Bustin’ event for children ages 3-8 and less than 55 pounds. Contestants will show their talent by hanging on and riding a sheep for six seconds. This event is judged and the top 18-rated cowpokes will be invited back to ride again during Tri-State Rodeo performances, Thursday – Saturday with the contestant receiving the highest score each performance winning a silver buckle. Also, for the younger cowpokes, is the Stick Horse...
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OBITUARIES

JOYCE ANN DAHLGREN

Joyce Ann Dahlgren, 86, of Donnellson, passed away at 5:24 A.M Wednesday August 2, 2017 at the Donnellson Health Center.

Born May 10, 1931 at Keokuk, Iowa the daughter of Ray and Madeline Fluke Jones. She married Harold “Hal” Dahlgren in Hamburg, Iowa. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include one son Charles Dahlgren of Salem, Iowa. One daughter Kathy Johnson Dahlgren of Salem, Iowa. Two step grandchildren Jeremiah John- son of Franklin, Iowa and Jessica Johnson of Batavia, Iowa. Three step great grandchildren. Also surviving is one sister Barb McCreedy of Keokuk, Iowa and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband. Joyce was a member of St. Peter’s United Church of Christ in Franklin. She enjoyed farming with her hus- band and riding with him in his semi.

Her body has been entrusted to the Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation. A Celebration of Joyce’s life will be held at a later date. A memorial has been established contributions may be mailed to the Schmitz Funeral Home P.O. Box 56 Donnellson, Iowa 52625.

The Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Barrel Race. This is a timed event for children ages 3-6, they will use stick horses (provided by the rodeo) and run their ponies through a mini barrel pattern. The fastest time in each age group wins a silver buckle.

The calf riding event is for children 8-14 and is also a timed and judged event. This event is divided into two age groups 8-11 and 12-14. The finals for this event will take place on Monday immediately after the Lil’ Spurs Rodeo and the winner of each age group will receive a buckle.

The Goat Tail Tie contest is for ages 7-9 and the contestants will begin from a starting line and tie a ribbon around the goat’s tail, vying for the fastest time and a buckle.

There are two events which always entertain the crowd, The Greased Pig Contest for ages 6-14 divided in age groups 6-8, 9-10, and ages 11-14. The Calf Scramble for ages 9-14 and is divided in age groups 9-11 and 12-14. Each age group winner will receive a buckle.

For more information call Scott Fedler at 319-470-2120 or Heather Wellman at 319-371-7768.

Lil’ Spurs events take place Sept. 4

For the Record

Fort Madison Police report 08/01/17 - 8:49 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 800 block of Avenue G. 08/01/17 - 2:11 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1900 block of Avenue H. 08/01/17 - 5:46 p.m. - Fort Madison police re- sponded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1100 block of 13th Street.

Lee County Sheriff’s report

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Friday, August 4th
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6:00 PM - 2:00 AM Entertainment Tent Open
8:00 PM - 2:00 AM Horseback
9:00 PM - 2:00 AM Fireworks
10:00 PM - 2:00 AM Trivia Night

Saturday, August 5th
6:10 AM - 7:10 AM 5K Check In
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM 5K Run/Walk
9:00 AM - UTC RiverFest Games
9:00 AM - Noon Canal Fair Food
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Commercial Craft Vendors
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM Food Vendors
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM RiverFest Food Truck Row
11:00 AM - 12:15 PM Motorcycle, Hot Rod Show
12:00 PM - 4:30 PM Carnival

Sunday, August 6th
6:00 AM - Noon American Legion Breakfast
6:00 AM - 5:00 PM Commercial Craft Vendors
11:00 AM - 7:00 PM Carnival
10:30 AM - 1:30 PM Poker Run
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was broken into pieces. Suspects later drove to a scrap recycling center south of Mt. Pleasant, and were issued checks for the items.

On August 2nd, 2017, Skyelah Beach was arrested at a residence in Burlington, IA for the warrant, and transported to the Lee County Jail, where she is being held pending a court appearance. She was charged with 2nd-degree theft, a Class D Felony, which carries a maximum penalty in Iowa of five years imprisonment. Phone calls to Chief Roberts on Wednesday evening went unreturned and Crall is assumed to be still at large.

Donnellson Police Department was assisted in the investigation by the West Point Police Department, the Van Buren County Sheriff’s Office, the Henry County Sheriff’s Office, and the Lee County Attorney’s Office. Anyone with information regarding the incident is encouraged to contact the Donnellson Police Department 319-835-5714 or Lee County Crimestoppers at 800-382-8900.

**5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST**

**THU 3 Aug**
- Moderate Rain
  - Low – 61.7º F | High – 86.7º F

**FRI 4 Aug**
- Clear Skies
  - Low – 55.5º F | High – 69.0º F

**SAT 5 Aug**
- Heavy Intensity Rain
  - Low – 59.3º F | High – 65.6º F

**SUN 6 Aug**
- Light Rain
  - Low – 58.3º F | High – 73.4º F

**MON 7 Aug**
- Light Rain
  - Low – 60.4º F | High – 78.3º F

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my eye, I try to capture it for a later painting. I break the cardinal sin in art with my paintings...I work from photographs! I am too slow of a painter to try to capture it from life. But that also allows me to work from multiple photos, which makes it easier for me to get a more dimensional and realistic painting.

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  - Choose an interesting image
  - Find the gessoed panel you swore you saw
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  - Let the dog out, while the clay dries
  - Answer the telemarketer on the phone
  - Fire the clay
  - Let in the dog
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Sculptor has unique art routine

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