FM has $50K unclaimed Powerball ticket

Ticket was sold June 6 at Casey’s on east end of town

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Dig deep in your wallets, look under the car seats, check the sofas. Someone purchased a $50,000 winning Powerball ticket in Fort Madison and it’s still unclaimed.

According to Mary Neubauer, Vice President for External Relations with Iowa Lottery, the ticket was purchased for the June 10th Powerball drawing at the East end Caseys at 1208 Avenue H.

"It’s been more than two months now that that ticket has been sitting out there unclaimed,” Neubauer said. "But don’t worry, there is still plenty of time to claim the prize.”

She said Powerball tickets in Iowa expire 365 days after the draw day. If that day were to fall on a holiday or a weekend, their would be additional time added.

She said this particular ticket would expire on June 11, 2018.

"A couple of months is little unusual for a prize that
Surgical unit, ER nurse recognized for service

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Community Hospital Foundation is pleased to announce the recognition of these community heroes:

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Janice Brown (Medical-Surgical Unit) and Janice Brown (Medical-Surgical Unit): “I had a hard time putting into words my feelings about Genessa Meier and Genessa Meier. The gift was given by Christine Fox. “Genessa went above and beyond her call of duty. Unfortunately, I had a visitor who is over my medical decisions—he wanted me admitted to Iowa City immediately. Genessa professionally explained the process which they followed. This person wasn’t nice and I was so embarrassed. Genessa should have not dealt with that behavior. Genessa was so nice to myself and my daughter. Hats off Genessa you ROCK.”

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A worker with Keokuk Contractors washing down a ditch Tuesday morning as part of construction work being done on Avenue G just south of the former Iowa State Penitentiary.

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Officials say booms are not uncommon

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“...it was a jet. ‘I’ve never heard of meteors causing booms like that, but I’d bet it was a military plane. The atmosphere can create sonic booms, but I’ve heard of occurrences where meteors, if they get inside the atmosphere, can create sonic booms, but he’s betting it was a military plane. ‘That’s the only explanation I can give you, but I have heard of meteor shower detectors, and I think it was a meteor shower. ‘They’re not supposed to fly over heavily populated areas, but I don’t know how firmly they stick to those guidelines,” he said.

This doe and her fawns found their way to some ice cream this past weekend as they poked outside the business line just northeast of the Put-A-Round parking lot. They stayed long enough to get a feel for the spectators then darted back into the woods.

Task forces continues busy August with another Keokuk bust

Third narcotics bust in the past five days

BY PCC STAFF

KEOKUK - The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of a Keokuk, Iowa man on misdemeanor drug charges.

It’s the task force’s third bust over a week in the Keokuk area.

David Eugene Thomas, 57, of 923 South 14th Street, Keokuk, Iowa was arrested on August 14th, 2017 at the Keokuk Police Department on misdemeanor drug charges.

Thomas is charged with possession of marijuana, a serious misdemeanor, and maintaining a drug house, an aggravated misdemeanor. If convicted, Thomas faces up to 3 years in a state correctional facility.

The arrest of Thomas stems from an investigation by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force into allegations that he was involved in the sale of illegal drugs in the Lee County 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, 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.

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She said the prison is currently spending $1,000 per day in utility costs inside the secure perimeter so a project like this would help the prison with it’s resources. Bowker said the infrastructure is in place that could be used for a project like this.

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“There some plusses. It has the garage doors and the size,” she said. "That’s a significant amount of money and that ticket is usually claimed quickly. But maybe this person is doing the right thing and getting their ducks in a row."

She reminded all players to double check their tickets because some players check jackpots and don’t look for winning combinations like this one. This winning ticket matched four of the five first winning numbers and the powerball.

“The longer it sits out there, the more we get worried it will get lost or thrown away.”

Winning tickets of this size can be claimed at any Iowa Lottery office in the state with the closest being Cedar Rapids. Neubauer said lottery officials write a check that day for the winning amount.

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