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Sheriff's department to try new K9

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE - Due to a performance issue in the dual-purpose training of the Lee County Sheriff's new K9, a committee decided Wednesday to bring in another dog.

At a meeting Wednesday of the Lee County K9 Association, deputy Uriah Wheatley told the group's board of directors, Alex, the German Shepherd currently in training with Wheatley, is not performing well in the apprehension model of his duties.

"It's my understanding the mission of this organization was to get a dual purpose K9. That's what was paid for and that's what people donated for," Wheatley said. "I'm new to this, but I've seen dogs that will bite, track, and smell dope. Alex and I went through one week and Alex is a very skiddish dog. I'm new to this, but I've seen dogs that will bite, track, and smell dope. Alex and I went through one week and Alex is a very skiddish dog."

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-Deputy Uriah Wheatley, Lee County K9 officer

Wheatley told the committee that his training with Alex with respect to apprehension and defense didn't go well. He said the dog had to be "strongly encouraged' to be aggressive, specifical-

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Deputy Uriah Wheatley is photographed here with Alex, a K9 the Lee County Sheriff's department was hoping would join the department in August. However, the K9 struggled with defense training and the department is going to try a different animal.



Packin' Back packs

Volunteers from the Kiwanis, the Fort Madison Community School District, and community members assembled backpacks for those registered for the Back-to-School Health Fair being held Aug. 12 at the Fort Madison High School.

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fareway names managers ahead of grand opening

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - With just a month away before opening its doors at the corner of 18th and Avenue L, officials at Fareway Grocery have released the names of the managers and are planning for the grand opening Aug. 30.

Fareway Regional Supervisor Rick Beckwith said construction crews are still in charge at the site, but plans are quickly coming together.

"We're very excited," Beckwith said Wednesday. "We've found Fort Madison to be a fun community to come into and very welcoming. There's a very positive vibe there and that's exactly the kind of community we love to be in." He said the grand opening will be at 10 a.m. August 30th with a 9:30 ribbon-cutting ceremony, but the festivities will be set in motion by the local management team.

lowan demolition put on hold until fall

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The owner of the former Iowan Hotel on the west end of Fort Madison said Wednesday that it may be late fall or early winter before demolition is completed on the building.

With just over half of the building demolished and piles of separated materials mounded on the property,

owner Glen Meller said it may take another month and a half or longer to get the building down.

"I just got off the phone with DNR (Iowa Department of Natural Resources) today and they said they found some sprayed on areas that have asbestos levels that are just a bit high. He's going to let me know what we need to do," Meller said in an interview this morning.

"It's not our fault or anything we did, we've just had See IOWAN, page 2 Corporate Outreach and Communications Director, Emily Toribio released the names of the management team at the store.

"Our grocery manager will be Mark Braun from the Davenport store and our Market manager will be Mike Hanna from the Iowa City location," she said.

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OBITUARIES

FRED HAROLD DOTY

Fred Harold Doty, 96 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died at 5:15 pm Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at his home. He was born October 23, 1920 in Iowa, a son of Warren and Sophie (Winkler) Doty.



He first married Patricia Kathryn Decker. She preceded him in death. They had one son, Michael (Vickie) Doty, of Fort Madison, two grandchildren, Shone and Chanda, and

great grandchildren. He married Neva Ann Westerhold on February 17, 1973 at Fort Madison, Iowa. She survives. They had two children, Nichole Doty (Eric Rhodes), of Hamilton, Illinois and Robert Doty, of Fort Madison, and granddaughter, Mercedee Doty. He was also preceded in death by his parents, one sister, and four brothers.

He is a U.S. Army WWII veteran. He worked for DuPont, retiring after 29 years of service. He loved being outside, and enjoyed fishing, playing horse shoes, and camping.

Per his wishes, his body has been cremated. No services are planned at this time. A memorial has been established, contributions may be made at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Online condolences to the Doty Family may be made from the Barr Memorial Chapel, <u>www.barrmemorialchapel.com</u>.

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Obituaries/Local News

The Kensington partners on diabetes

BY PCC STAFF FORT MADISON -Telligen, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Iowa, is working to help reduce the complications associated with diabetes in the Ft. Madison area.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly 10 percent of the U.S. population is estimated to have diagnosed or undiagnosed diabetes. Additionally, diabetes was the country's seventh leading cause of death in 2013.

Telligen has partnered with The Kensington Senior Living Community to provide eligible Medicare patients in the community with diabetes self-management education (DSME) classes. The classes are offered at no cost and will cover topics such as medication, nu-



trition, and foot and eye care. Each class is 1-1.5 hours long and will be held once a week for five weeks.

Classes are scheduled at The Kensington Senior Living Community, in the Activity Room, on Tuesdays, August 15 through September 19 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. If interested in signing up, call The Kensington Senior Living Community at 319-372-4233.

Asbestos, work load push project back

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to stop a couple of times to deal with that."

He said his company, Meller Excavating & Asphalt of Fort Madison, can load and haul the materials, but they aren't certified to remove it.

"They've come out and inspected us a couple times and each time they've found asbestos. So we have to hire someone to come out and remove it, then we can move on."

But he said now the excavating jobs have increased and the Iowan demolition will be put on hold until he can find time to do it.

"We've just gotten a couple of pretty big jobs recently so we're gonna have to wait about a month and half before we can begin working on it again," he said.

Meller said he hasn't seen any people roaming in the area and hopes they stay away for safety reasons while

he works the demolition back into the schedule.

"If I had my way, it'd be down by now. I want to get it down and then try to sell the property but that's just the way these things go sometimes."

Nathan Stueve, environmental specialist with the DNR said there have been several inspections that have turned up asbestos.

"One inspection had been completed and they had done the abatement," Stueve said. "We went out on another one and we found more material that had asbestos in it. They stopped doing work there at that point, per our request, until the rest of the material is removed."

Stueve said DNR would probably inspect the location again to make sure the abatement has been completed.

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Local News/For the Record

Fort Madison man facing felony drug charge

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of a Fort Madison, Iowa man on felony and misdemeanor drug charges.

Tyrone Lee Wilson, 42, of 1610 Avenue M, Fort Madison, Iowa was arrest-



ed on July 26th, 2017 at his residence on felony and misdemeanor drug charges. Wilson is charged with two counts of Delivery of Cocaine Second or Subsequent Offense,

WILSON

a class C felony with enhancements, Possession with intent To Deliver Cocaine while In Possession of a Firearm Second Or Subsequent Offense, a class C felony with enhancements, Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, a class D felony, Maintaining a Drug House, an aggravated misdemeanor, and Possession of a Controlled Substance (Alprazolam), a serious misdemeanor. If convicted, Wilson faces up to 113 years

in a state correctional facility.

The arrest of Wilson stems from an investigation by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force into allegations that he was involved in the distribution of illegal narcotics 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, Fort Madison Police Department, Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement, Lee County Sheriff's Office, Iowa State Penitentiary K9 Unit, and the Tactical Response Unit comprised of Keokuk and Fort Madison Police Officers 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.

Fareway retail setup could begin in next two weeks

then they should be able

to take a good look at the

"Beyond that we're just

in the development stages.

retail operation.

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"Every store does things a little bit different but we try to make those openings a fun and festive atmosphere."

Beckwith said according to current schedules the management team should be in the store in the next 10 days or so and

For the Record

Fort Madison

Police report 07/25/17 - 11:29 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit-and-run in the 2600 block of Avenue L. 07/25/17 - 1:00 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Jonathon Michael Juhl, homeless, 29 of Fort Madison

A lot of (grand opening plans) fall into place a few weeks before we open. We'll have a better idea at that point. But we're very

O on a charge of simple

domestic abuse. He was taken

to Lee County Jail and held.

Madison Police responded to

a report of vandalism in the

1800 block of Avenue H.

07/25/17 - 8:11 a.m. - Fort

07/26/17 - 7:48 a.m. - Fort

excited to take possession and get it opened. We will probably have certain vendors that will have special offers and some sampling going on, but we're going to be a very busy place for those hours on opening day," he said.

failure to appear and driving

under suspension. He was

taken to the Lee County Jail

and released after fine paid.

07/25/17 - 2:15 p.m. - Lee

County Sheriff's deputies

arrested Obie Taylor II, 38,

County Sheriff's office on a

warrant for failure to appear

of Burlington at the Lee

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and Nikki Necole Fowler, homeless, 26, of Fort Madison in the 1800 block of 35th Street on charges of third-degree theft. They were taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 07/25/17 - 4:57 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Lisa Marie Johnson, 29, of Fort Madison in the 200 block of 2nd Street, on warrants for failure to appear on possession of a controlled substance and failure to appear on fifth-degree theft. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 07/25/17 - 6:08 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Boyd Michael Sutton, 35, of Fort Madison in the 4500 block of Avenue a report of a larceny/theft in the 1800 block of Avenue H.

Madison Police responded to

Lee County Sheriff's report

07/25/17 - 8:38 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident at the ramp of Hwy 61 and Hwy 2. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Julie Diane Westfall, 59, of Donnellson struck the back end of a vehicle driven by Devon Connor Ball, 17, Donnellson. No injuries or citations were reported. 07/25/17 - 9:40 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested John Lee Cooper, 41, of Centerville, in the Davis County Jail on warrants for

on a citation. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held. 07/25/17 - 3:24 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Melinda Ann Pollmeier, 30, of Mt. Pleasant on a warrant for possession of less than 5 grams of methamphetamine. She was released on bond. It should be noted that those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report 07/25/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls and a fire call that was out on arrival.

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Fort Madison Bloodhounds



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Less than a month to go and the Fort Madison Bloodhounds are gearing up for a season under new Head Coach Tony Shiffman. Above, linemen work step drills at a workout Monday. At left, Tyler O'Tool seals off Coach Luke Rickelman in a wideout blocking drill. At right, senior Alex Gully finds the right gap off Coach Derek Doherty. Below, senior Caleb Cresswell hauls in a pass on a distraction drill and below left Heath Hoenig seals for Gully in run throughs.





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Area News/From the Front

New K9 to arrive within weeks

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We said from the beginning Alex was on a probation and he isn't different from any other office. If the handler wasn't doing his job he would be sent home, too."

> -Stacy Weber, Lee County Sheriff

ly to bite in apprehension and defensive postures.

"It had to be very obvious to him he had to bite. When he finally did do the bite it wasn't a very good bite. A horn was honked (in distraction) and released and that was it."

Mike Barnes, a K9 handler at Iowa State Penitentiary and an advisor to the committee, was involved in training videos with Alex and Deputy Wheatley. "Last week Mike and I took Alex up to the softball fields," Wheatley said. "Mike came out around the corner with a bite sleeve on. Alex should know what that sleeve is and he should react and he didn't. Mike was able to smack me across the chest and he still didn't bite."

Wheatley said he's created a bond with the dog, but he knew in the back of his mind it was a possibility that he would have to be sent back.

"Alex has small poten-

Burlington FD gets \$1 million grant

WASHINGTON D.C. – Congressman Dave Loebsack announced today the Burlington Fire Department will receive a total of \$1,002,174 to hire new firefighters. The funding comes from the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) program and will allow the department to hire six new firefighters. Loebsack is a longtime supporter of the SAFER program and wrote a letter to DHS in support of the Burlington Fire Department's grant application.

"It is essential that our local fire departments have adequate staff to protect our homes, businesses and



communities," Loebsack said. "I congratulate the Burlington Fire Department on receiving this competitive grant. This funding helps make certain they have the proper staffing to continue to safely serve the people of Burlington."

The SAFER program is designed to strengthen the nation's ability to respond to fire and fire-related hazards and improve the nation's overall level of preparedness by supporting the hiring of firefighters and the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters.

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and to do it would take several months and when we focus on that, the dope training suffers," Wheatley said.

"He's a great dog. This won't be easy for me and I've grown attached to him but I knew in the back of my mind this was a possibility. But he's a member of this team and he has to be able to do his job."

Committee member Sandy Brown asked Wheatley what made the company believe Alex was capable of being a dual-purpose dog.

Barnes said he had slights concerns with the dog when he first encountered him during a training session.

"I was part of the video on this and from the first time I saw this dog I knew there were issues here. He was skiddish. But I said this is a brand new dog, he'll go up there for training and he'll come back and it'll all be good. But there's no way I would put that dog out with an officer on the street. I just couldn't do it." Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber said the company that provided the dog is on board with exchanging the animal and has already identified an animal for the exchange.

"I don't want the public to think we went out and bought a drug-sniffing dog because that ain't it. If Alex can't do the job, he gets treated like any other officer that can't cut the mustard," Weber said.

"We said from the beginning Alex was on a probation and he isn't different from any other officer. If the handler wasn't doing his job he would be sent home, too."

Weber said the new K9 would be exchanged in the next couple of weeks. The new dog would be brought back to Wheatley for a one-week break in and bonding session. Then the new dog and Wheatley will return to training in Fort Dodge.

"It's a hiccup, it's a bump in the road," Weber said.

The committee also received an update on a second K9 that is showing great promise. The department is hoping to have the dog on staff at the end of the year or early spring. That dog is in South Carolina and is about 8 months old.





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