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ISP adopts two PAW dogs for prison assisted-living unit

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FORT MADISON - Iowa State Penitentiary recently adopted two dogs from PAWS – the no-kill animal shelter in Fort Madison.

There are other prisons in Iowa that have dog programs, each allows for pet-friendly interactions with offenders. Although, each prison has slightly different anticipated outcomes from the programs, all agree the contact has a positive effect on the population.

The two dogs, that are now calling ISP home, are aptly named Thelma and Louise. Thelma, a 6 year old America Eskimo, and Louise, an 8 year old Jack Russell, both reside in Housing Unit 4. Housing Unit 4 is a medical/assisted living unit that houses 21 offenders who require some level of day-to-day care or assistance.

The offenders have taken an immediate interest in Thelma and Louise. You can find the dogs sitting contently with the offenders while watching TV or during a game of cards.

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03/27/17 - 8:22 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2500 block of Avenue L. 03/27/17 - 3:49 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2500 block of Avenue L.

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Lee County Sheriff’s Report
03/27/17 - no time given - Lee County Sheriff department issued warrants for Jaclyn Nicole Parmeler, 30, of Keokuk on two counts of failure to appear. 03/27/17 - 2:15 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Kristen Michelle Golliher, 31, of Keokuk, at the Saint Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids on a charge of failure to appear. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

03/27/17 - 6:31 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jakob Eugene Judd, 19, at the Lee County Jail on charges of assaulting a police officer. He was held at that jail.

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03/27/17 - Fort Madison Fire responded to four medical calls 03/27/17 - Fort Madison Fire department responded to four medical calls. 03/28/2017 - 3:39 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Jakob Eugene Judd, 19, homeless, at the Lee County Jail on charges of assaulting a police officer and 5th degree criminal mischief. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

03/27/2017 - 3:49 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Marie Michelle Pilkinson, 31, at the Lee County Sheriff’s Department on a warrant for a probation/pretrial violation. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

03/28/2017 - 6:12 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Jacob Eugene Judd, 19, at the Lee County Jail on a charge of assaulting a police officer. He was held at that jail.

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MP holds off FMHS in girls tennis debut

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
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FORT MADISON - A good start in singles matches couldn’t carry into doubles action as the FMHS girls tennis team dropped their first dual meet of the year to Mount Pleasant at home Tuesday night.

2016 state doubles qualifiers Katie Larson and Hope Gray struggled with the Mount Pleasant net game in dropping the No. 1 seed doubles to the Panthers’ Meagan Sutherland and Kylie Sourwine, 3-8. The Panthers were able to finish a lot of points at the net. Larson and Gray started to react to the tight net play by moving the Panthers around, but just couldn’t get back into the match.

The ‘Hounds split with Mt. Pleasant in singles action with one of the more exciting matches of the day coming at No. 2 singles featuring Hounds junior Kearstyn Johnson. Johnson lost 8-9 in a 1-7 tiebreak to Thuan Tran in a match that lasted from the start of the event most of the way through doubles action.

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FMHS No. 1 seed Katie Larson, a junior gets quick with a ball in doubles play Tuesday against Mt. Pleasant. Larson won her singles match 8-0 but dropped the doubles match with senior Hope Gray, 3-8, who returns a volley in the photo below.

an 8-3 win at No. 4 over Sourwine, 8-3 for all the Hounds’ wins on the day.
At No. 5, Chloe Blind lost 3-8 to Erin Zihlman and Mercedee Doty lost in a close match at No. 6 singles 6-8 to Sheyanne Walter.
"I’m very proud of the victories by Katie, Hope and Larissa," Doherty said. "I could make up excuses about not getting enough time to practice outside because of the weather, but the other team has battled the same thing, so I think we just went into doubles over-confident and it hopefully was a signal that we need to focus and put our energy into not letting it happen again."
The No. 2 doubles team of Johnson and Ferrill lost 2-8 to Tran and Whaley, while Blind and Doty fell 6-8 to Zihlman and Walter. The girls host Burlington on Thursday beginning at 4:30 p.m.
The boys tennis team defeated MP 5-4 on the road.

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Alert Iowa gives residents heads up on threatening weather

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register for the alerts, visit this link: https://entry.inspirationlogistics.com/lee-ia/wens.cfm.

Family preparedness is on the agenda for Thurs-
day. Cirinna recommend-
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ies are getting better at having backups in place for when service is disrupted with backup and generators, but Cirinna said a lot of times in larger emergency situations the traffic is so heavy you can't get a call through. He said in those situations when you can't get through, sending a text may work because it's a microsecond of demand where calls are longer. Families should also have plans of where to meet up or organize in the event of a disaster. Many families have people in multiple locations at different times during the day and a plan should be in place for everyone to connect. He also said he's in regular contact with cities, counties, schools and day care centers. And if an emergency situation should arise during school hours, the officials and people in charge at those locations have preset plans to handle those events. "Having all the parents rush to the scene could actually delay in getting help to those who may need it," he said. But Cirinna admits that's a tough sell, although it's the right thing to do. Yeah, it's tough for me not to be on my cell phone trying to get there," he said.

"But the time to deal with these things is before things happen. Get with your schools or day cares and I find out what's going on. In the fall, we sat down with the day care centers throughout the state and were able to go over a planning process and get them thinking what they would do if something like this hap-
pended." Friday is flooding pre-
paredness discussion. Cirinna said the spring models don't show any real danger of flooding, but he said he doesn't know what the summer will bring. And he said it's not the major rivers that cause the most fatalities. "Flash flooding kills more people than any other type of weather event," he said. "Lightning is second on that list. Do you have a plan? What do you do when it starts raining?"

"The whole idea is to get people to become more aware of what's going on. Cirinna said people can visit him on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram and he typically has updates available there for most circumstances.

Visit Lee County EMA on Facebook at www.facebook.com/leecomega and Twitter at https://twitter.com/LeeCountyIaEMA. He also said first and foremost if you ever come upon or are hit by any emergency situation your first call should be to 911. "Make sure someone is aware and trying to get to you."

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LECEMA coordinator can't hand those out as I have to focus on govern-
ment facilities, chemical industries where deeper issues happen because of the flooding. "It would basically behoove everyone to have something to help keep the water out. Sandbags are relatively inexpen-
sive. You can spend $50 and get 100 bags and that's pretty good shape for most houses. Lots of the local quarries would have the sand but you if you're in flooding areas you should get with them and make sure you have a plan."

He said he hears that people are still confused by watches and warnings. Watches mean condi-
tions are favorable for the development for flooding, severe storms or torna-
does. A warning means it is happening now and the national weather service is actually getting reports of the weather.

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Fraise, Hoenig to call auction at event

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auctioneer, Olivia Hoenig. Hoenig has appeared as an auctioneer on the television show Texas Flip N Move. Currently she is an auctioneer for DIY network's Louisiana Flip N Move.

Individual tickets are $50 each in advance or $60 at the door. Sponsor tables for eight people are $500 and include reserved seating, close proximity to the auction stage, party favors, hors d’oeuvres and desserts, and the opportunity to promote the sponsor's business with their own table decorations. Raffle tickets for special-
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