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## Jefferson police eye reserve officers

### Unit would bolster force at high-population events

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JEFFERSON — The Jefferson Police Department is looking to develop a police reserve officer unit.

"The Jefferson Police Reserve Officer Program that we're developing right now, basically is going to be civilian persons that will not have arrest authority," Jefferson Police Department Chief Ken Pileggi said.

The chief noted that the reserve officers would bolster the regular staff at highly populated events such as Gemuechtlichkeit Days, Madison Classics car shows, the fall Harry Potter Festival — a primary driver for inception of the program — and other community events that require a significant number of officers to operate safely.

Also, they could be called up

on large-scale emergencies or utilized for security for school events, should the schools choose to hire them.

The Jefferson Police Department currently employs 14 full-time and four part-time sworn officers. Adding six to eight reserve officers to start would be a great help, the chief noted.

Reserve officers would be trained in traffic control and di-

rection, which would be their primary duties, but also in a variety of other skills and policies.

"One of the first things they're going to learn is our Code of Conduct, what our core values are, what their roles are as police officers," Pileggi explained. "The first training they're most likely going to get is the empty hand-control training, which is basically defense

and arrest tactics."

Learning professional communication also is important, he said, citing being aware of their presence and knowing how to talk to people in order to "talk them down" and de-escalate situations.

Once the reserve officer has mastered those skills, he or she potentially would be able to be trained to carry oleoresin cap-

sicum (OC) spray, which is known as pepper spray, which is the "highest level of force" the chief said he would allow. Carrying OC spray would have to be approved by the chief of police at his or her sole discretion.

"When you start getting into batons and Tasers, that takes a lot of training and they're not going to get to that level," Pileggi said. "It's one thing to understand when the force has got to be used, it's another to know

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### At Fort's McCoy Park

## K-9 vets memorial dedication Sunday

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"Ever vigilant, ever loyal." America's war dogs will be honored when Fort Atkinson dedicates its K-9 Veterans Memorial at McCoy Park at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, June 25.

Shuttle bus service will be provided from the Madison Area

Technical College parking lot beginning at 12:30 p.m. A tent will be provided at the park in case of rain.

The result of fundraising led by the Kennel Club of Fort Atkinson, the monument consists of a one-of-a-kind bronze dog statue, a three-sided polished black granite backdrop and lighting on a cement foundation.

It was inspired by Terry Beck, a fallen Fort Atkinson Marine K-9 handler and his German Shepherd scout dog, Seato, who were killed in action in Vietnam on Dec. 20, 1967.

Keynoting the dedication will be Perry C. Money, of North Carolina, president of the Vietnam Dog Handlers Association, and Barbara Snow, of Florida, executive director of the Southern Chapter of the United States War Dogs Association.

Participating in the unveiling will be the Fort Atkinson Police Department and Jefferson County Sheriff's Office K-9 units, and Dziewior.

The program will begin with patriotic music by the Fort Atkinson Community Band followed by a welcome by Mabel G. Schumacher, the kennel club member who coordinated the memorial. She will be joined by Daniel Juday, president of the Friends of McCoy Park.

The Fort Atkinson Joint Color Guard will post and retire the colors, violinist and U.S. Army Reserve veteran Jessica Kleman will perform "The Star-Spangled Banner," and Tom Freeman, chaplain of the Paul Frank Florine Post 166 of the American Legion in Fort Atkinson, will offer the invocation, memorial dedication and benediction.

Honored guests will include:



**SCHOOL'S IN FOR SUMMER** — Once summer meant no more school — but for today's students, summer classes are an opportunity for enrichment, fun, skill-building and practicing favorite sports. Summer school started Monday in the School District of Jefferson. Above, JoLyza Cooper, 8; Yoani Medina, 7; Andrea Mejia, 9; and Nayomi Medina, 7, play "Trouble" in the Princesses class. Pictured at right, Lauren Dempsey, 13, uses a sewing machine in a quilting class. Below, in the Crazy Art class, Eli Skoug, 6, and Kuper Miles, 7, choose colored yarn to create nametags as helper Kathy Green assists. Related photos appear on page A8. — Daily Union photos by Pam Chickering Wilson.



## U.S. older, ethnically diverse

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is growing older and more ethnically diverse, a trend that could put strains on government programs from Medicare to education, the Census Bureau reported Thursday.

Every ethnic and racial group grew between 2015 and 2016, but the number of whites increased at the slowest rate — less than one hundredth of 1 percent or 5,000 people, the Census estimate shows. That's a fraction of the rates of growth for non-white Hispanics, Asians and people who said they are multi-racial, according to the government's annual estimates of population.

President Donald Trump's core support in the racially divisive 2016 election came from white voters, and polls showed that it was especially strong among those who said they felt left behind in an increasingly racially diverse country. In fact, the Census Bureau projects whites will remain in the majority in the U.S. until after 2040.

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## President Trump's tease of possible Comey tapes fitting familiar pattern

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump said he had a secret. He trumpeted it on Twitter. He harried reporters' questions about it. He milked the moment, drawing out the drama for weeks.

That big tease played out in 2011, when Trump promised to reveal what his private investigators had found in Hawaii about President Barack Obama's birth certificate. (Trump never did release anything.)

Now, Trump has stretched

out a new high-stakes guessing game, this time in the White House, by hinting that he might have recordings of his conversations with fired FBI Director James Comey.

Trump is expected to answer the tapes question this week.

If they do exist, they could become a central piece of evidence in the Russia investigation that has transfixed Washington and cast a shadow over the future of Trump's presidency. If they don't, questions will be raised

about why the president would stake his reputation and political capital on promoting something that just isn't real.

Several outside advisers who speak to Trump regularly said the president has not mentioned the existence of tapes during their conversations. White House aides have been known to grimace when the subject comes up, and more than a half-dozen staffers said they were unaware of any

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President Donald Trump

## Former Milwaukee cop acquitted in shooting

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A Milwaukee jury needed less than two days of deliberations to acquit a former police officer in the on-duty shooting of a black man last year that sparked two nights of violence on the city's north side.

Jurors found Wednesday that Dominique Heaggon-Brown, who is also black, was not guilty of first-degree reckless homicide when he shot 23-year-old Sylville Smith after a brief foot chase following a traffic stop

Aug. 13. Smith had a gun when he ran, but the case hinged on whether he was a threat when Heaggon-Brown fired the shot that killed him.

The body-camera videotape showed Heaggon-Brown shooting Smith once in the arm as he appeared to be throwing the gun over a fence. The video showed the second shot — 1.69 seconds later — hit Smith in the chest as he lay on the ground.

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# K-9 vets

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Connie Beck Wald of Texas and Ted Beck of Colorado, Terry Beck's siblings; Beck's friends; Robert Kollar of Rhode Island, a K-9 handler and creator of the War Dogs logo; Trudy Debolt, Ohio, past recipient of the Vietnam Dog Handlers Association (VDHA) President's Award; War dogs Milwaukee; Cody Crangle and K-9 Flo, handler and K-9 veterans flagbearer; Andy Jorgensen, retired state Assembly representative; and veteran K-9 handlers.

Acknowledgments will be given by Donna Ingham, president of the Kennel Club of Fort Atkinson, recognizing: Mark Dziewior, sculptor and memorial designer; John Block and Chuck Block, Block Memorial Company; Daniel Atkinson, granite etcher; Mary Hill-Roth, Kennel Club of Fort Atkinson; Scott Lastusky, director of the Fort Atkinson Parks and Recreation Department; Rudy Bushcott, assistant city engineer; and the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation.

A reception will follow the ceremony.

K-9 Veterans Memorial Committee members include: Dziewior, Hill-Roth, Juday, Lastusky, Schumacher, Ingham, Jan Holewinski, Mary Juday, Marleen LaPlant and Margaret Majors.

Eighty-four persons, businesses and organizations contributed toward the K-9 Veterans Memorial, which carried a \$63,000 pricetag. The Fort Atkinson Community Foundation provided a \$12,600 4:1 challenge grant and an anonymous donor gave \$28,000. Dziewior is selling small signed and numbered bronze models of the memorial for \$395 each, with \$200 of that donated to the fund.

The memorial project has received overwhelming support from people throughout the United States, including those mentioned above and other dog handlers from Kentucky, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Illinois and Wisconsin.

The dedication of the McCoy Park memorial comes on the heels of Wisconsin proclaiming March 13 as K-9 Veterans Day in 2015.

It was on March 13, 1942, on which the United States K-9 Corps was founded. The initiative to honor military working dogs on that date started in 2009 with retired military dog handler Joseph J. White, whose efforts resulted in Jacksonville Beach and the entire State of Florida becoming the first to proclaim the recognition.

The more recent effort in Wisconsin was spearheaded by Schumacher. It was in 2011 that Schumacher — the retired director of instruction at the



**PARK PREP** — This Sunday, Fort Atkinson will dedicate its new K-9 Veterans Memorial at McCoy Park. The monument salutes the working military dogs and their handlers who have served and continue

to serve America. Pictured here are scenes from the site and monument preparations, including laying sod, electrician installing lights and etching the monument. The photo at bottom left

shows the war dog sculpture's ears peeking out of the crate. In the center directly below is a rendering of what the monument will look like. — Contributed photos.



School District of Fort Atkinson — first brought the idea to the attention of the kennel club, which gave her permission to pursue the recognition further. She contacted then-state Rep. and current Sen. Nass and Jorgensen, who also voiced their support of the idea. Eventually, with the support of other lawmakers, including state Rep. Cody Horlacher, R-Mukwonago, the statewide designation passed.

K-9 Veterans Day honors military dogs, as well as canines working with police, customs, the border patrol, service and therapy. Currently, 14 states have established that day as K-9 Veterans Day. In addition to Wisconsin, they include California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Michigan, New Jer-

sey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

Dogs involved in warfare have a long history. Starting in ancient times, war dogs have been used by the Egyptians, Greeks, Persians, Slavs, Britons and Romans, serving often for patrol.

The first reported war dog in America was a pit bull named Stubby. Stubby served 18 months in World War I and took part in 17 battles.

After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the U.S. military asked pet owners to donate their dogs to the war effort as part of the Dogs for Defense program. The dogs were trained and used for guard and patrol.

Former U.S. Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson first au-

thorized the use of dogs in war efforts on March 13, 1942, establishing the K-9 Corps. Dogs accepted into the military underwent a rigorous training program that exposed the dogs to muzzles, gas masks, gunfire and riding in vehicles. The dogs focused on obedience and responding to basic commands, so that they could learn to serve as a sentry, a scout or patrol dog, messenger dog, or a mine-detection dog.

By 1944, the U.S. Department of War had created 15 Quartermaster War Dog Platoons consisting of 20 enlisted men, 18 scout dogs and six messenger dogs. More than 1 million dogs were used by both sides during World War II.

The most-decorated American military working dog dur-

ing World War II was Chips, known for storming an Italian machine gun nest in 1943 during the Allied invasion of Sicily.

During the Vietnam War, about 4,900 military working dogs served in the U.S. military and were credited with saving more than 10,000 human lives. A total 232 military working dogs and 295 servicemen serving as dog handlers were killed in action during the Vietnam War, including Lance Cpl. Beck; Spec. 4 Richard Michael Banaszynski of Pulaski, and Sgt. Terry John Payne of La Crosse.

Since the terrorist attacks against the United States on Sept. 11, 2001, customs dogs, search-and-rescue dogs, border patrol dogs, police dogs and secret service dogs have helped

protect and serve the United States.

Modern working dog roles include law enforcement; drug, bomb and explosive detection; sentries; scouts; trackers; intimidations; search-and-rescue; and mascots. The most widely known service that a dog provides is in law enforcement. The canines are used to chase suspects, track if they are hidden and guard them when they are caught.

Among the area agencies that have K-9 units are the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and the police departments in Fort Atkinson, Whitewater and the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. The sheriff's office K-9 memorial statue is on the Jefferson County Courthouse lawn.

# Rockwell Avenue reconstruction in Fort Atkinson delayed until 2018

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been an open ditch for conveying stormwater. When it became a safety concern, a pipe was installed. However, there was not enough pitch based on the elevation for the pipe to drain properly or allow it to for the pipe to be buried properly.

As a part of the narrowing of the street, the boulevard will be eliminated and the elevations will be altered to allow for more pitch to the intersection of Grove Street and Rockwell Avenue.

"The whole goal of this was to reduce the overall footprint of the roadway," Reents said.

The boulevard will be replaced with wider terraces so the greenspace will remain,

just not in the center of the street.

Parking will be included in sections of Rockwell Avenue from Grove Street to Main Street to accommodate the area near Luther Elementary School and the soccer fields.

"This is an area that it makes sense to have the parking based on the activities in the area," Reents said. "The benefit from that is you gain extra greenspace on the north side of the road."

In addition, once completed, there will be no parking along Rockwell Avenue from South Main Street to Whitewater Avenue due to the ample parking available at the businesses in the vicinity.

During the presentation, Thompson noted that the analysis revealed a lack of stormwater capacity coming through the Rockwell Avenue and Grove Street storm sewer.

Effectively, any time one or two inches of rain falls, it collects in the street.

"Ideally, you are going to have a stormwater system that doesn't have any unacceptable ponding of water for a 10-year storm," he said, defining "acceptable" as being able to get a vehicle through the water without any problems for the average driver.

"There is a design capacity that puts the water just to the top of the pipes," he said.

The goal is to achieve a 10-year capacity that represents a standard design level.

Currently, the area floods when more than one inch of rain falls within two hours, which is labeled statistically as a two to four-month event.

For the Rockwell Avenue stormwater basin, which covers nearly 450 acres, the options are to have less water, put in additional pipes or add detention ponds.

Part of the issue with Rockwell Avenue is that on the east end by South Main Street, the pipe is so shallow it is actually visible in the median.

"If we think about lowering that down, we can get better hydraulic improvement, as well," Thompson said.

Through their analysis Thompson, Reents and Selle reviewed at least 11 alternative opportunities and eight combinations of them. Many were ruled out right away due to logistics and feasibility, with costs ranging from \$240,000 to \$6 million.

"Suffice it to say we looked at everything under the sun," Thompson said. "They will work and we can engineer them all to function properly, but it just

comes at such a high price that not any of them were particularly attractive."

The level of service achieved with many of the alternatives was not measurably different than the existing situation within the Rockwell Avenue system, he said.

The option given more weight Tuesday was labeled as "Alternative K." With a cost of approximately \$860,000, it involves placing a fairly large stormwater pond east of Nasco.

Construction of the pond would require permits from the state Department of Natural Resources due to the presence of wetlands and potentially contaminated soils.

"This offshoot project allows us to drain the lower pipe," Thompson said.

The delay results from the requirement to have conversations with Nasco and other property owners, as well as obtaining required permits from

the DNR.

No action was taken by the council Tuesday, as it was more of an opportunity to inform the public and the council on the project's status.

The next step will be to talk to the property owners about the preferred options and pursue their feasibility.

"I think if we have conversations with the landowners and they are OK with that, that would be a fuller picture to the total cost," Selle said, noting that he would like to see the project bid this fall.

Once more direct costs and impacts on stormwater utility fees and rates are determined, the council will be asked for approval.

In the meantime, Selle pointed out that the street is passable and will be patched as needed.

"I don't want to spend any money on it if I can help it," Selle said.

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**Tropical storm ashore in Louisiana**

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Gulf Coast states were in for a third day of rough weather as Tropical Storm Cindy sloshed ashore early Thursday in southwestern Louisiana.

Already blamed for one death in Alabama, Cindy was expected to keep churning seas and spin off bands of severe weather from eastern Texas to northwestern Florida.

The storm's maximum sustained winds had decreased to near 40 mph Thursday morning with additional weakening expected.

A boy on an Alabama beach was struck and killed Wednesday by a log washed ashore by the storm. The 10-year-old boy from Missouri was standing outside a condominium when the log, carried by a large wave, struck him.