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Miro and Swayzee Fire Chief Les Frost

Photo by Lori Overmyer

breed is easily spotted and always ready to offer company and comfort. In many ways Zion will become more than a therapy dog for the department as he will be good to take into the community.

Miro is a Golden Doodle. His gentle nature and no shedding and hypo-allergenic coat offers a low maintenance dog to the Swayzee Fire Department, and the Golden Doodle is a crowd pleaser or a cuddler.

Both dogs are personal dogs the officers are sharing with their departments. They are also responsible for making sure the dogs are fully trained.

The officers have entrusted Lisa Huber with training the dogs.

Huber will take the dogs from basic good puppy behavior, build on

that training until they become certified therapy dogs.

“It’s important to start with obedience because that’s the foundation for the behavior of a good therapy dog. They have to have a lot of opportunities for socialization, interaction with other people and animals, and many opportunities to love,” said Huber.

“I have found that a good therapy dog can bring a conversation when there’s not a conversation to be had. Sometimes there’s heartache and devastation. The dog breaks down barriers,” she said.

Biddle and Frost agree.

“I have a passion for keeping the mental health of my departments safe,” said Frost.

Biddle added, “Zion has the opportunity to strengthen our officers.”

Zion is just beginning his training and finding his place within the department. Biddle brings him to the station a couple of hours a shift to get to know people. Zion will need to be fully trained before he meets the public.

Miro will need a year also to prepare for any public interaction.

Both officers could use public support for their therapy dogs.

For Zion, the Marion Police Department will welcome gift cards toward food and vet bills. Officer Biddle will not accept personal donations.

A separate account is being arranged for Miro through the Swayzee Fire Department. For specific information contact frostymedic5@gmail.com.

Crowdfunding

to grow to a minimum of building two homes per year in Grant County.

To the donors and partners of the Crowdfunding Campaign, Brittany Howey, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity says, “Habitat’s mission is further accomplished by building this home as there is a lasting impact for the family and the community which perpetuates hope. Other families in similar circumstances see homeownership as attainable. We know that we are building more than roofs and walls for our partner homeowners. Instead, we see a Habitat home as a foundation for a better, more stable future for homeowners and their families.”

Learn more and contribute to the Habitat for Humanity campaign at [GiveToGrant.org/Habitat-Crowdfunding](https://www.givetogrant.org/Habitat-Crowdfunding).

Marion Community School of the Arts (CSA)

The focus of the CSA campaign is to expand programming to include community theatre, which is a tool for problem solving and sparking creative thinking among patrons and par-

ticipants. While Grant County has a long history in community theatre, organizations such as the Marion Civic Theatre (MCT), in operation for more than 65 years, are unable to keep the doors open after COVID-19. CSA will immediately take on the cost of maintaining the facility, and administrative duties. CSA values the longtime investment into the theatre space in which MCT operates and hopes to continue the valuable work that MCT has done to improve quality of life through theatre enrichment programming to those involved in the productions and the many patrons that have supported them.

CSA provides arts education and enrichment in Grant County, and in the past seven years has expanded theatrical programming. CSA provides opportunity for challenging norms and diversity in storytelling with plays in October, December, February, and April, as well as a July summer camp and performance, and a large musical.

“The Community School of the Arts has a mission to

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provide arts education and enrichment with excellence and fiscal responsibility, while the Foundation’s mission is to connect people, resources, and causes to promote sustainable impact towards the betterment of Grant County. This project will allow the CSA to continue to provide arts education and enrichment opportunities through community theatre and prevent the incredible theatre space that is currently owned by the Marion Civic Theatre from being lost, and the programs they have offered from no longer existing. Funding from the Foundation will help to bring sustainability to that programming, with our administrative staff and the support of the Foundation’s resources.” said Katie Morgan, Executive Director of CSA.

Learn more and contribute to the CSA campaign here, [GiveToGrant.org/CSACrowdfunding](https://www.givetogrant.org/CSACrowdfunding).

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