**HEADLINE exercise 1**

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*a. Main Headline: 4–36B-1*

A historic Heartland landmark is in shambles after a Saturday morning fire, which Heartland Police say was caused by arson.

The Heartland Steakhouse, 1701 Frederick Ave., had an estimated $125,000 in damages, mostly to the restaurant's main dining room.

Police arrested two men on suspicion of arson, Jake O'Neal, 23, and Arnold Simpson, 19. The pair was arrested six blocks from the restaurant at just past 1 a.m. Saturday. Police stopped the two on Faraon Street with a gasoline can and other items in a dark SUV that had been seen in the neighborhood just before the fire. The men also smelled of gasoline.

*b. Main Headline: 2–24B-2*

BOONVILLE, Mo.—Authorities are searching for a gunman who they say shot two men Sunday night at the Bottoms Up Club here.

Eldon Cross, 36, of Boonville, is believed to be the man who entered the club around 10:15 Sunday and shot two employees. As of late Monday, the suspect is still at large and considered armed and dangerous.

Although the shooting victims were thought to have life-threatening injuries, their conditions have since improved, said Boonville Police Chief Mike Crubaugh.

“We're anxious to find this guy, and we're working aggressively around the clock until we do,” Crubaugh said. “We've got some idea of what his movements have been, and the vehicle he left the scene in may be key to tracking him down.”

*c. Main Headline: 1–18-3*

BOONVILLE, Mo.—The manhunt for a suspect in a double shooting last weekend in Boonville ended Wednesday with his arrest in a small town in southeast Cooper County.

Law enforcement officers took Eldon Cross into custody Tuesday afternoon in Otterville, Mo., said Boonville Police Chief Mike Crubaugh. He is being held on two counts of attempted first-degree murder.

Cross was peering through binoculars at the road leading to a friend's home when a Cooper County deputy and an Otterville officer arrived, according to the Otterville Police Department.

The alleged gunman didn't notice the officers from his vantage point in the backyard and was surprised by their approach, Crubaugh said.

 Authorities say the 36-year-old Boonville man entered the Bottoms Up Club in Boonville on Sunday night armed with a .22 caliber rifle. He was unable to find his estranged wife, an employee at the club and allegedly shot two other employees who had confronted him.

*d. Main Headline: 2–24B-1; second deck: 1–18-3*

Capital Improvements Program supporters can stand tall: The program is a success, delivering on promises at least 95 percent of the time.

The CIP sales tax for more than 10 years has worked from a specific list of projects—or promises—and the vast majority of them have been kept, according to a News-Observer analysis. Only three projects have been canceled, and those were rolled into another project.

So, arguably, the CIP never has failed to deliver.

Depending on how projects are counted, the CIP has promised between 46 and 72 projects. It also has funded another 20 projects, as the tax money has been sufficient to cover some unexpected costs.

The CIP is a half-cent sales tax, meaning that it costs Heartland shoppers 50 cents on a $100 purchase. The tax sunsets after five years to keep it accountable to voters.

*e. Main Headline: 3–36-1*

A Heartland man who threatened school district officials over the telephone last winter will serve probation for the offenses.

Elwood Wellington, 47, pleaded guilty Thursday morning to amended misdemeanor charges of public peace disturbance related to two telephone calls he made to the Lindbergh...
Elementary School in March. He will serve a year’s supervised probation on each count.

He had been charged with the misdemeanor of making a terrorist threat, but attorneys on both sides worked out a plea agreement that Cooper County Circuit Judge Roger Frakes approved. The arrangement avoided a scheduled one-day trial.

Wellington was charged after he phoned officials March 18 to discuss a situation that involved his grade-school daughter. He first called counselor Sasha Wilson and then called Principal Beth Harrison.

Both times, according to Cooper County Prosecutor Aaron R. Smith, Wellington made references to the Columbine massacre.

**HEADLINE exercise 2**

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a. Main Headline: 4–48-1; second deck: 2–24B-2

Turnout for the first Small Business Workshop was such a success last year that the Heartland Chamber of Commerce had no other choice but to host another.

Area small business owners and community members can attend the workshop at the River Raiders Center on the Twain State University campus on Oct. 28 between 7:30 and noon.

Keynote speaker Kylie Brown will share in advice and strategy for gaining a successful business. Brown is nationally known for her marketing and motivational skills.

“She got rave reviews last year, so we brought her back,” said chamber Public Relations Director Joanne Cadden. “This year she is speaking about taking the fear out of small business startup and development.”

Sessions for entrepreneurs will be led by Becky Evans and Steve Holton with the TSU Small Business Development Center. They will present a wealth of resources for small businesses, especially those just getting started.

The event is a way for the chamber to recognize small businesses and help entrepreneurs thrive, even in tough economic times, Cadden said.

b. Main Headline: 2–24B-2

CLARKS FORT, Mo. — A 50-year-old man who fell off the hood of a moving pickup was in critical condition at a hospital late Thursday. George Otis, of Clarks Fort, was riding on the hood when the driver of the 1999 Ford pickup attempted to turn left into a parking lot, according to the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Otis slipped off the driver’s side and fell under the truck’s rear wheel. He was taken by air ambulance with serious injuries to Heartland Memorial Hospital.

The driver of the pickup, Daniel Watson, 42, of Clarks Fort, was cited for careless driving and not wearing his seat belt, the patrol report said.

The incident occurred at 3:20 p.m. on South Main Street in Clarks Fort.

c. Main Headline: 1–18-3

CLARKS FORT, Mo. — A 50-year-old man who fell off the hood of a moving pickup earlier this month died from his injuries Wednesday. George Otis, of Clarks Fort, had slid off the driver’s side of the hood as the Ford pickup attempted a left turn into a parking lot on South Main Street, according to the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Otis suffered critical injuries in the Nov. 3 incident.

A funeral service will be held at 2:30 p.m. today at the First Baptist Church in Clarks Fort.

d. Main Headline: 3–36B-1; second deck: 2–24-2

If you’re not tooting your own horn, donate it to a Heartland student who will.

At least a couple of sixth-grade band students at most Heartland elementary schools can’t afford their own musical instruments.
Usually this means the district scrounges to find a student an instrument. It might be in bad shape and usually isn't a student's first choice. And if the parents can't pay the $30 annual usage fee, then the student usually can't take the instrument home for additional practice.

Kevin Fargo, the school district's fine arts coordinator, started a program this fall that should help these students.

Called the “Tooting your horns” donation program, Fargo hopes community members will give the district their old instruments. The district then will loan the instruments to first-year band students, who are sixth-graders, based on their financial needs.

Fargo said that because a greater percentage of students are involved in band in sixth grade—as compared to middle and high school—sixth-graders have the greatest instrument need. And sixth-graders who have good instruments and positive band experiences are more likely to continue with the program.

e. Main Headline: 4–48-1
Where the sidewalk ends, debate begins.

Heartland lacks sidewalks on parts of many of its major streets—most obviously on Missouri Avenue and Frederick Boulevard.

In recent years developers have been required to install sidewalks when they make substantial changes to a building or property.

But Heartland still has an ever-expanding, not-quite-connected patchwork of sidewalks. In the last few years, builders and property owners have grumbled about “sidewalks to nowhere” that they have been required to put in.

Some have said it’s futile and wasteful to require sidewalks on one property without addressing adjoining properties.

“We are quite concerned about the random placement of sidewalks,” city architect Ron Matthis told City Council members in a meeting Thursday.

Matthis asked if current policy would continue. He also suggested the city point money toward the problem, as it does with its hike/bike trails, and help pay to connect long stretches.

He seeks a clear, written sidewalk policy so there can be no confusion.

**HEADLINE exercise 3**

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**a. Main Headline: 5–48B-1; second deck: 2–24-2**

The inch of snow that fell the last weekend in January took Heartland’s total snowfall for the month to a total matching the area’s average snowfall for an entire season.

At 13.5 inches for the month—a record monthly accumulation for the Heartland area—residents have seen more than they care of the cold, white stuff. With about two more months of winter weather ahead, Heartland could get more than 18 inches this winter, said George Amis, spokesman for the National Weather Service at Pleasant Hill, Mo.

The storms, including last week’s blast that dropped 3 inches on the area, have been tracking out of the southern Rockies across the lower Missouri River Valley and into the mid-Mississippi Valley, Amis said.

The winter weather continues with sub-zero wind chill temperatures. Highs aren’t expected to get above 18 today.

**b. Main Headline: 1–18-3**

A sewer maintenance worker for the city of Heartland was hospitalized Wednesday evening after being struck by a vehicle on Green Street.

Keith Stanton, 47, an employee with the city’s public works department, was taken to Heartland Memorial Hospital with undisclosed injuries, Heartland police said.
A nursing supervisor at Heartland said Stanton was still being evaluated in the emergency room Wednesday night.

Police and emergency personnel responded to the scene shortly before 7 p.m. following reports that a person in a manhole was struck by a vehicle near the intersection of Green Street and Third Avenue, located in northeast Heartland.

Officer Angela Franklin said Stanton, of Heartland, was lying on the street and leaning face first into the sewer when a 2006 Kia, driven by Patrick Hriso of Heartland, came around the corner and struck him.

c. Main Headline: 5–60-1; second deck: 3–36B-1

The population at the Cooper County Jail has dipped to its lowest level in five years, quite a different picture from even three months ago when officials worried about jail overpopulation.

Inmate population at the jail last week hovered around 140. The jail can accommodate up to 202 inmates with the addition of bunk beds in May but was designed to house about 126.

The population has been as high as 210.

Continuing high population prompted a meeting between officials in October to discuss ways to alleviate the problem without a costly jail expansion that county commissioners say is out of the question.

Although solutions were discussed—including increasing the frequency of arraignments for bond considerations, farming inmates to area jails and electronic monitoring for house arrest—nothing gained traction, and the group recommended forming an ad hoc committee to study the problem.

Joseph Jameson, a pretrial release investigator for the sheriff's department, said the reduction is due mainly to the efforts of judges to trim the time it takes for cases to work through the circuit court system.

d. Main Headline: 4–36-1

Cooper Glen Park fowl should be on the prowl, and ducks should be ready to duck.

Someone fired at least two blow darts at a duck last Saturday at the park on the city's north side. Carmen Orozco, who found the wounded fowl, suspects a child targeted the duck with a new blow-dart gun.

“Leave my ducks alone,” Orozco said. “They're a pleasure to be around. They love people.”

As is their routine, Orozco and a friend stopped to feed the ducks before a three-mile walk around Cooper Glen Park. They spotted a duck with what at first looked like a thumbtack hanging out of its head, she said.

Orozco corralled the duck, and her friend pulled the 4-inch blow dart from under its eye. The dart had gone in from the side, with the butt in the side of the duck's head and the point coming out the front of its face. She found another dart on the ground nearby.

The duck is alive and seems to be functioning fine, Orozco said, but the eye is shut and appears seriously damaged.

e. Main Headline: 5–48B-1; second deck: 1–18-3

Thanks to public support, Samaritan House, AllServ's cold-weather shelter at 700 Mary St., was able to open as planned Dec. 17. Open, perhaps, but still needing help.

“We owe so much to the community for coming to our support,” said Kate Wells, director of the Community Missions Center. “We're still short, but a lot of people have stepped up to the plate to help keep the shelter open. Our goal is to stay open as long as we can—at least until March 17.”

The cost to operate the cold-weather shelter comes to $43,000 per season, AllServ officials said. Some funding for the shelter comes from churches and private donors, but the bulk comes from the Missouri Housing Trust Fund. When the fund cut back funding this year, it forced the shelter to seek alternatives.

One way was a community fundraiser scheduled for Dec. 13. However, bad weather forced its postponement until 5:30 p.m. Jan. 17 at the AllServ Center.

AllServ has operated the cold weather shelter since 2001, providing 100 homeless men with warm shelter each winter.
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a. Main Headline: 2–24-2
The historic biofuels boom likely has spawned another historic event: the upward shift in grain prices.

Dan Manternach showed area farmers and agribusinessmen a bumper crop of graphs, charts and tables illustrating how corn and soybean prices have surged in the past year. Publisher and editor of Doane’s Agricultural Report, Manternach presented the information during a Farm Bureau seminar on Monday night at Central Missouri Inn.

In addition to influence from the expanding biofuels industry, he attributed rising prices to growing demand for grain in Third World countries and Wall Street’s increased interest in commodity funds.

As a result, farmers trying to sell their harvest in the upper third of historic price ranges may have a new mark to chase, while grain buyers must accept that bargain prices will edge higher.

“The market has shifted: $3 corn will be the old $2 corn,” Manternach said. “People who bought a lot and thought that old price was a bargain will soon think $3 is a bargain. At the same time, $6 beans will be the old $4 beans.”

b. Main Headline: 1–18B-3
Heartland may one day be known as the City of Water Gardens—if the Heartland Water Garden Society has its way.

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The nonprofit group is observing its 12th anniversary of encouraging and building ponds and water gardens throughout mid-Missouri. To celebrate, they will be hosting a 15-pond tour at members’ homes from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 19. The tour is free and open to the public.

Richard and Carolyn Koretzky’s home in Heartland Hills will be one of the stops. They have been members for two years.

“We really enjoy the camaraderie, sharing plants, ideas and helping each other,” Richard Koretzky says.

They have a 12-foot-by-12-foot pond behind their house filled with dozens of goldfish and a variety of plants, including water iris, black taro, purple alligator tail and blooming yellow cannas. Limestone rocks from an area quarry surround the pond. Normally shade-loving impatiens pop up between the rocks and grow without soil and in full sun.

“Just make sure the ends of the roots touch the water,” Carolyn Koretzky says.

c. Main Headline: 5–48B-1; second deck: 2–24-2
ARROW ROCK, Mo.—Nestled among tall cornfields about 25 miles northwest of Heartland, the tiny town of Arrow Rock has one of the state’s hidden gems.

Tightly packed on about 25 acres of what used to be a railroad boomtown sits hundreds of tents and tables filled with almost any items imaginable—and some not so imaginable.

The Arrow Rock Flea Market began Thursday and will end Sunday.

Reminders of what the town used to be sticks out among plastic tents in the form of a storefront or church.

Tom Bryant, his two brothers and Roy Thicket have organized the event since 1985.

They reminisce about the old town and share stories from past markets with anyone willing to visit a few minutes. One or another of the foursome can locate among the flea market tents where the old shops, banks and houses used to be. All in or near their 60s, the men own or lease much of the land used to host the market.

Although they anticipate 40,000 to 50,000 people will come to Arrow Rock throughout the weekend, this year won’t be their biggest because of the poor economy.

“Vendors are what bring the people back,” Thicket said.

“And how do we get the vendors back? We take good care of them,” Bryant added.

d. Main Headline: 3–36-1
When low income or lack of insurance prevents payment of medical bills, patients can find themselves embattled with collection firms and lawsuits.

Those on the receiving end of that litigation in Heartland complain of the treatment from a collection agency for Heartland Memorial Hospital. The issue has led to a federal lawsuit claiming that Heartland is in violation of Fair Debt Collections Act.

Two former patients, though not involved in the pending litigation, know what it’s like to fight illness one day and a collection agency the next. The experience is stressful and frustrating.

“They’d call us at least a dozen times a day, as late as 10 at night,” Tillie Bracciano said of Heartland’s collection agency.

Bracciano said she and her husband, Andrew, have accrued about $4,000 in medical expenses from the birth of her daughter and repeat visits when the infant was sick. Before her court date, Bracciano said she got a bill for those expenses in the mail at least every three weeks.

Bracciano, for whom bankruptcy is a possibility, said her family often feels harassed by the debt collectors, especially because new bills sometimes seek amounts that they already have paid.

“They want their money before we put food on the table,” Andrew Bracciano said.

A late summer thunderstorm Thursday left about 300 local AmerenUE customers without power—including Heartland Memorial Hospital and Twain State University.

The National Weather Service issued a severe thunderstorm warning for several counties in Central Missouri, including Cooper County, just before 5 p.m.

Allyson Galt, operations manager at Vanderbilt Regional Airport, reported a 13-degree temperature drop between Heartland and Boonville, Mo., just before the storm hit. Winds more than 40 mph were recorded at the airport.

Boonville, Pilot Grove, and Bunceton, Mo., also reported hail.

The storm knocked down power lines across Heartland, and AmerenUE deployed extra crews to clean up the mess, District Manager Mathew Tomlinson said.

The hospital’s power is supplied through two circuits, Tomlinson said, and their secondary circuit suffered an outage during the storm.

Twain State also suffered a massive power outage. Power was restored just after 6 p.m.

**HEADLINE exercise 5**

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a. Main Headline: 5–60-1; second deck: 2–24B-2

The Cooper County Economic Development Fund committee on Monday pledged a four-year, $100,000 commitment to the Institute for Biological and Life Sciences.

It has been three years since the institute opened its doors on the Twain State University campus, and the commitment from the original partners on the project has expired. Although several are still on board with the operation and continue to contribute funds, additional funding is needed, said Dr. Howard Hall, president and chief executive officer of the institute.

“Now we have operations in place,” Hall said. “In the next two to three years we will begin generating jobs.”

The committee will give the institute $25,000 a year for four years through the fund. The money, however, is restricted to purchase laboratory equipment and support training at the facility.

“We’d like to see some real economic benefits since we’re using taxpayer dollars,” said Dan Hausman, northern district commissioner.
The mission of the institute, located at the west edge of the TSU campus, is to enhance training in life sciences. It is a joint public and private operation.

b. Main Headline: 1–18-3
A 43-year-old man was shot in a Pilot Grove, Mo., apartment Sunday night and died later from his injuries, according to Pilot Grove police.

David Thomas was found on the floor of his girlfriend's apartment with multiple gunshot wounds when an officer from the Pilot Grove Police Department responded to a report of shots fired. Officer Sam Wendelken said Thomas was still alive when he arrived. He died later at Heartland Memorial Hospital.
The incident appeared to be a dispute between neighbors, Wendelken said.

A 24-year-old man was arrested on charges of possession of a handgun that police believe was used in the shooting. The man was not charged in connection with the murder, but police said they consider him a person of interest.

c. Main Headline: 2–24B-2
One man died and two people were injured in a head-on collision Sunday night on the eastern edge of Rocheport, Mo.

William A. Porter, 87, of Rocheport, died at the scene. He was a passenger in a car driven by his wife, Ila R. Porter, 65. She was transported to Heartland Memorial Hospital with moderate injuries.

Ryan M. Hanscomb, 30, of New Franklin, Mo., was transported to Heartland with serious injuries.
The Porter car was northbound on state Highway BB when a car driven by Hanscomb crossed the centerline and struck it, according to a Missouri State Highway Patrol crash report.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Porter were wearing their safety belts, according to the report.

d. Main Headline: 3–30-1
Holy Cross Catholic Church will revive a centuries-old Catholic tradition this weekend.

The Rev. Leo J. Ruggles will perform his first public Latin Mass Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent. He said he hopes to make Latin Mass available every Sunday at 12:30 p.m., in addition to the church's regular Masses.

“I think as it's offered and people become more aware of it, there's going to be some curiosity,” he said. “While there might not be a huge demand for it right now, I think the availability will spur a greater interest.”

The Rev. Ruggles, pastor at the church, said this would be the first time since 1970 that the traditional Latin Mass has been offered on a Sunday at Holy Cross. Under Vatican Council II, priests needed permission from their bishops to perform a Latin Mass. Though never banned, Latin Mass was effectively replaced by the new Mass spoken in English and has been performed only in a small number of parishes around the country.

This past summer, Pope Benedict XVI issued a decree that eased the restrictions on the Latin Mass, allowing priests to perform it without the bishop's permission. However, not every priest has the liturgical training to perform a Latin Mass.

The Rev. Ruggles has spent the past year learning the rituals and language of the Mass. He has performed private Masses in Latin for the past three weeks to prepare for Sunday.

e. Main Headline: 1–18B-3
WINDSOR PLACE, Mo.—Children and adults have special opportunities in December at the Windsor Place branch of the Cooper Hills Consolidated Library.

These include a top-10 story time for toddlers. Parents and their young children can listen to nominees for Missouri's best building block picture book at 10 a.m. on Dec. 11 and Dec. 12. This program will include several craft projects during each day's two-hour session with children's librarian Saundra Black.

Missouri preschoolers can vote during December for their favorite among the 10 candidates. The Missouri Library Association will announce the winner early next year.

The library invites knitters of all ages to create caps and mittens during a series of four sessions at 8 p.m. on Dec. 11, 13, 18 and 20. Participants may attend as many sessions as they want. Yarn, needles and instructions will be provided, if needed. The caps and mittens will be donated to the knitter's favorite charity or one selected by the staff.

Children of all ages will be guided through a program of creating angels for holiday decoration. The two-hour class will be Dec. 12 at 4 p.m. The library needs donations of lace, glittery trims, buttons and other items for use by crafters. For more information call the Windsor Place branch at (660) 339–4569.
a. Main Headline: 2–24-2

BLACKWATER, Mo.—The Happy Hearth has been known through the years for many things, but barbecue hasn’t been one of them.

The new owner, Billy Brown, plans to change that and bring in a barbecue and blues atmosphere along with secret family recipes from the Adamo family.

Arthur Adamo, one of the chefs at First Ward House, has big plans for the menu at the Main Street restaurant by using the same quality meats his family was known for at their butcher shop, the Meatery.

“My grandpa’s Italian sausage recipe, grandma’s meatball recipe—all the stuff my dad taught me how to do is what we prepare,” he said.

The eatery’s manager, Chad Reston, said he plans to re-establish The Happy Hearth and “make it one of the best barbecue places in Central Missouri.”

The restaurant has 10 employees, including Brown, Reston, Adamo and another head chef, Vincent Ericson.

Brown wanted a completely different menu, including home-cut fries, but knew that some of the traditional items The Happy Hearth was known for had to remain.

b. Main Headline: 1–18-3

The Heartland Police Department is investigating a shooting early Friday morning in the 2200 block of Williams Street.

Residents reported shots fired at about 1:15 a.m., and responding units found a vehicle that had been struck by gunfire but no victim or shooter. Police said there was evidence at the scene that leads them to believe someone was injured, an officer told the News-Observer.

At least three shots were fired into a red Chevrolet Impala, according to the police report.

Anyone with information or who was in the area at the time of the shooting is asked to call the TIPS hot line, 329-TIPS.

c. Main Headline: 3–24B-1

Increased copper and aluminum theft across Central Missouri is causing major headaches for AmerenUE, and the company is calling on state legislators for some help.

The company hopes state lawmakers will accept its proposal to set up a registration system to curb increased identity theft.

Steve Kelley, the company’s regional manager, said the system would identify sellers of copper and aluminum. AmerenUE wants the registration to include the seller’s driver’s license or other state- or federal-issued identification and a description of what was bought.

Theft of copper from AmerenUE facilities affects operations, including power outages. In some cases, thieves often are burned severely or electrocuted trying to steal copper.

To date, AmerenUE has spent $1.2 million for repairs and enhanced security.

d. Main Headline: 2–24-2

Some nasty winter weather is heading to Central Missouri, causing city and electric crews to take precautions.

Sixteen of the city’s salt trucks will hit the streets Friday evening and are prepared to work through the night. Workers are estimating nearly 500 tons of salt will be spread out on Heartland roads through this weekend’s predicted ice storm. Crews also will be out clearing sidewalks and parking lots.

An AmerenUE representative said they would also have units on standby throughout the night to watch for downed power lines and outages.

Because of the extra material and labor used to keep the streets clear, Heartland Public Works Director Stanley Greene said ice storms are more of a hassle.

“We’re not only going to have to keep de-icing chemicals on the street, but we’re going to have to clear the streets if we have any down limbs,” Greene said. “Our resources are going to get stretched pretty thin.”
George Amis, spokesman for the National Weather Service at Pleasant Hill, Mo., said Heartland might get around a quarter of an inch of ice from the storm. It should hit around 3 Saturday morning and end by early afternoon.

Greene said if residents have to get out in the bad weather, they should use emergency routes. For updates on road conditions, visit the Missouri Department of Transportation website.

e. Main Headline: 3–30B-1; second deck: 1–18-3

A Clifton City, Mo., couple accused of being involved in the sport of dog fighting pleaded no contest in court Thursday. Keith Allen, 32, and his companion, 30-year-old Trisha Thomas, had been charged with felony dogfighting and misdemeanor cruelty to animals.

The two were charged after a dog carcass and several malnourished pit bull terriers were found in Allen's backyard on the 700 block of Cherry Street and neighboring property in August. Police also found equipment often used to train dogs for fighting.

Some dogs were found to be vicious and were euthanized after Allen could not care for them while his court case progressed.

The couple could receive up to four years in jail and be fined up to $5,000 on the felony charge and up to one year in jail and be fined up to $1,000 on the misdemeanor charge.

Cooper County Circuit Judge Roger Frakes ordered a presentence review prior to rendering his decision in the case.