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DIXON

## Murder-suicide in Dixon

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Staff Writer

Dixon Marshal Clifty Yokum confirmed that a call was received by neighbors living on E. 4th Street near Casey's, reporting a shooting around 6:30 p.m. Marshal Yokum said that Gary Wayne Ball, 30, of Dixon, shot his estranged wife's boyfriend, Theron Parlin, 32, of Colorado Springs, Colo. Ball arrived at his estranged wife's house and when Parlin came outside, he emptied a 17-round clip into Parlin, said Yokum. Neighbors reported and Yokum confirmed that Ball reloaded a new clip and shot himself, pointing the gun through his chin. "We found 18 rounds," Yokum said.

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LOCAL

## Old Settlers Day is coming

End of July celebration

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For the 31st year, Waynesville will be home to the Old Settlers Day celebration on July 30 from 10 a.m. to 5 p. m. Old Settlers Day is used to commemorate the Old Stage Coach Stop in downtown Waynesville. "We will have a festival, food, and vendors," said Kelly Howley, event coordinator for Old Settlers Day. "The Armed Forces YMCA will be holding duck races and the Kickapoo Trace Muzzleloaders will have an encampment." The Old Stage Coach Stop was used in Waynesville in the 1800s as a

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COMMUNITY

## PCHS offers solution for pound

Requests audience at Board of Aldermen meeting

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The Pulaski County Humane Society requested to be put on the Richland Board of Aldermen's agenda Wednesday. The board will be meeting Tuesday, July 19, at 7 p.m. PCHS president Kim Fuhr is going to formally present a proposal to the city of Richland offering to do several things for the city at no charge. "At the very least we would like to take the dogs after their five-day holding period," Fuhr said. Fuhr said she would like to take custody of the dogs after the five-day holding period to avoid the destruction of the animals and allow them a chance to be adopted. PCHS did this for several years until last July when the city abruptly severed ties via a letter sent to Fuhr after PCHS made the same offer they plan to present at Tuesday's meeting last year at a June Board of Aldermen meeting. Concerns were raised at the July 20, 2010 Board of Aldermen meeting that the city employee who is responsible for taking care of the dogs couldn't get along with PCHS volunteers.



The boxer-mix (left) has been in the Richland pound's kennel for 80 days. According to what the Daily Guide has been told by people who have had to claim their dogs, the cost to claim him would be \$345. The labrador female (right) has been there for 71 days and the cost to claim her would be \$309. PCHS plans to request that the dogs be relinquished to their custody rather than the city killing the dogs. PHOTO BY NATALIE SANDERS

PCHS volunteers reportedly tried to "change everything" at the pound and the Richland Board of Aldermen voted to sever ties with PCHS and sent Fuhr the letter. "I think what bothers me the most about the way everything

happened after that proposal last year is there could have been a negotiating point. If there were some things on there that they didn't like, we'd have been happy to talk about it and figure out what would work. But nobody ever contacted us or

anything. I just got a letter in the mail severing ties," Fuhr said. The offer is to provide medical care, shots, flea treatment, exercise, socialization, disinfection of runs

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### GET TO KNOW YOUR FIRST RESPONDERS

## Capt. Tony Claar

Operations and Training Officer Pulaski County Sheriff's Department

**What inspired you to become a police officer?**  
I have never seen myself doing anything but police work.

**What do you find most challenging about your job?**  
As the operations officer, I have to do all paperwork and act as a go-between within and outside the department.

**What is the best thing about your job?**  
The nice thing about this job is you're able to go from a call, to court and actually be an integral part of the investigation.

**What is the hardest thing about your job?**  
The biggest challenge for any law enforcement department is that you have so many different first responders going out to incidents that you have to get all the ideas to come up with one overall approach that is most beneficial to the county.

**What do you think it takes to be a good police officer?**  
You have to have it inside if you, like a calling. This isn't something where someone is going to show up one day

and be like it's a job like any other. If you have that attitude, you won't last long in this job.

**What has been the worst moment on the job?**  
There is no worse moment than doing a notification at 3 a.m. that someone has passed from a car accident or worse than that, drugs or alcohol overdose.

**What has been the best moment?**  
Any moment when you walk away and you have put a family back together or have retrieved something for someone.

**What advice can you offer people interested in this career?**  
This isn't TV. This isn't an episode of COPS. The majority of our job is a very mundane process. Dealing with the public is the backbone of what we do. The majority of our time isn't spent on a "hot call."

**What is the one thing you would like people to know or understand about what you do?**  
I am a person that wears many hats and I do my best to make sure that all my officers are trained up to their best of their abilities.



New Pulaski County Sheriff's Department Operations officer Capt. Tony Claar poses in front of his car. PHOTO BY MICHAEL L. MISFELDT

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### More about Tony Claar

**AGE** 41  
**EXPERIENCE** Coast Guardsmen, Army Military Policeman, police officer Spartanburg, S.C.  
**RESIDENCE** St. Robert  
**EDUCATION** Parkview High School graduate 1987.  
**FAMILY** 9-year-old daughter  
**OUTSIDE THE DEPARTMENT** Capt. Claar is from Greene County. After high school he joined the Coast Guard and also spent time in the Army as a military policeman.

**Nominate someone** Do you know a firefighter, police officer, EMT, or other public safety official that deserves to be profiled? If so, contact editor@waynesvilledailyguide.com or call 336-3711

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