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ALDEMARO ROMERO JR. COLLEGE TALK

At the center of all innovation in downtown is a question championed by former Mayor Gary Niebur and consistently promoted by many city officials including Alderman Keith Short and Carl K. "Jerry" Stamer, who, of course, represents that ward. "I think we felt that this was a very logical place to do it, that there was a lot of need for it and it was a good place to do it," Stamer said.

"My concern is the $40,000 every year for three years increment in addition to the $300,000 for the buildings and $150,000 for the initial startup. Hopefully there are some other items taking place so I'm encouraged that the city can look at this in a business sense for everybody." Stamer said.

"It's important to me to look very specifically at what Stamer has been able to do in that role, & so we have to do that today, & that's why he's here," Stamer said.

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DOGS

In 2012, a partnership was entered into with the Missouri penal system to start helping female prisoners begin training dogs. Animals Initiated Solutions, the leading company in the women’s vocational training program, was then introduced in the area.

"It helps C.H.A.M.P.'s workforce and our partners associated with training dogs," said Alan Zalisko, the executive director of C.H.A.M.P.

"We've made a big push to get our experienced female trainers working with the girls inside the prison," Zalisko said.

"It's important to us to teach the girls how to take care of a dog, to teach them responsibility and empathy with a dog," Zalisko said.

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New neighbors

Members of the Edwardsville/Columbia Carbon Chamber of Commerce joined the staff at Howell Health Care Pharmacy for a ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday. The pharmacy is located 447 South Buchanan St. in Edwardsville. For more information, call 656-0505 or visit www.howellpharmacy.com.

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The developer stated they had been approached by retailers including Direct General and individuals who would rent the location as a tenant. "I think we've had a lot of interest," Stamer said. "We're not going to give anyone the impression that it's going to starve.

"If we had to vote on it right now, I think we would say that we don't have a perfect match," Stamer said.

"It's important to find the right match between the person and the dog. We help them match up very carefully, and we rebuild the bond between the person and the dog," Zalisko said.

"If you're interested in volunteering or to find out about C.H.A.M.P., please call (909) 895-2801 or visit their website, C.H.A.M.P.s.org."