

OMG!con returning June 12-14

BY KEITH LAWRENCE
MESSENGER-INQUIRER

When it debuted in Paducah in 2006, OMG!con drew about 100 fans of anime, video games and cosplay.

Twenty years later, John Bowen, vice president of the organization, says, "We've seen growth in the past two years. We're expecting 2,500 to 3,000 this year."

The gathering of pop culture fans moved to the Owensboro Convention Center in 2014, the year it opened.

And it returns June 12-14.

Bowen said he realizes that "money is going to be tight for a lot of people this year. We're trying to keep hotel prices as low as we can and we haven't raised our prices this year."

The three-day "Festival of Fandom" will draw voice actors, gamers, authors, artists, cosplayers, entertainers, creators and panelists from across the country.

Bowen said, "We have something for everybody."

He said, "If you're into anime, Greg Ayres is a big name. If you're into video games, it's Jon St. John and for production, it's Yoshi Vu. We have a large variety of guests."

Cosplay is where people dress up as their favorite character.

And the cosplay contest is a big attraction each year.

Bowen said it usually attracts around 100 entrants. "It's a big draw and there

are prizes," he said.

"If you're out and about on that Friday and Saturday, you should see cosplayers in costume," Bowen said. "Fetta is a popular place with us."

There are also tabletop games, video games, fan panels and a chibi room for children 9 and under.

The video game room includes retro and current consoles, arcade cabinets, a tournament stage and indie game developers.

The exhibitor's hall takes over half of the first floor with 70-plus artists and vendors.

A boffer larp — combat with foam weapons — will be on the front lawn.

More than 200 panels are scheduled and there's a dance party and a formal ball.

Bowen said people downtown will know that OMG!con is in town.

Sheriff's office adds explosives dog to force

BY JAMES MAYSE
MESSENGER-INQUIRER

The Daviess County Sheriff's Office K-9 unit, which has expanded in recent years, is a little larger with the addition of a new explosives-detection dog.

Boomer, a German shorthaired pointer, was purchased and trained for the job using cash forfeited to the sheriff's office during drug trafficking investigations.

Sheriff Brad Youngman said the forfeited funds covered the \$20,000 needed to purchase the dog and send him and his handler, Deputy Trent Smith, to four weeks of training at a K-9 academy in Galesburg, Illinois.

"One of the things we like to do is use money seized from drug dealers to purchase things for the community," Youngman said Wednesday. While the sheriff's office budget covers department necessities, "we try to use the (forfeited) money for things we don't budget for — our wants, not our needs."

Smith, who has been with the department for six years, said he grew up loving dogs but never had one himself until he was selected to be Boomer's partner.

"I was being interviewed for one of the narcotics K-9 positions, and they asked, 'How would you feel about an explosives-detection K-9?'" Smith said. "I thought, 'It's not something you see every day.'"

Having Boomer join Smith's family has been an exercise in learning how to live with an animal that has an agenda of his own.

"We are still working out the kinks of, 'When are you going to feed me?' and 'When are we going to play?'" Smith said.

When Smith gets Boomer out of the patrol vehicle, the 1 1/2-year-old dog almost immediately puts his nose to the ground and begins to search. Boomer is trained to detect 10 different ingredients

used in explosives and is nationally certified in explosives detection.

For Boomer, tracking those scents is play.

"It's a big game to him. It's not even a job," Smith said. "It's what he lives for. He's just naturally working."

Explosives-detection dogs have utility beyond investigating the occasional suspicious package. Schools and businesses can be disrupted by bomb threats, and having a dog trained to detect explosive ingredients provides an additional level of diligence when searching buildings after a threat is reported.

"He can tell us before we open anything if there's

something in there," Smith said.

The Owensboro Police Department also has a dog trained in explosives detection, and Smith said the two agencies can work together on calls. If other agencies need the services of an explosives-detection K-9, the sheriff's office can now assist, he said.

"If Indiana were to call us, we can go over there to assist them," Smith said.



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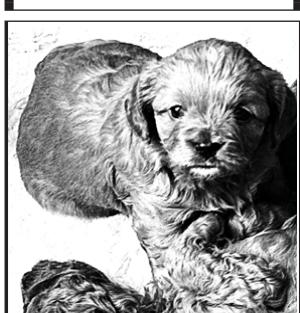
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