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Woodbury County Sheriff's Office Swears In Sheriff Drew, Hires & Promotes 10



New Deputies (left to right) Andrew Vogt, Benjamin Brown, Vincent Dvorak, David Hansen, Zane Chwirka, Gerald Lukken.



Major Gregg Stallman



Major Todd Wieck



Lt. Tony Wingert



Sgt. Don Armstrong



Above, 32- year Woodbury County Sheriff's Office veteran David A. Drew was sworn in as the County's 33rd sheriff by Judge John Ackerman on January 2, 2013, with his wife Jana Drew at his side. At left are promotions. For details see Page 20.



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Floyd County Deputy Levi Bowers' Name Added to Iowa Peace Officer Memorial

Photo by Eric J. Salmon

Floyd County Deputy Levi Bowers was killed in the line of duty on Feb. 24, 1916. On May 10, his name was added to the Iowa Peace Officers Memorial during the annual service in Des Moines.

Deputy Levi Bowers died after responding to a report of gunfire in the city of Rockford. The suspect reportedly had fled to a residence after attempting to kill a local physician. When Deputy Bowers located the suspect, a confrontation ensued in which the Deputy shot the suspect and was also hit by gunfire. Deputy Bowers later died of his wounds. He left behind a wife and two young children.

Photo: (left to right): Floyd County Deputy Brian Tiedemann, Floyd County Board of Supervisors (Chair) Mark Kuhn, Deputy Travis Bartz, Deputy Bowers' great-great-grandson Evan Hall, Deputy Ben Kostka, great-grandson Tom Dyer, Chief Deputy Jeff Crooks, Deputy Pat Shirley, Deputy Dave Kelley and Deputy Dan Assink.



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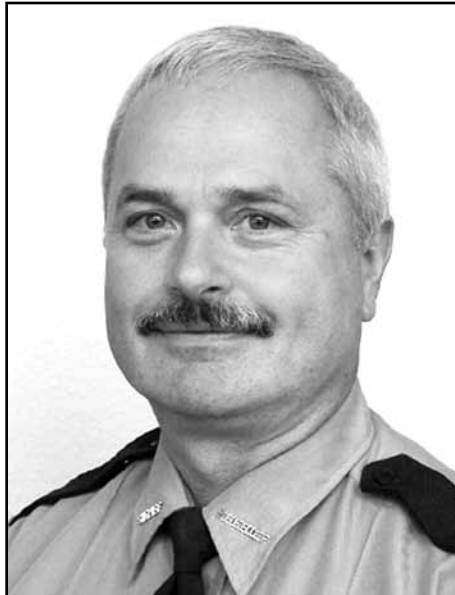
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ISSDA 2nd Amendment Support Recognized; Uniform Committee Making Good Progress

Is it ever going to warm up? On Monday (April 22) during Civil School, Sheriff Krukow was showing us pictures of 4 inches of snow his county had just received. As you all know, in Iowa anything is possible with the weather, just wait 15 minutes. Speaking of Civil School, what a great turn out! There were some of the normal faces, but a lot more new faces – more than normal. The food was great as well as the entertainment. Hats off to the Schools Committee, again.

Legislative season is winding down. My hope is by the time you read this article our E911 funding will be better secured with the \$1.00 surcharge on land and wireless devices, and the ILEA Academy will have a better source of financing. Our lobbyist, Susan Cameron, will probably cringe with me saying this but, when it comes to legislative issues I am always amazed at how common sense and politics are so far apart – worse than oil and water. Don't get me wrong, we have some good legislators, I just don't like the, "if you do this, then I'll do this for you," politics. On a positive note, I think many people got the real story that ISSDA does support the 2nd Amendment. On March 19, State Representative



Sheriff Jerry Dunbar
Washington County Sheriff's Office

Matt Windschitl called out Aaron Dorr in session as the one "not lifting a finger to help" and "absolutely worthless" on gun rights legislation. Windschitl said Dorr did not help move the legislation, and instead credited the National Rifle Association, Iowa Firearm Coalition and the Iowa

Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association, among other groups, for helping. However, at the end of the day/ session, no action was taken on any gun related bills by our state legislators.

The Uniform Committee is really digging into their assignment, and a lot of progress is being made. They appear to be close on markings for every type of vehicle. When approved, Iowa Prison Industries will then send out a picture/ diagram of the specific vehicle with each stripe kit. The Committee is also having vendors bring their uniforms to Committee meetings to view and ask questions about the product. Then, at Winter School we will have the uniforms displayed on mannequins. There is also talk of rewriting/ updating the Uniform Manual. I really appreciate the Uniform Committee's dedication to this.

Association membership is up and growing strong. This can be attributed to each member for believing in the ISSDA as a whole. Yes, we will have a few rubs once in a while, but that is normal as we are mostly independent individuals. Thanks, everyone, for moving this great Association forward!

Sheriff Jerry A. Dunbar

Volunteers Sought to Rebuild ISSDA Color\ Honor Guard

Sgt. Marty De Muth
Buena Vista County Sheriff's Office

The Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association is in the process of rebuilding the ISSDA Honor Guard, which was formed in the early 2000s. The Honor Guard/ Color Guard performed at various events around the state, and was called upon to perform honors at numerous funerals for both retired and active law enforcement members of the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association until about 2009.

Recruitment was difficult due to con-

flicts with scheduling and costs that were absorbed by the individual departments.

We have been thankful we have not been needed for many funerals, but in the case of Sgt. Eric Stein's line of duty death it was recognized by sheriffs and deputies throughout the state that we needed a group of dedicated members to bring the ISSDA Honor Guard back into service, and honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Many larger agencies have their own honor guards, and they always lend a hand when needed. However, we wanted to have an honor guard for both the East and West

sides of the State of Iowa. We want to build a list of members dedicated to honoring those that served. The list would serve as a pool of members to be called upon with short notice for funerals, posting of colors at ISSDA events, etc. If we can recruit enough members, then the burden to one or two departments would not be that great.

Sheriff Gregg Morton of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and myself have been tasked with resurrecting the ISSDA Honor Guard/ Color Guard. I am writing on behalf of the ISSDA Board and the ISSDA Funeral Committee. We are requesting

Board Received Phone Calls on Gun Rights; Enjoyment of Working with High Schoolers

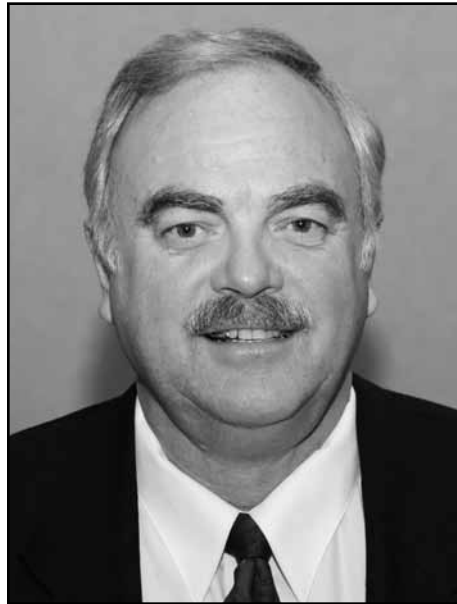
It appears spring has finally sprung. The warmer weather sure feels good.

Some of us on the Board were "lucky" to have our names and telephone numbers listed in an email sent out earlier this spring asking individuals to contact us and to ask us why the ISSDA wanted to take guns away from honest citizens.

I had the pleasure of getting phone calls as far away as California – along with many phone calls from people who live in Iowa. Some of the callers even refused to provide their name when you asked for it. But I did tell all of them I did not want to take guns away from any honest citizen, nor did the ISSDA want to take guns away from honest good citizens. Some of the callers accepted my response and some did not. I will say I had more pleasant conversations with individuals than frustrating ones, but obviously the frustrating ones stand out in my mind more.

As always, during the 2013 Legislative Session the Legislative Committee, our two lobbyists, Susan and Joe, along with others kept busy tracking legislation that is important to or may affect the sheriffs' offices. The week I am writing this article is the week of the second funnel; it will be interesting what bills may still be alive the following week.

I just received the Civil School Agenda, and even though Civil School will be over before any of you read this article, I am



Deputy Don DeKock
Mahaska County Sheriff's Office

sure the School Committee will have put together another great school for all who attended. I am looking forward to the entertainment that will take place on Monday evening.

During the March 14 Board Meeting, the Uniform Committee reported working with Iowa Prison Industries to provide a picture of a properly marked patrol vehicle. The Uniform committee is looking into providing a display during Winter School of approved uniforms.

The Jail Committee is hard at work putting together the Jail School, which will take place in September at the Airport Holiday Inn.

With less than two months of high school left in the school year, I have to confess I am getting to one of the happiest times of the year and one of the saddest times for me. For several years I have been blessed with the opportunity to work with the "People Helping People Lab Class" at the Oskaloosa High School. I am in the class working alongside the teacher for about 80 percent of the school days during the year. This class does a number of different programs for several different grade levels.

The seniors I get to work with are simply some of the best of the best of their graduating class. So, the happiness I have is to be blessed with the opportunity to watch each of them grow and mature into fine young adults. The sadness I have is also watching them graduate, knowing when school starts again in the fall they won't be there for me to see, talk to and work with almost every day.

Always remember: Keep the wind at your back, the salt spray in your face and never forget whose hand is on the rudder.

Be Safe out there

Don

Volunteers Sought to Rebuild ISSDA Color Guard, continued

volunteers to be part of the ISSDA Honor Guard. All that is required of a volunteer is someone who is dedicated to the cause of honoring members that have passed, not only in the line of duty, but for those that served a career and passed away after retirement.

We perform this duty to honor those members and provide a service to their families. So on behalf of the ISSDA Funeral Committee, I am asking for members to contact me in regards to the ISSDA Honor Guard. Please clear it through your respective Sheriff's and email me at marty.

demuth@bvsheriff.com.

There are some uniform items that are required, but the cost is minimal. There will be some training involved, but this would only be a few times a year and we would have them at locations around the state so not everyone has to drive a long distance to participate. The plan is to have two ISSDA Honor Guards, one on the east side of Iowa and one on the west side of Iowa. On occasion, when activities are held in Des Moines or somewhere accessible to each side, we would utilize members from both Honor Guards.

At this time, Sheriff Morton and I are only asking for volunteers to create a list and provide that information to the ISSDA Board. I am requesting that anyone who is interested please email me and I will compile the list. I will respond to each person's email and any questions that you may have. Thanks to all of you for what you do everyday. Contact information: marty.demuth@bvsheriff.com.

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ISSDA Civil School Addressed Iowa EDMS, Mental Health, Civil 101



Registration and clothing sales at the 2013 Civil School.



Civil Panel members Luanne Paper, Bill Deatsch, Randy Rowland, and District Court Judge Randy DeGeest.

By Sheriff Rick Penning

Grundy County Sheriff's Office

The ISSDA 2013 Civil School of Instruction convened at the Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines, from April 21 - April 24.

Monday morning opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Polk County Color Guard, followed by an Invocation by Deputy Don DeKock (Mahaska). Opening remarks from ISSDA President Jerry Dunbar were followed by a welcome by hosting Polk County Sheriff's Office.

The morning training session began with an Electronic Document Management System panel consisting of Betty Buitenwerf, Brian Glass, Melissa Nichols, Jonathan Walker and Scott Runk. They reported 27 counties have been converted, and they are currently working in Northwest Iowa and Polk County. They advised "return of service" and "notice of garnishment" can be filed in one PDF document, and a standard "Special Execution" form is coming.

Following lunch, Nancy Hale with the National Alliance on Mental Health reported that one in four people will experience mental health issues this year. She described the different types of issues, percentage of population involved and treatments.

Secretary of State Matt Schultz finished the afternoon saying condemnations will appear on the Secretary of State website in 2014, along with 28E agreements, and they will oversee Mechanics Leins on Property in January 2014. He also addressed voter registration.

The entire Tuesday morning was a se-

ries of break-out sessions:

- Civil 101 by Bill Fiordelise (Washington) and Randy Rowland of (Linn).
- Civil Office Mgt - Abandon mobile homes & motor vehicles - bad checks - bankruptcy - Writ by Pat McMahon (Dubuque) and Kevin Wollmuth (Osceola).
- Exemptions - Garnishments - Injunctions - Levies by Diana Wilharm (Winneschek) and Luann Paper (Hamilton).
- Real Estate sales - Gen ex & Special ex-Subpoenas - Fees - Writ was by Bill Deatsch (Washington) and Lori Miller (Iowa).
- Condemnations by Kelly Michael and Melanie Lumley (Polk).

The Afternoon session started with Mike Rowe and Holly Witt, Iowa Department of Public Safety Intelligence, discussing Sovereign Citizens.

Following the afternoon break, a Civil Panel consisting of District Court Judge Randy DeGeest, Luann Paper (Hamilton), Bill Deatsch (Johnson) and Randy Rowland (Linn) answered previously submitted and audience questions. Considerable time was spent on the current state of the mental committal process and lack of beds.

The final day of training began with Adam Wombacher from the Iowa Division of Labor discussing minimum garnishment amounts and other Federal guidelines. Ross Loder from DPS finished the day talking about weapons permits, and provided an outline of his power point with references.

This year, 165 registered for the Conference.



The Polk County Color Guard opened Civil School 2013.



EDMS panel: Scott Runke, Betty Buitenwerf, Melissa Nichols, Jonathan Walker.



Mike Rowe and Holly Witt with Iowa DPS Intelligence.

Scott County Sgt. Blaesi Retires; Tara Dinneweth Promoted to Sgt.; Deputy Wall Moves to Crim. Inv.



Sgt. Mike Blaesi (left), Scott County Sheriff Dennis Conard with Sgt. Tara Dinneweth, Deputy Josh Wall, Deputy Jamey Fah.

Sgt. Mike Blaesi has retired from the Scott County Sheriff's Office as of March 22. Sgt. Blaesi started his career with the Scott County Sheriff's Office in 1986, and over his career held numerous positions within the Sheriff's Office including the Criminal Investigations Division and the Quad City Metropolitan Enforcement Group. In 2007, he was promoted to his current rank of Sergeant and assigned to the Patrol Division. The Sheriff's Office would like to extend our appreciation to Sgt. Mike Blaesi for his service to the Sheriff's Office, the citizens, and the Scott County community for more than 27 years. We wish him all the best in his retirement!

Tara Dinneweth was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on March 21. Sgt. Dinneweth reports to the Patrol Division and

is an afternoon shift supervisor. She started her career in 2004 with the Sheriff's Office. Before her promotion, Sgt. Dinneweth was assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division for four years. During her time in CID, she investigated many cases including the cold case murder of Angela Hennes that occurred in 2007. With Sgt. Dinneweth's dedication and countless hours of investigation into this crime, she identified suspect Chad Welsh and in 2012, Welsh was convicted of 1st Degree Murder and sentenced to life in prison without parole.

In 2012, then Detective Tara Dinneweth was named "Crime Fighter of the Year" at the 19th annual Community Caring Conference Quad City Hero Awards Banquet in Rock Island, Illinois. Sgt. Dinneweth is the first female recipient of this award, for

her work in the Angela Hennes cold case investigation. Congratulations to Sgt. Dinneweth on her promotion!

Scott County Deputy Joshua Wall was transferred from the Patrol Division to the Criminal Investigation Division on March 21. Detective Wall started with the Sheriff's Office in 2007, and is a driving instructor and a Field Training Officer. Congratulations Detective Wall.

On March 29, our newest Deputy, Jamey Fah, was sworn in. Deputy Fah first took his Oath of Office with the Scott County Sheriff's Office on June 19, 2007, as a reserve deputy. Deputy Fah will begin training from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy and a Field Training Program. He is married with two children. Congratulations to Deputy Fah. – Sheriff Conard

Gold Star Award Presented to Iowa Sen. Bob Dvorsky

At the ISSDA Legislative Reception on Feb. 28, Iowa Senator Bob Dvorsky was presented a Gold Star Award.

In the photo are (left to right) Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek, ISSDA President Jerry Dunbar, Sen. Bob Dvorsky, and ISSDA Lobbyist Susan Cameron.



Scott County's First Police Service Dog, PSD Ares, Retires After 9 Years Service



Above left is PSD Ares with his handler, Sgt. Thomas Gibbs. Above right is PSD Ares in tactical training.

The Scott County Sheriff's Office has announced the retirement of its first Police Service Dog (PSD), Ares, on April 12.

PSD Ares started his career in April 2004 to begin a canine program at the Sheriff's Office, which was able to start up with assistance from the Scott County Regional Authority and the Bechtel Trust.

The program also receives ongoing support from the Izaak Walton League in Mt. Joy. PSD Ares worked as a full-service canine trained in narcotics detection, patrol apprehension, handler protection, building searches, and tracking/trailing. Most of his

work revolved around narcotics detection, mainly assisting on traffic stops. He also assisted in narcotics checks at schools and the Sheriff's Office Jail facility.

PSD Ares retired without having to bite anyone in the performance of his duties. He was released twice to apprehend fleeing criminals who wisely surrendered before he bit them, and they were apprehended without further incident. Another notable function he performed was courthouse security.

During high-profile cases, his job was maintaining a presence outside the court-

room. The reason for this was prior to Ares presence in the courthouse, we had fights erupt outside courtrooms and a bailiff was injured attempting to break one up.

During his presence in the courthouse there were no major incidents. One of his favorite duties, though, was performing demonstrations in schools and other locations and events.

PSD Ares is being adopted by his handler, Sgt. Thomas Gibbs. The Sheriff's Office is in the process of training a new dog, and hopes to have one available by the end of May or June.

Lucas County Names Brett Tharp Chief Deputy, Hires Matt Bowlin

Lucas County Sheriff Jim Baker has promoted Deputy Brett Tharp (photo left) to Chief Deputy. He transferred from the Chariton Police Department on July 21, 2012, to the Lucas County S.O. after serving with them for seven years. Chief Deputy Tharp is a certified Firearm Instructor, Glock Armorer

and Drug Recognition Expert.

Matthew Bowlin of Indianola was hired March 1 for the position of Deputy Sheriff. He graduated from Indianola High School and earned his B.A. in criminal justice from Simpson College. Deputy Bowlin joined the ILEA 250th Basic Level Training School.



Clayton Co. Deputy Shawn Boeke Named CCLEA Officer of the Year

On March 27, the Clayton County Law Enforcement Association (CCLEA) announced Deputy Shawn Boeke as the 2012 Clayton County Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

The announcement follows the 2012 decision by CCLEA members to establish the annual award. All nominations for the award come from peers who work within Clayton County.

Deputy Boeke has served the citizens of Clayton County for more than 24 years with a dedication to community betterment and protection. He has shown exemplary skills as a patrol deputy who assisted in the safe resolution of several high-risk situations in 2012 and prior to that year.

Deputy Boeke is often looked on as a leader during his shift, and a confidant to those needing a listening ear. His values appear never to be in question both on and off duty, which makes him an example to most. Deputy Boeke's experience, leadership, and understanding of criminal law as well as his ability to make quick, common-sense decisions have provided security and protection to the citizens of Clayton County. It's comforting knowing his personality allows him to be very approachable, and he is capable of working with any jurisdiction or officer. Deputy Boeke has proven



From left to right are Clayton County Law Enforcement Association (CLLEA) Secretary/ treasurer Tim Englehardt, Vice-President Mitchell Seitz, President Brent Ostrander, Deputy Shawn Boeke, and Sergeant-at-Arms Randy Klein.

himself time and time again, and still carries on as though it is just part of the job. For these reasons, the Board members of the CCLEA believe Deputy Shawn Boeke embodies the characteristics of a well-rounded law enforcement officer who is deserving of such an honor. Deputy Boeke was presented his award during the March

2013 CCLEA business meeting with two dozen association members from multiple jurisdictions in Clayton County attending. CLLEA includes Mar-Mac Police Department, Guttenberg P.D., Garnavillo P.D., Monona P.D., Elkader P.D., Strawberry Point P.D., Clayton County S.O., Clayton County Conservation, and Postville P.D.

Tama County K9 Nikki Won "Top Dog" in Regional Event

On September 4, 5, and 6, 2012, Tama County Deputy Sheriff Joe Quandt and his K9 partner "Nikki" (at right) attended a regional certification and competition event with the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA), which was held in Sioux City.

This regional event tested and judged police dogs and their handlers from across the State of Iowa. The teams were judged in obedience, agility, evidence searches, suspect searches, criminal apprehensions (with and without gunfire), and handler protection.

K9 Nikki achieved an overall score of 684.68 out of 700, which won her the "Top Dog" award and 1st Place overall score from the entire event.

K9 Nikki is a "dual purpose" patrol dog and certifies annually with the USPCA in both Police Dog 1 and Narcotics Detection. K9 Nikki is a five-year-old female Belgian Malinois who was purchased from North Iowa K9 around three years ago with donations from organizations and citizens from our county. Ongoing donations are also greatly appreciated and keep our canine program going! Thank you!



Pottawattamie County Law Enforcement Agencies Fighting Cancer with T-Shirts

By Investigator Jason LeMaster

Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office

In September of 2011, an idea was brought to Pottawattamie County Sheriff Jefferey Danker to help promote cancer awareness by creating and selling a law enforcement version of the popular pink breast cancer awareness shirt. With his approval, a design was created to include local area law enforcement.

The law enforcement version depicted a police patrol car and a sheriff's office SUV surrounded by law enforcement patches representing the Avoca Police Department, Carter Lake Police Department, Council Bluffs Police Department, and Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office with the slogan, "Law Enforcement – Care enough to wear pink."

From its original concept, these shirts were to promote all cancer awareness and raise money for cancer research. A check totaling \$1,265.41 was proudly donated to the Alegent Health Foundation – Mercy Hospital in Council Bluffs. The success of this program would not have been possible without the support of the chief of each department, Sheriff Danker, and the Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors.

The local law enforcement community hopes to continue our fundraising efforts and continue to raise Awareness for Cancer Research.



The funds raised in 2011 were \$843 by the Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office, and \$422.41 by the Council Bluffs Police Department for a total of \$1,265.41.

2012: New Shirts, More Money Raised

In 2012, the design process started early to kick off the new cancer awareness campaign. The public was notified through the Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office Facebook page, encouraging anyone with an idea for the year's theme to email the Sheriff's Office. After several submissions were received, a design was chosen with a new look for the shirts. The new shirts were black with a pink ribbon and the slogan "Help Law Enforcement Unlock the Cure." Local agencies represented were the Avoca Police Department, Carter Lake Police Department, 4th Judicial District (probation), Council Bluffs Police

Department, and Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office.

The design was a hit! Shirt sales exceeded our expectations with remarkable results: we presented a check to the Alegent Health Foundation/ Mercy Hospital for \$6,172.00!

That was \$3,092 raised by the Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office, and \$3,036 by the Council Bluffs Police Department. Donated extras amounted to \$44, for a total of \$6,172.00

We would like to thank the public for their continued support of the law enforcement effort to promote cancer awareness!



Four Linn County S. O. Employees Awarded Life Saving Medals

On December 13, 2012, an inmate in the Linn County Correctional Center was placed into a 1st floor shower and, upon request, was given a razor so that he could shave. While the inmate was in the shower, Deputy Jeff Marek was completing a required cell check and in doing so, could not clearly see into the shower due to the fog from the hot water.

However, when Deputy Marek noticed an unknown substance on the floor of the shower area, he immediately went to the adjacent 1st floor control center and asked the control deputy to bring up the shower camera to see what the inmate was doing and what was on the floor. When Deputy Marek was informed that it looked like blood, he immediately called for assistance and went to the shower to check on the status of the inmate.

The inmate was found lying on the shower floor, surrounded by a large quantity of blood. Deputy Marek immediately grabbed a towel and applied direct pressure to the numerous self-inflicted cuts on both sides of the inmate's neck until the medical staff arrived. Nurses Dana Murray and Nikki Neuzil arrived at the 1st floor shower shortly thereafter and assisted Deputy Marek in rendering first aid to the inmate.

Patrol Supervisor and Paramedic-Specialist Andy Humphrey, who was just leaving the nearby Linn County Courthouse, received notification on his pager that an



(Left to right): Sgt. Andy Humphrey, Nurse Nikki Neuzil, Nurse Dana Murray, and Deputy Jeff Marek were presented Life Saving Medals by Sheriff Brian Gardner.

ambulance had been dispatched to the Correctional Center for a suicide attempt. Sergeant Humphrey immediately responded to the Correctional Center and assisted by providing life-saving care to the inmate and instruction to the staff, who were assisting with the medical care being provided to the inmate. An ambulance arrived on scene and assisted in providing medical care to the inmate until such time as he was transported to the hospital for treatment. Although the

inmate lost a large amount of blood, he was treated for his wounds and was able to return to the Correctional Center later that evening.

The actions of Deputy Marek, Nurse Murray, Nurse Neuzil, and Sergeant Humphrey were instrumental in saving the life of this inmate. Because of their actions, Sheriff Brian Gardner presented them with the Life Saving Medal for the act of saving a life.



Hancock County Sheriff's Office Hires Jason Pischke as Deputy

The Hancock County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce the hiring of Deputy Jason Pischke on November 5, 2012. Deputy Pischke had worked as a Part-Time Hancock County Deputy Sheriff since November 2007. Deputy Pischke lives in Garner, Iowa, with his wife and two children. Deputy Pischke had previously worked full-time for the Garner Police Department.

Evelyn Covington Scholarship Award Winners Announced for 2013



Brianna Maitlen, of Creston, will attend Northwest Missouri State University this fall and is the daughter of Steve and Sue Maitlen.



Brayden McDaniel, of Iowa Falls, will attend the University of Northern Iowa and is the son of Dave and Sarah McDaniel.



Abie Mellick, of Waukon, will attend Coe College and is the daughter of Clark and Sheila Mellick.



Wilson Pingrey, of Carroll, will attend West Point Military Academy and is the son of Kenneth and Julie Pingrey.



Zach Schroeder, of Bellevue, will attend Luther College and is the son of Steve and Carol Schroeder.



Amy Schultes, of Emmetsburg, will attend Iowa Lakes Community College and is the daughter of Lynn and Beth Schultes.



Connor Soenksen, of Goose Lake, will attend Clinton Community College and is the son of Allan and Joy Soenksen.



Jared Spunaugle, of Vilisca, will attend Briar Cliff University and is the son of Jon and Tracy Spunaugle.



Laura Steinke, of What Cheer, will attend Mount Mercy University and is the daughter of Mark and Renee Steinke.



Shelby Wollmuth, of Sibley, will attend the University of South Dakota and is the daughter of Kevin and Stephanie Wollmuth.

**Plan now to attend the ISSDA Winter School:
December 8 – 11, 2013**

at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Des Moines

Jail School:

September 22-25, at Des Moines' Airport Holiday Inn

Henry County Sheriff Promotes Brooks, Jennings, Cargill; Hires Norcross; Chief Dep. Weseley Retires



Henry County Chief Deputy Dan L. Weseley retired from his position at the Henry County Sheriff's Office on March 30. Chief Deputy Weseley started his career in 1974 as a dispatcher, was certified as an officer in 1976, promoted to chief deputy in 1984, and remained in that position through six sheriffs (including himself from Nov. 11, 2012, until Dec. 31, 2012).



David L. Norcross was hired as a deputy sheriff on April 22, and began training at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy on April 29 with the 251st Basic. A Missouri native, he now lives in northeast Henry County and is married with one child. Deputy Norcross was previously employed at the Coral Ridge Mall ice arena and with mall security.



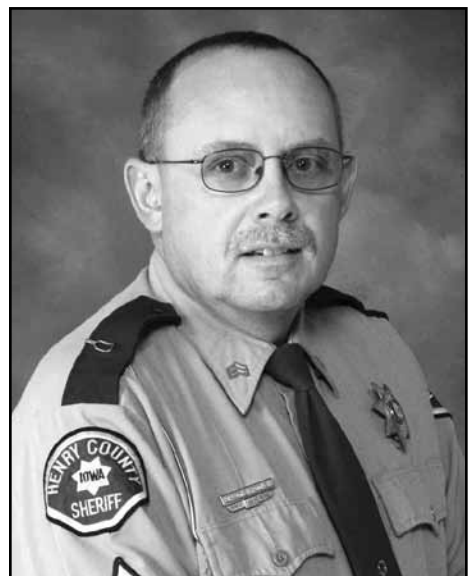
Dispatcher Jenna Cargill was promoted to Dispatch Supervisor on March 3. Cargill began her career with Henry County part-time in 2007, worked part-time in Fayette County in 2008 & 2009, and returned to Henry County full-time in 2009 until being promoted to Dispatch Supervisor.



Sheriff Rich McNamee
Henry County Sheriff's Office



Jailer Julie Jennings was promoted to Jail Administrator on March 3. Jennings began her career with Henry County in 2010 as a jailer and worked in that position until her promotion to Jail Administrator.



Sgt. Tracy Brooks was promoted to Chief Deputy on April 1. Sgt. Brooks started his career with Henry County in 1986 as a reserve deputy. In 1987 he was promoted to a deputy sheriff, sergeant in 1997, and remained in that position until becoming chief deputy.

Special Mission Child's Play for County Deputies

By Ally Karsyn
Sioux City Journal

(December 19, 2012 SIOUX CITY) Members of the Woodbury County SWAT team swarmed Target's toy aisles Wednesday night, searching for the perfect gifts.

They were there on a special mission to find gifts for 17 area military families in need for the holidays.

Molly Gray, founder of Le Mars, Iowa-based Serving Armed Forces Everyday, had asked the Woodbury County Sheriff's Office and Target to come together for the cause.

"This is going to make a huge difference," Gray said. "There is no reason people should stress out around the holidays, especially our military families."

Sheriff-elect Dave Drew and about 20 others approached the toy aisles, where their shopping skills were put to the test.

"We're very excited about giving back to the community," he said.

Drew and a SWAT team member, Nate Sands, looked over their lists. Then, it was time to divide and conquer.

"Legos," Sands said. "I think, over here."

Drew wandered off in another direction in search of a game of Battleship.

A police Lego set was on Sands' "secret Santa" shopping list. He was hoping to find a sheriff's Lego set but had to settle for a Lego patrol car instead.

Either way, Sands said, "It's nice to



Nate Sands and Dave Drew, with the Woodbury County Sheriff's Office, look over their Christmas shopping lists at Target Wednesday night. They were among members of the Woodbury County SWAT team finding gifts for area military families in need for the holidays.

make the holiday season special for them."

Before the shopping spree began, SAFE board members and the SWAT team released 26 green and white balloons in memory of Friday's Newtown, Conn., shooting victims – one for each victim.

The SWAT team members and sheriff's deputies had their shopping duties wrapped up within 10 minutes at Target.

The gifts will go to the children of parents who are in the armed forces. All par-

ties involved hope to continue the tradition.

"It's a fantastic event," said J.T. Yates, store manager. "It's something we hope we can continue to do as an annual tradition here."

Drew said he hopes to hold similar events, adding that increased community involvement will be a priority after he takes office on Jan. 2.

"This is the type of thing we want to continue in the community," he said.

Furnace and Structural Problems Force Closing of Taylor County Jail in March

(Bedford, Iowa) -- Discussion of Taylor County's jail situation was one of the big topics at the county's board of supervisors meeting.

In March, officials were forced to close

the jail after a furnace problem was reported. Repairs to the furnace were made, but the jail remained closed due to structural problems noted in the state inspection. Taylor County prisoners are currently being

housed in the Adams and Ringgold County Jails. The supervisors met with Prochaska and Associates at the meeting to discuss possible options, and Supervisors Chair Charles Ambrose tells KMA News they

Iowa Peace Officer Memorial License Plates and Flags are Now Available

By Sgt. Marty De Muth

Buena Vista County Sheriff's Office

The Iowa Peace Officer Memorial Committee, which I am assigned to for ISSDA representation, wants to get the following information out to everyone.

Fallen Officer Memorial license Plates

We are still shy of the 250 mandated plate applications. The majority of the already received applications are family members of police officers killed in the line of duty. The organization, Iowa Concerns of Police Survivors (Iowa C.O.P.S.), has not had time to get information on the license plates out to law enforcement. I know (since I'm on the Iowa C.O.P.S. Board) that Iowa C.O.P.S. really would like help in pushing the information out to the law enforcement agencies.

Iowa C.O.P.S. is willing to pay the \$20 plate application fee to all survivors (including co-workers) of any Iowa Police Officer killed in the line of duty. Iowa C.O.P.S. will reap the financial award of the funds generated by the license plates, but the families of our fallen will reap the reward of having their fallen loved ones remembered as the plates become visible.

Iowa C.O.P.S. provides funding to the survivors to attend National Police Week and COPS Retreat weekends for children, adult children, spouses, co-workers, and family that will be greatly assisted by the license plate project.

After the first 250 applications have been received, the \$20 application fee goes away and the price of the Fallen Officer Plate is the normal vanity plate fee.

Iowa Peace Officer Memorial Flag

The Iowa Peace Officer Memorial Flag has been designed and available for purchase. The unveiling of the flag will be at the Iowa Peace Officer Memorial ceremony on May 10 in Des Moines. Currently, the price is approximately \$120 per flag if ordered individually from AD Distributing in Des Moines. However, the price falls down to approximately \$45 per flag if an order of 100 flags is purchased. My thought would be that the IPCA, ISTA, SPOC, ISSDA and ISPA come together and encourage the association members to fly the Iowa Peace Officer Memorial Flag on every law enforcement agency in the state of Iowa. AD Distributing believed if we order over 200 flags, the price could come down to around \$30 per flag. The flag design is an outside, all weather flag. However, it is my understanding that most outdoor flags are replaced every six months.

Identifying all Iowa Line of Duty Deaths

The Iowa Peace Officer Memorial Committee would like all law enforcement agencies in Iowa to visit the Officer Down Memorial Page (www.odmpd.org), the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (www.nleomf.org), and the Iowa

Peace Officers Memorial Page (www.dps.state.ia.us/commis/pib/ipom/) to ensure ALL Peace Officers that have been killed in the line of duty have been identified.

It would be beneficial if every law enforcement agency could verify their fallen officers and report to Mark.Ludwick@Iowa.gov indicating that their fallen officer is recognized on all three sites (to include photos, patch and information is correct). I can then work with the appropriate agency in updating the information and we can work together as a committee.

We would like to compile a list of Memorials throughout the State of Iowa to put on our website.

Identifying all Peace Officer Memorial Ceremonies

While several Peace Officer Memorials and ceremonies exist throughout our great state, I would like to identify all public peace officer memorial ceremonies (dates, times, location) and have all major law enforcement associations post them to their websites and encourage their membership to attend a local ceremony.

Should anyone have any questions please contact me.

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Furnace and Structural Problems, continued

have retained the company to do a preliminary study and design work to give them options for what they need to do moving forward.

Ambrose says the architects share the supervisors concerns that the cost to repair the present facility is going to be enormous, and so the supervisors directed them to look at replacement, and to look at possibly building a new jail at a differ-

ent site. Ambrose says they expect to have some plans and cost estimates on potential projects within the next 90 days. The architects will be putting together some designs based on the supervisor's ideas, and at the end of that time, they'll have some rough construction costs.

On May 7, Fremont County voters approved a \$5.5 million bond issue for a proposed new jail facility. The cost of the

Taylor County project will not be anywhere near that amount.

Ambrose says it's unknown at this time the exact cost to the county to transport the prisoners to the neighboring jails.

While saying it is costly, Ambrose says the transfers have gone smoothly and the partnerships with the other county jails has been going reasonably well.

School Resource Officers Make Friends, Reduce Crime, Steer Kids from drugs

By **Kevin Quinn**
NASRO 2nd V.P.

School districts all over the nation have partnered with local law enforcement agencies to establish School Resource Officer Programs. The purpose of the School Resource Officer (SRO) is to work diligently with stakeholders in the communities they serve to provide a safe environment for all students to learn.

The overall goal of the SRO is to build positive relationships with adolescents, which in turn reduces crime, drug abuse, and violence in their community. The National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) developed the SRO Triad concept to assist SROs in working effectively in the educational environment. The Triad concept defines the SRO as having three primary roles: Law Enforcement Officer, Guest Speaker, and Informal Counselor.

As a law enforcement officer, the school community becomes the SRO's "beat" and acts a liaison between the school and police community. They not only enforce state and city laws, but the SROs also pro-

vide campus security, intelligence and help change the attitudes young people have towards law enforcement.

Often, SROs are invited as guest speakers in classrooms. They provide law-related education not only to students, but to staff members, parents and other community stakeholders. SROs teach juveniles the importance of the justice system, respecting others and property, and career opportunities in criminal justice. The SRO as a guest speaker creates opportunities for law enforcement to connect with juveniles in a positive atmosphere. The presence of the SRO in the classroom helps young people develop trust and a better understanding of law enforcement. SROs also gain a greater appreciation of the invaluable role our educators play in our schools today, when they themselves become the instructor to the young people they work with daily.

The third and final role of the SRO is that of an informal counselor and mentor. The ultimate goal of the SRO is to bridge the gap between themselves and juveniles by developing rapport. Once SROs establish themselves in their assigned school community, students become more com-

fortable asking the SRO for advice and guidance on "teen-issues." These issues may include teen dating violence, social network conflicts, parent/ child conflicts, academic advice, and legal advice. The role of informal counselor allows SROs to make an impact on their students for the rest of the lives.

The successful school resource officer program is a collaborative effort by certified law enforcement officers, educators, students, parents, and the community to offer law-related educational programs in the schools in an effort to reduce crime, drug abuse, violence, and provide a safe school environment.

The school resource officer position is truly one of the most diverse careers in law enforcement, as well as one of the most rewarding. By integrating the three roles of an SRO, law enforcement officers make a positive difference in our nation's schools every day.

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ISSDA Legislative News

ISSDA Legislative Reception Held Feb. 28 in Des Moines

Approximately 70 Iowa State representatives and senators attended the 2013 Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association legislative reception in Des Moines on Feb. 28.

Dozens of Iowa sheriffs and deputies also attended to meet and greet legislators and talk about ISSDA's 2013 legislative priorities, including equalization of the E911 surcharges, short-form no contact orders, law enforcement training funding and many other public safety issues.

ISSDA Gold Star Award recipients for 2012 were recognized, including Senator Bill Dix and Rep. Deborah Berry. Senator Robert Dvorsky was presented his Gold Star Award at the reception. The award recognizes lawmakers and state officials who support public safety legislation that protects the safety of Iowa citizens.

County Day at the Capitol

On March 13, the ISSDA participated in ISAC's County Day at the Capitol. Several ISSDA Board members were present along with several members of our Legislative Committee. Attendees had the opportunity to have several conversations with members of both the Iowa Senate and the

House of Representatives. The response by all those involved appeared to be very good. The Legislative Committee held a meeting during this event. Several contacts were made with individuals representing other county offices' associations. Overall, there appeared to be more people in attendance this year compared to the past years. -- Don DeKock



The Easter Bunny and McGruff Visit Cedar Rapids Pediatrics Patients

The Easter Bunny, McGruff the Crime Dog, and Linn County Sheriff Brian Gardner visited the pediatric unit patients at St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids on Easter Sunday.

The Linn County Sheriff's Office teamed up with The Easter Bunny Foundation, an Orlando, Florida-based non-profit organization, and other Sheriffs' Offices throughout the nation in hopes of bringing an enjoyable Easter to hospitalized children.

In addition to personal visits from the Easter Bunny and McGruff, the hospitalized children also received a new plush toy, a coloring book and colors, Linn County Sheriff Brian Gardner said.

"It's our hope that we can bring some additional happiness to boys and girls who might otherwise be experiencing a not-so-pleasant time away from family and friends this Easter holiday," Sheriff Gardner said.

From left to right: Tanner Heims, McGruff (Ben Merritt), the Easter Bunny (Nikki Gardner), and Abby Heims.



Johnson County S.O. Acquires Tactical/ Command Vehicle

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office took delivery of a combination tactical/command vehicle in early January.

The truck, a 2012 Ford F550 4-wheel-drive, was built by LDV Co. located in Burlington, Wisconsin, and was bought primarily utilizing drug forfeiture monies.

The truck took several months to design and required multiple day-trips to the factory to ensure the design fit our needs: a tactical team deployment truck and a mobile incident command vehicle.

The truck has many distinctive options that enhance its ability to serve in

its dual purpose role, including Kevlar panels that line the box area of the truck, an onboard generator, a work station area, a removable work table along with exterior scene lighting and exterior cameras. It has a full complement of emergency equipment that enables it to respond to an array of different incidents.

The truck has been used on two separate callouts since being put into service.

Those include a high-risk search warrant and an officer-involved shooting scene. It also has been used to transport our tactical team to several different training venues.



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Purchase ISSDA apparel online at:

<http://issda.org/content.asp?ID=5837>

Woodbury County Sheriff's Office Hires, Promotions & Retirements



Major Gregg Stallman



Major Todd Wieck



Lt. Tony Wingert



Above, 32-year Woodbury County Sheriff's Office veteran **David A. Drew** was sworn in as the County's 33rd sheriff on January 2 by Judge **John Ackerman**, with wife **Jana Drew** at his side.



Sgt. Don Armstrong

Woodbury County has announced the following promotions: Seventeen-year veteran Deputy **Gregg Stallman** has been promoted to major, and oversees the Field Operations and Support Services Divisions. Former Assistant Chief Deputy **Todd Wieck**, a 23-year veteran, has been promoted to major. Major Wieck oversees the Jail, Transport, and Court Security Divisions; electronic monitoring and the budget. Twenty-year veteran Deputy **Tony Wingert** has been promoted to lieutenant of the Support Services Division, which includes investigations, SWAT, K9, civil, sex offender, gun permits and professional responsibility. Lt. Wingert is also the SWAT Team Commander. Deputy **Don Armstrong**, a 27-year veteran, has been promoted to sergeant. Sgt. Armstrong serves in Support Services and works with gun permits and sex offenders. He is also the SWAT Team Leader.

Retirements:

Sheriff Glen Parrett,
Chief Deputy Gregory T. Logan,
Lt. Brad Carlson,
Deputy Frank Kofka,
and Lynn Eaton, Civil Process.



New Woodbury County Deputies (left to right): **Andrew Vogt**, 29, was raised in Sioux City and joined the Woodbury County Jail as a correctional officer in 2009. **Benjamin Brown**, 25, was raised in Orange City, Iowa, and earned a B.A. degree in sociology. Deputy Brown was most recently employed as a correctional officer in Dakota County. **Vincent Dvorak**, 41, graduated from Morningside College with a B.S. degree in biology and chemistry. Deputy Dvorak has worked as a correctional officer in Woodbury County since 2004. **David Hansen**, 25, was raised in Sioux City and earned his B.A. degree in criminal justice from the University of South Dakota, Sioux City. **Zane Chwirka**, 32, grew up in Sioux City and continues a family tradition of a career in law enforcement. In May 2008, Deputy Chwirka began at the Woodbury County Jail as a correctional officer. **Gerald Lukken**, 32, graduated in 1998 from Westwood Community Schools in Sloan, Iowa, and has served as a correctional officer at the Woodbury County Jail since 2003.