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Pottawattamie County Special Deputy Claude B. Dail Honored at the Iowa Peace Officer Memorial Ceremony on May 8, 2015



Pottawattamie County Sheriff Jeff Danker was presented a memorial flag in honor of Pottawattamie County Special Deputy Claude B. Dail, who died in the line of duty in 1932. In the photo are (from left) Pottawattamie County Chief Deputy John Reynolds, Sheriff Danker, Sgt. Jason LeMaster, Deputy Jonathan Barnes, and Sgt. Joshua Kirlin. Also honored were Knoxville P.D. Officer Marion Albert "Bert" Conrey (E.O.W. 1938), Cedar Falls P.D. Officer Everett Luke Dutcher (E.O.W. 1945), and Osceola P.D. Deputy Marshal Richard Lansing Eggleston (1917).

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Linn County Life Saving Commendations Presented to M. Leeper, R. Henderson, K. Ehrisman, M. Norman

On Feb. 23 a male inmate was placed into a Linn County Correctional Center holding cell while awaiting arraignment. The inmate's charge did not automatically allow for a strip search, and nothing during the booking process indicated one was warranted.

Less than an hour later, as the evening dinner trays were passed into the holding cell, Deputies Michael Norman and Matthew Leeper did not get a response from the inmate when asked if he wanted a meal. Concerned for his safety, the deputies entered the cell and found him unresponsive. Further observation showed his face was purple and his breathing extremely shallow. Deputy Norman immediately called a medical emergency on his portable radio. Nursing Health Care Coordinator Kelly Ehrisman and Nurse Renee Henderson responded to the cell and began assessing the inmate and providing medical care. Shortly after, ambulance personnel arrived. During the inmate's treatment, a baggy discovered on the inmate that had previously been secreted somewhere on his person field-tested positive for heroine. Together, the emergency medical service providers determined the inmate was experiencing a drug overdose and counter-active drugs were administered. Soon after,



Life Saving awardees Matthew Leeper, Renee Henderson, Kelly Ehrisman, Michael Norman.

the inmate became semi-conscious and was transported to the hospital, treated and kept overnight for observation. The inmate admitted using heroine prior to being incarcerated in the jail. Medical professionals later determined the inmate most likely would have died from this drug overdose if not for the quick actions of the staff and other emergency medical services providers. Although several staff members had responded and assisted in

this medical emergency, the direct actions of Deputies Norman and Leeper and Nurses Ehrisman and Henderson were instrumental in providing medical treatment and saving the life of this inmate. Because of their actions, Linn County Sheriff Brian Gardner presented Life Saving commendation awards to Deputies Michael Norman and Matthew Leeper, and Nurses Kelly Ehrisman and Renee Henderson, for the act of saving a life.

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Let's Send 125 Kids to Y-Camp This June; Enjoy an Air Conditioned Fair Booth Shift

Greetings! I thought I would spend our time together this issue discussing a couple of upcoming events.

By now, sheriffs should have registered their campers for the upcoming ISSDA Y-Camp, held June 14 - 20 at the YMCA camp outside of Boone. It is for campers, both boys and girls, 9 - 16 years old. The official registration deadline was Friday, May 8. However, the camp office confirms that although our spots cannot be guaranteed after that date, they would be glad to accommodate late registrations as long as camper spots still exist in their roster.

As a reminder, this year the ISSDA Board of Directors decided to increase the number of ISSDA-sponsored campers from 99 to 125. Last year, only 55 counties sent campers to the Y-Camp. By increasing the number of ISSDA-sponsored campers, there is now room for each county to send at least one camper, and room for many counties to send two. If you're having trouble finding deserving campers, you may want to check with your school counselors for suggestions. If transportation is an issue, consider getting with a neighboring county and have one take the kids to camp and the other pick them up.

Iowa State Fair: The automated system



Sheriff Brian Gardner
Linn County Sheriff's Office

to enable members to sign up to work the ISSDA booth at the Iowa State Fair is now up and running. This process allows you to go directly to the website, see where vacancies exist, and sign up for a shift (or shifts) that fit your schedule. This year's 11-day Iowa State Fair will be held Thursday, August 13, through Sunday, August 23. To

make volunteering more convenient, the shifts are organized into four-hour blocks. There are three blocks each day, each for two volunteers, and they run from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., 1 p.m. until 5 p.m., and 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. This should allow a volunteer time to drive to Des Moines, work a shift at the fair, and then drive home and only consume a single eight-hour workday.

To continue to provide an incentive to get volunteers to work a shift at the fair, the Board of Directors has again approved holding a raffle for a TV monitor once it is no longer utilized in the fair display. Each volunteer will get one raffle ticket for each shift he/ she worked, with the drawing to be held during Winter School. As I have previously stated, if you have never worked our booth at the fair, it's actually quite fun. And to make our "service" more enjoyable during those hot, late summer days, the Hall of Law is now air conditioned! With all of that in mind, let's see what we can do to ensure that each shift on the schedule is filled.

Here's hoping that you all stay safe.
Sincerely,

Sheriff Brian D. Gardner
ISSDA President

Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association Calendar

ISSDA Y-Camp 2015 is June 14 - 20 for children ages 9 to 16

Jail School

9/12 - 9/16 at the Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines

Winter School

12/6 - 12/9 at Embassy Suites, Des Moines

For more information on ISSDA events, visit issda.org

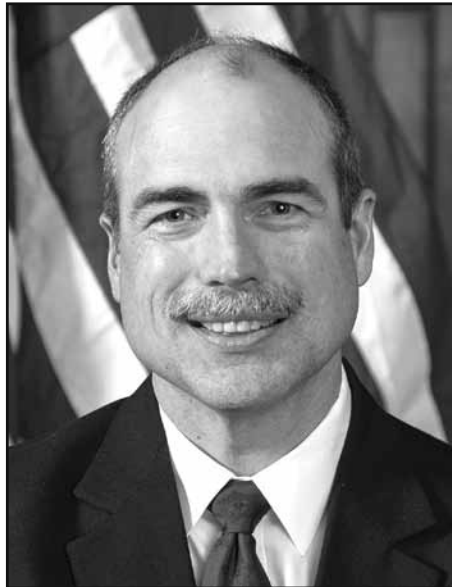
A Little of This... A Little of That

So here it is April 28th, and my Secretary's Letter is due April 30th... Plenty of time! Actually, I hate letting stuff like this go until the last minute, but I've really been struggling with what to write. I contemplated going on to "Volume 2" of my rant from last quarter regarding law enforcement and community relations, but thought I should spare you the pain.

I've said pretty much all I need to say on that topic, and have heard back some very positive remarks from various counties that are making concerted efforts to promote the positive things their Offices are doing – "Community Policing" at its best. That is exactly where we need to start to fix this problem. Ok, Ok... I said I wouldn't go there again.

How about we move on to some other "frustrations?" We're late in the legislative process now, and that's always good for some high blood pressure and plenty of frustration. We've had some success, but also have had some disappointing failures with the legislative process. Governor Terry Branstad signed the Kelsey Smith Act (HF 447), and HF 227, related to searches of simple misdemeanants entering the jail's general population.

The fates of other bills are not so fortunate. It doesn't appear that the Distracted Driving Bill (SF 391) will pass the House and our Civil Fees Bill (SSB 1273) has run into many obstacles, making its future un-



Major John Godar
Linn County Sheriff's Office

certain. Please go to our website for the latest update on these Bills and more.

And speaking of our website... I'm pleased to announce we have started work on a much-needed update of our website. The new version will allow us to better communicate with our members and make it easier for members to register for events. A chief complaint of the current website is that it doesn't give you a receipt when you register for a school. Most of us need that for the Auditor, so we end up registering

online – only to print out the registration and fill it out by hand so we have something to turn in to the Auditor's Office. This is our main priority to fix!

Other enhancements include: more space availability, more photo content and ease of access for us to upload photos to the site; mobile friendly so you can do more on the website from your phone; better and more customizable forms; and much more.

The website has really been a labor of love for me. I think the current site has been very helpful for us getting information out to all members, and I'm sure the new site will be even better. We're designing it so it will be very similar looking to the old site (yes, I know how much we all hate change) which should make the transition much easier. I know everyone was hoping for a few more hours of "Website Training" by yours truly, but, unfortunately, I don't think that will be necessary (unless a guest speaker is late again to one of our schools). The new site should be online before Jail School.

Okay, I guess that's about it. I hope you all have a GREAT summer, and hope to see many of you at Jail School in September!

Thank you for all you do and please, STAY SAFE!

Major John Godar
ISSDA Secretary/Treasurer

Lucas County Telecommunication Administrator Lori Graves Honored for 30 Years Service to S.O.

The employees of the Lucas County Sheriff's Office hosted an open house May 1 honoring Lori Graves for 30 years of service, and her continuing service for years to come. Graves has worked under the administration of five Sheriffs as well as with numerous co-workers and all shifts during this 30-year time span. She has seen multiple changes from writing everything down to entering into computers; going from one computer to multiple computers and monitors; two-line phone lines to multiple lines. The 911 changes are prob-

ably the biggest she has experienced, from 911 to enhanced 911 to mapping with texting coming soon. Graves is also a correctional officer, a position that has changed from doing personal jail checks in a 1916-vintage, two-story jail and turning the clock at each station to a direct supervision holding facility viewable from the dispatch room. Lori said the best part of her job is being able to help people and her co-workers. The worst part is the emergency calls she receives involving family or close friends, since this is a small community.



ISSDA Civil School Held April 19-22 at Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines



Civil School Speakers: DCI's Cheryl Nolan spoke on Iowa's Sex Offender Registry, attorney Mark Hanson on evictions, attorney Christopher Pech on garnishments, Eric Dickinson & Justin Mach on "Below 100," and DPS's Ross Loder on weapons permits.

photos by Sheriff Rick Penning



The Civil Panel was (left to right) Kelly Michael, Polk County; Pat McMahon, Dubuque County; Luanne Paper, Hamilton County; Randy Rowland, Linn County; and Bill Deatsch, Johnson County.



The ISSDA Honor Guard at Civil School: Sgt. Rick Singer, Plymouth Co., Deputy Waylon Pollema, Sioux Co., Deputy Anthony Nai, Black Hawk Co., Deputy Chris Langenberg, Johnson Co. Deputy James Lane, Marion Co.

By Lt. Randy Rowland
Linn County Sheriff's Office

We had a great turnout of approximately 175 people in attendance for ISSDA's 2015 Civil School of instruction.

On Sunday evening, registration was available along with the hospitality room giving all a great chance to reconnect with friends and counterparts throughout the state.

Classes began Monday morning with another great presentation by Ross Loder (Iowa Department of Public Safety), in regards to weapon permits and all of the associated issues that affect us all. Monday afternoon's presentation was conducted by Eric Dickinson, Vinton P.D., in regards to "Below 100." This officer safety presentation is geared towards reducing the number of line-of-duty deaths among peace officers and generated some great comments and reviews from the audience. Even those who had seen this course before thought it was a very worthy course to see over again. We hope that many will take this information back to their counties to share with others.

Monday evening's entertainment was Billy Heller, a great solo musician. Every-

one seemed to really enjoy having entertainment on both Monday and Tuesday.

In order to jump start everyone's brains, Tuesday's classes started with Civil Jeopardy. Two different rounds were played with attempts to get as many different people involved as possible. Each person on the winning teams received an ISSDA ink pen as a prize. If anyone can think of any Jeopardy questions for future classes, please let one of the people on the Civil Book Committee know.

After Jeopardy, we broke into two different groups with one group seeing Attorney Christopher Pech, who spoke about collections, and the other group attending Civil 101, so those people who are newer to the civil process would be more comfortable speaking in a smaller group setting.

Tuesday afternoon was filled with Attorney Mark Hanson presenting some great information in regards to the eviction process. This was followed by the civil panel.

Unfortunately, Judge Randy DeGeest was not able to join us this year due to being assigned a trial at the last minute. So members of the civil book committee answered the questions for the civil panel.

Tuesday evening's entertainment was a DJ and dance in the ballroom.

Wednesday's presenter was Cheryl Nolan from DPS, who talked about the Sex Offender Registry and the different issues that we encounter.

New topics and presenters are always needed and encouraged, so if anyone has any suggestions, please feel free to contact any of the Civil Book Committee with your ideas.

Plan now to attend the upcoming

ISSDA Jail School

Sept. 12 - 16, 2015

at the Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines

ISSDA Winter School

December 6 - 9, 2015

at the Embassy Suites, Des Moines

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History of the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association Evelyn Covington Scholarship

By Retired Sheriff Bill Sage
ISSDA Financial Administrator

About 23 years ago at our annual business meeting, the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association (ISSDA) elected to support five \$500.00 scholarships to be called the ISSDA Scholarships.

About 12 years ago, the number of scholarships was increased to ten \$1,000.00 scholarships. In 2010, the ISSDA board vote to decrease the scholarship to ten \$500.00 scholarships due to the down-

turn in the economy. In January, 2014, the ISSDA board voted to increase the scholarships to ten \$1,000.00 scholarships, beginning with the first disbursement in September 2014.

Evelyn Covington is a retired deputy from Linn County who last served on the ISSDA Board of Directors as Past President. Evelyn was driving to a board meeting during a snow storm when a semi truck driver lost control and struck her car. A passenger in the car with Evelyn was killed. Evelyn sustained major injuries causing

her to be totally disabled. After this tragic accident, the ISSDA Scholarship was renamed the Evelyn Covington Scholarship. Evelyn continues to live in Cedar Rapids.

ISSDA has a scholarship committee composed of sheriffs, deputies and sheriff support staff. The committee reviews the applicants' letters, support letters and overall accomplishments to determine the winners. On behalf of ISSDA President Brian Gardner and the more than 2,000 members statewide, I congratulate the winners of the Evelyn Covington Scholarship Award.

Road Trip!

We ended up in the Cedar County "slammer".
Honest, Sheriff...it was all in good fun!

By Jerry and Paula Wiebel

WELL, we did it again—proved that you can toss a dart at an Iowa map and spend a fun-filled day in just about any county on which the dart lands.



But we have a confession to make about our Road Trip to Cedar County. We cheated a bit.

You see, we figured there was so much to do and see that there'd be no way we could pack it into 1 day. So we started the night before—with supper at Herb N' Lou's Pizza in West Branch. It was recommended in our *Directory of Iowa's Best Ma & Pa Restaurants*, and we didn't want to miss it.

Good thing, because the "Herb Heaper" pizza, the specialty of the house, was worth the drive halfway across the state.

FYI—if you go there, don't ask for Herb or Lou because they're not there. West Branch is the birthplace of Herbert Hoover, and the pizzeria borrows its name from our 31st president and his wife, Lou.

Started the Morning on a Sugar High

Friends of ours from the Quad Cities area had told us, "If you go to Cedar County, you have to stop at Tiffany's Tipton Bakery for their crescent doughnuts." They make a point of stopping there every time they pass through town.

So the first thing the next morning, we drove to Tipton, the county seat, and found the bakery on the main drag through town. What a treat!

The bakery dates back to 1928. Several years ago, Tiffany Meinert took over and carries on the tradition of the "Tipton Bakery Crescent". It's a light, fluffy crescent-shaped doughnut featuring a whipped icing filling and topped with powdered sugar.

We're talking lots of I-don't-care-if-I-get-it-all-over-my-shirt powdered sugar. Talk about starting our day on a sugar high!

LARGER THAN LIFE was Iowa's Herbert Hoover. At his presidential library, life-size dioramas depict his career, including gold mining.



NOT MUCH ELBOWROOM in the former jail, as retired sheriff Keith Whitlatch demonstrates. Imagine trying to sleep on those bunks!

Tiffany told us the crescents are made from an old Norwegian recipe. They have an international flavor for another reason—there's a map on the wall with pins representing people from all over the world who've dropped in for a crescent, or have ordered them. Tiffany says she's shipped them as far as Australia, Afghanistan and South Korea.

Next stop was the Old Cedar County Jail—earning a spot on the National Register of Historic Places as the last "mom-and-pop" jail in Iowa. It's also the official museum for the Iowa State Sheriffs and Deputies Association.

The six-prisoner jail was built in 1892—and amazingly, was used until 2001. It's attached to the former sheriff's residence, which dates back to 1855, so the sheriff could keep an eye on the inmates and his wife could feed them.

Historic Hoosegow

Our Cedar County Hawk-Eye, Keith Whitlatch, is the retired county sheriff, and he met us at the historic hoosegow to show us around. The quaint little lockup depicted in Andy Griffith's *Mayberry*, this place is not!

There's a four-bunk cell, plus a two-bunk maximum-security cell. The bunks are little more than steel shelves attached to the walls. And there's about as much elbowroom as on a submarine.

Adding to the confined feeling is a steel-plate "lid" covering the cells to prevent prisoners from escaping, although several have tried.

Keith tells of the time two prisoners used three hacksaw blades that had been smuggled in to cut through two bars on a window.

Another time, an inmate—a stranger in town—was caught after burglarizing the house of a local dentist. He overpowered the jailer, and because nobody knew him, he made his escape by joining the posse looking for him!

Despite those jailbreaks, Keith says, "If there was a tornado heading for Tipton, this is where I'd want to be. This place is built solid."

However, we couldn't help but ask Keith: "With the cramped

Side Note: Patience is something you admire in the driver behind you, but not in the one ahead.

quarters and that low, steel ceiling, didn't this place get hot in the summertime?"

With a wry smile, he explained that the jail was finally air-conditioned in the early 1990s, after a prisoner took the county to court for inhumane conditions. "But we made the prisoners pay for it," he chuckles, "by garnishing the wages of those who were out during the day on work release!"

The Old Cedar County Jail is open to visitors from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the first Saturday of each month. Or you can arrange group tours by calling Keith at 319/329-1785.

Collection of Grant Wood Lithographs

After making our own jailbreak, we headed to the Carnegie Library in Tipton, which boasts an impressive collection of original Grant Wood artwork—21 lithographs and two oil paintings, to be exact.

Wood is normally associated with paintings like *American Gothic*, *Young Corn* and *Arbor Day*, and we were surprised to learn that he did a number of black-and-white lithographs toward the end of his career.

Among the collection in the library is a lithograph entitled *Family Doctor*, Wood's last artistic work. He used his own doctor as a model—the same doctor who referred him to the University of Iowa hospital when he became ill in November 1941.

There, doctors found inoperable pancreatic cancer. Wood

*"The bunks are steel shelves
attached to the jail cell walls..."*

signed copies of this lithograph in his hospital room, where he died a couple months later at the age of 50.

So we learned a lot about Iowa's most famous artist, who was born not far from Tipton, up the road in Jones County.

We wanted to stop at the Cedar County Historical Museum but ran out of time. Too bad, because we'd heard there's an exhibit there about the Cedar County "Cow Wars".

Yep—a moo brouhaha. In 1929, Iowa had passed a law that required all dairy and breeding cattle to be tested for tuberculosis, which could be passed on to humans through infected milk.

Farmers were wary of the test, and if their cows were found to be infected, those cows had to be destroyed. By 1931, local farmers were putting up so much resistance that the governor sent in 1,800 of the Iowa National Guard to quell the rebellion that had prevented veterinarians from traveling from farm to farm to do the testing.

Hoover Library's a Must-See

From Tipton, we made our way back to West Branch to spend the afternoon at the Herbert Hoover Historical Site and Presidential Library and Museum. Every Iowan ought to go there and learn about the 31st president of the U.S.

We'd been to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library at Hyde Park, New York (where the Hoover legacy wasn't treated too kindly, by the way). In our opinion, the Hoover birthplace and library are nicer and more informative.

The Great Depression occurred on Hoover's watch as president, and he often is blamed for it. But that's largely a bum rap. In fact, he was warning of excesses in the economy 5 years before the stock market crash, when he was U.S. Secretary of Commerce in the Calvin Coolidge administration.

The Historical Site includes Hoover's birthplace, a humble 14- by 20-foot cottage where the family lived for several years. He would later say, "This cottage where I was born is physical

proof of the unbounded opportunity of American life."

The site also includes a replica of the shop where his father was a blacksmith, and the actual Friends meetinghouse where Hoover learned Quaker principles of honesty, hard work, simplicity and generosity.

Hoover's father died when Herbert (they called him "Bert") was 6, and his mother died when he was 10. Eventually, he was sent to live with an uncle in Oregon.

The presidential library and museum picks up from there—with a number of life-size dioramas and exhibits covering Hoover's impressive career.

He earned a degree in geology from Stanford University, and that's where he met his wife, Lou, also a geology major who was born in Waterloo. Together they traveled the world, as Hoover worked as a consultant in the mining business.

A Self-Made Millionaire

In the early 1900s, Hoover had gained the reputation as the "doctor of sick mines". By the age of 28, he was making \$33,000 annually and was reportedly the highest salaried man of his age in the world.

A millionaire by the time he was 40, and having been raised in the Quaker tradition, Hoover retired from mining and embarked on public service for the rest of his life. And therein lies his lasting greatness.

Europeans were starving as a result of the ravages of WWI. It was so bad that sawdust was mixed with flour to stretch scarce supplies, trees were stripped of bark, and even dogs and cats were eaten.

Hoover orchestrated the massive U.S. relief effort and, thanks to his administrative skills, is credited with feeding 350 million people in 21 countries.

After his presidency, he served as chairman of the Boys Clubs of America and was instrumental in the founding of children's welfare organizations CARE and UNICEF.

A couple of interesting facts about Hoover as president: He canceled the traditional inaugural ball, thinking people expected him to get right to work early the next morning.

Hoover was one of two presidents to give his entire presidential salary to charity. The other was John Kennedy.

We spent several hours in the presidential library and museum—and could have spent more. But it was time to head for home.

It was another fun Road Trip, and with the accomplishments of Herbert Hoover still playing in our minds, we drove home feeling mighty proud to be Iowans. 🍷

FROM THIS WHITE HOUSE...to the White House. The tiny Hoover birthplace is evidence of the 31st president's humble start in life.



Side Note: "A man is no better than what he leaves behind." —Cecil B. DeMille



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Johnson County S.O. and Local Agencies Partner to Start Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Program

Law enforcement officers often respond to situations involving individuals with mental health disorders and/ or substance use disorders, also known as behavioral health disorders.

Historically, officers have felt ill-prepared to handle this population due to a lack of specialized training or knowledge in dealing with behavioral health disorders.

In response, the Memphis Police Department developed a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) model in 1988. Since that time, CIT has been adopted in numerous states throughout the country. In addition to providing specialized training to officers, CIT aims to bridge the gap between police response and behavioral health care by forming community partnerships.

Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkraebek recently added two deputy positions to the patrol division with the intent of creating a small CIT unit. Aaron Hammes and Brandon Richmond have been selected as the deputies assigned to this specialized unit. These two deputies will attend a 40-hour CIT training in San Antonio, Texas, in May 2015 that covers the following themes: Understanding Behavioral Health, Developing Empathy, Navigating Community Resources, De-escalation Skills, and Practical Application.

The goal is for the CIT deputy on a given shift to assist with calls for service that

involve a behavioral health crisis. These crisis calls could include: suicidal ideation, intoxicated individuals, those evidencing signs and symptoms of mental illness, those in crisis due to recent homelessness, unemployment, or relationship conflict, etc.

Local law enforcement partners are supportive of this movement and are sending officers from their agencies, as well. Merton Roehler, Coralville Police Department, and Jeff Fink, Iowa City Police Department, will attend the CIT training and assist with crisis calls in Johnson County.

Johnson County Major Steve Dolezal, Captain Gary Kramer, and Jail Alternatives Coordinator Jessica Peckover will attend the CIT training as observers. They will also tour the local crisis stabilization center that operates with police-friendly drop off practices and connects individuals to the services they need at the time they need them.

The goal is to gather knowledge, ideas, and expertise from those who have been on the forefront of crisis response for years, and bring applicable aspects back to Iowa.

In rural Iowa, where behavioral health services may be more limited than in urban areas, officers are often taxed with responding to behavioral health crises with few disposition options. Frequently, this results in repeated calls for service, often

for the same few people in a community. Given this reality, Worth County Sheriff and ISSDA Board Member Jay Langenbau will also attend the 40-hour CIT course and explore how to implement the concepts in his community.

CIT is promoted as a cost effective way to create, promote, and sustain safety in communities. It is often referred to as community-based problem solving policing at its best. CIT offers benefits to law enforcement agencies, providers, as well as individuals using the service. These benefits include:

- Fewer individuals with mental illness in jail;
- A decrease in the emergency commitment population;
- Better trained educated officers and dispatchers;
- Less officer time spent at crisis events;
- A decrease in the use of force during crisis events;
- Fewer injuries to individuals with mental illness;
- Fewer injuries to the police;
- Improved interaction between the police and mental health service providers.

As the CIT model spreads in Iowa, we look forward to realizing the above referenced benefits locally.

ISSDA Attends Capitol “County Day”

ISSDA members attended County Day at the Capitol on Wednesday, March 11. The event was sponsored by the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) to give county employees an opportunity to meet with their legislators to support ISAC’s efforts and work towards improving county government. Pictured are some of the ISSDA members who were in attendance at the event. From left to right are Kevin Schneider (Polk County), Jared Schneider (Washington County), Brian Gardner (Linn County), John Godar (Linn County), Steve Hoffman (Marshall County), Bill Deatsch (Johnson County), and Thomas Gibbs (Scott County).



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Easter Bunny joins Sheriff for hospital visit



Clay County Sheriff Randy Krukow teamed up with The Easter Bunny Foundation Friday morning to share with others the excitement and wonderment that only a personal visit with the Easter Bunny -- receiving a hug from patient Emily -- can bring. Krukow and the Easter Bunny hopped -- well, Krukow walked -- their way through Spencer Hospital, bringing smiles to the faces of patients, both young and old. The Easter Bunny Foundation is a non-profit organization based in Florida that



teams up with sheriffs' departments across the nation to visit hospitalized children at Easter time. The foundation provides plush toy bunnies or coloring books and crayons to each child visited. Krukow said the pur-

pose of the organization is to bring smiles to the children and families they visit, as well as to highlight the positive role of the sheriffs and deputies who serve the people of their community.

Worth County Sheriff Langenbau Runs Honolulu Marathon

Sheriff Jay Langenbau, Worth County, ran and finished the Honolulu Marathon on December 14, 2014. Sheriff Langenbau went to run, cheer and celebrate with his neighbors from Hanlontown, Iowa. His neighbor, Shannon Redinger, ran her 50th state marathon on that date. In the picture with Sheriff Langenbau are Shannon Redinger, Jessica Peckover, Sam Redinger, Aaron Redinger and Isabelle Redinger.



Winneshiek Co. Sheriff Lee Bohr Retires

After 30 years of service, Winneshiek County Sheriff Lee Bohr retired on March 31. Sheriff Bohr was an officer with the Decorah Police Department for eight years, and in 1993 became the chief deputy for Sheriff Floyd Ashbacher. When Sheriff Ashbacher retired in 2002, Bohr was appointed Sheriff until he won the election in November 2002. He has been the sheriff from 2002 until his retirement on March 31.



Dan Marx Appointed Sheriff of Winneshiek County



Dan Marx was appointed Winneshiek County Sheriff on April 1. Sheriff Marx has been in law enforcement for 18 years, starting as a reserve officer and jailer while attending college. He was hired by the Calmar Police Department as an officer in 1999. In 2001, He was hired as an officer for the Decorah Police Department and became a Winneshiek County deputy sheriff in December 2002. He has been a deputy with the Winneshiek County Sheriff's Office from 2002 until his appointment as sheriff on April 1.

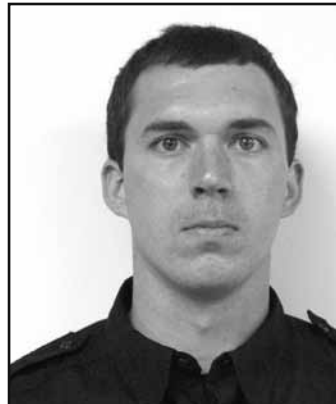
Story County Hires B. Sink, M. Bartos, S. Bean

By Sgt. Gary Backous
Story County Sheriff's Office

Matthew Bartos joined the Sheriff's Office as a deputy sheriff in March 2014. Deputy Bartos worked in management prior to becoming a deputy.

Seth Bean joined the Story County Sheriff's Office as a reserve deputy in 2013 before being hired as a full-time deputy late 2014.

Brett Sink began working for the Story County Sheriff's Office as an intern before being hired as a detention officer in 2013, and then as a deputy sheriff in late 2014. The Story County Sheriff's Office is proud to have these fine young men on staff.



Deputy Brett Sink



Deputy Matt Bartos



Deputy Seth Bean

Lucas County Hires Dylan Leech as Deputy Sheriff

The Lucas County Sheriff's Office recently hired Dylan Leech as a deputy sheriff. Deputy Leech was originally from Westgate, Iowa, and then moved to Sumner, Iowa. He graduated from Sumner-Fredericksburg High School in 2011, and in 2015 graduated from Hawkeye Community College. He began his employment with Lucas County Sheriff's Office on March 1, 2015, and is attending the 262nd Basic training class of the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy that began April 20.





K.G. “Jerry” Farnham: Served 20 years as Hamilton County Sheriff

K.G. “Jerry” Farnham, 84, of Webster City passed away peacefully at his home on February, 14, 2015.

A memorial service was held February 18 at Asbury United Methodist Church with Pastor Jeff Flagg officiating. Following the service a private burial was held.

Jerry Farnham was born July 30, 1930, in Webster City, Iowa, the son of Harold and Elizabeth (Allen) Farnham. He graduated from Webster City High School and served in the U.S. Air Force. Following his honorable discharge, Farnham joined the Hamilton County Sheriff’s office as a deputy for 18 years. In 1972, with the retirement of long-time Sheriff E.R. “Rap” Lear, Deputy Farnham was elected Sheriff and served as sheriff until retiring in 1992.

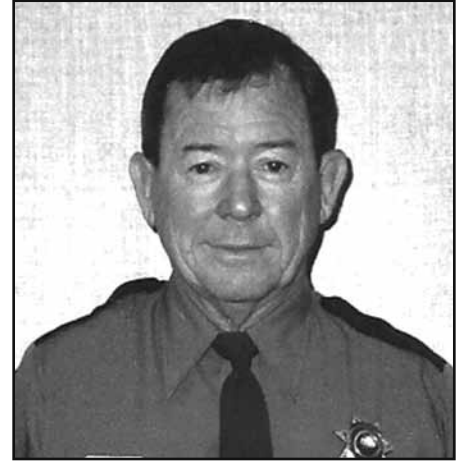
He attended the National Sheriff’s Institute at the University of Southern California, and the Iowa Law Enforcement Acade-

my. On November 19, 1965, Jerry Farnham and Gwen Klaver Foell were married in St. Paul, Minnesota. They made their home in Webster City.

During his retirement, Sheriff Farnham enjoyed restoring gas engines, John Deere tractors, and woodworking. He enjoyed farming in the spring and the fall, and was a current member of the Legion Post #191, VFW, and a past member of the Iowa State Sheriff’s & Deputies Association (ISSDA).

Jerry Farnham is survived by his wife of 49 years, Gwen, daughter Karen “KC” (Michael) Constant; son, Kevin Foell; grandchildren, Jennifer (Mitch) Ewart, Heather Foell and fiance Rory, Luke (Amy) Johnson and great-grandchildren, Landon and Leo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Don and grandson Nicholas Foell. Write a personal tribute for the Farn-



Retired Hamilton County Sheriff K.G. “Jerry” Farnham passed away Feb. 14.

ham family at www.fosterfuneralandcremation.com. (See Page 17 for Honor Guard members at Sheriff Farnham’s funeral).

In memoriam

William “Bill” McClure: Sac County Sheriff’s Office Chief Deputy/ Jail Administrator

William Kenneth McClure, 70, of Casa Grande, Arizona, formerly of Sac City, passed away at his home surrounded by family on March 3, 2015. McClure was born on December 22, 1944, in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, to Kenneth Rathbun McClure and Eloise (Orahoad) McClure. He grew up in Des Moines and graduated from Roosevelt high school in 1963.

On October 30, 1965, McClure married Mary Lou Webb at the Methodist Chapel in Storm Lake. Together, they raised three sons: Kenneth, Charles and Edward, and he was a proud father and grandfather.

After graduating high school, he joined the Iowa National Guard. He worked as a typist for Iowa Driver’s License. In 1965, he transferred to Storm Lake. The following year, he joined the Storm Lake Police Department. McClure served there for seven years before joining the Sac County

Sheriff’s office in 1973, where he served as Chief Deputy/ Jail Administrator until his retirement in 2002. Following his retirement, Bill and Mary moved to Casa Grande, Arizona.

He enjoyed traveling and sightseeing with his wife. They visited Branson, Oregon, Mexico, Hawaii, Alaska and the Caribbean. McClure also enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Survivors include his loving wife of 49 years, Mary McClure of Casa Grande, AZ; three sons: Kenneth (Brenda) McClure of Sac City, Charles (Karla) McClure of Walford, Iowa, Edward (Jenniffer) McClure of Longmont, CO; his mother Eloise McClure of Sun Lakes, AZ; sisters: Judy (Otto) Clausen of Bluffton, IN and Mary Mosby of Sun Lakes, AZ; seven grand-daughters and many nieces and nephews.

McClure was preceded in death by his



father, Kenneth Rathbun McClure, maternal and paternal grandparents. The family asked that memorials be sent to the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association.

Buchanan County Sheriff's Office Promotes Chesmore, Ratchford, Schwinghammer



Buchanan County Sheriff Bill Wolfgram promoted Deputy Chris Chesmore, Deputy Mike Ratchford and Deputy Joe Schwinghammer to the rank of patrol sergeant on April 6. Between the three, they bring a combined 60 plus years of experience to the position: Sgt. Ratchford, 25 years; Sgt. Chesmore, 20 years, and Sgt. Schwinghammer, 19 years.

The color guard at Sheriff Jerry Farnham's memorial service in Hamilton County was composed of (left to right) Sgt. Rick Singer, Plymouth County Sheriff's Office; Cpt. Marty De Muth, Buena Vista County Sheriff's Office; Deputy Bill Sankey, Buena Vista County Sheriff's Office; and Deputy James Lane, Marion County Sheriff's Office.



ISSDA Talked Issues on Legislative Night 2015

The 911 surcharge, gas tax increase, civil process fees, jailers included in interference charges, and more discussed with 80 legislators.

photos by Sheriff Rick Penning



From lower left are Iowa Rep. Mary Mascher, Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabeck, Capt. Bill Deatsch, Rep. Vicki Lensing, Rep. Todd Taylor, and Poweshiek Co. Office Deputy Dawn Disney.



In this photo are Lee County Sheriff James Sholl, Rep. Jerry Kearns with his wife, Diane, Nancy Courtney and Sen. Tom Courtney.



Muscatine Sheriff Dave White, Chief Deputy C.J. Ryan, and Rep. Gary Carlson (Muscatine)



From left: Lobbyist Kelly Meyers, Rep. Clel Baudler, Adair County Sheriff Jeff Vandewater, Rep. Tom Sands and his wife, Catherine.



Marion County Sheriff Jason Sandholdt, Mahaska County Deputy Don DeKock, Sen. Ken Rozenboom, Rep. Greg Heartsill, and Jasper County's Brad Schutts.



Iowa Police Dogs Tested in Narcotic & Game Detection at USPCA Region 21 Competition

On April 6 - 8, approximately 60 dog teams converged on the wonderful city of Spirit Lake. Hosted by Officer Shane Brevik, Spirit Lake P.D., the teams were tested in their ability to locate hidden narcotics or wild game in a room and on a vehicle.

The event was a certification for the United States Police Canine Association Inc. (USPCA) Region 21 (Iowa), which was founded in the early 1970s as a way to



Certified Game Dog, Jake

unite and bond peace officers who work a police dog for a law enforcement agency.

The narcotic teams were tested on marijuana, ICE, heroin and cocaine. The substances were hidden in various locations on five vehicles as well as inside rooms. The teams were tested on their ability to search, locate and alert to the presence of the drugs.

The USPCA Region 21 was pleased to also certify their first ever game detection dog, handled by DNR officer Steven Griebel. His dog, Jake, was tested on wild game including venison (at left) and waterfowl. This is a pilot program that the DNR hopes to go forward with.

The USPCA holds an annual certification event at different locations around the state of Iowa. Region 21 (Iowa) has approximately 100 members. The detection certifications are held in the spring and the USPCA offers testing in narcotics, bombs, game, and cadaver detection. Other certifications offered throughout the year include tracking as well as Patrol Dog Certifications. Anyone interested in information on the USPCA is welcome to contact the National Secretary at uspcasec@heartofiowa.net.



Tama County Deputy Joe Quandt and K-9 Nikki achieved an overall score of 198.34 out of 200 points, which resulted in a 1st Place Overall award. K-9 Nikki is an eight-year-old Belgian Malinois purchased from North Iowa K-9.

Results of the annual narcotic certification:

1st place overall:
2nd place overall:
3rd place overall:

Joe Quandt & K9 Nikki
Cordell Miller & K9 Bello
Tom Watson & K9 Jordy

Tama County SO
Des Moines PD
Marshalltown PD

Room search honors:

1st place room search:
2nd place room search:
3rd place room search:

Tony Reitsma & K9 Neiko
Adam Nerlien & K9 Ali
Andrew Schuchhardt & K9 Cesar

Sioux County SO
Wright County SO
Storm Lake PD

Vehicle search honors:

1st place vehicle search:
2nd place vehicle search:
3rd place vehicle search:

Mark Miller & K9 Emir
Justin DeBruin & K9 Sony
Gus Farmer & K9 Robby

Des Moines PD
Sioux County SO
Waterloo PD

Team awards

- 1st place team :** Mark Miller, Alycia Peterson, Ron Kouski and Cordell Miller (Des Moines PD)
2nd place team: Joe Quandt (Tama Co.), Kiel Stevenson (Marshalltown PD), Aaron Swenson (West Des Moines PD), Tom Watson (Marshalltown PD)
3rd place team: Darin Fay, Nate Sands, Derek Brand and Willie Garrett (Woodbury Co SO)

Linn Co. Deputies LeMense, Egli Earn Life Saving Commendation Awards

Sheriff Brian D. Gardner
Linn County Sheriff

During the early evening hours of January 2, 2015, Deputy Todd Egli was dispatched to the area of Highway 30 and Stoney Point Road on the report of a suspicious person.

When Deputy Egli approached the area from Highway 30, he observed an individual on the overpass who appeared to be texting as he stood near the edge of the roadway.

As Deputy Egli drove to Stoney Point Road and approached the scene to investigate further, he observed a male subject crawl over the concrete bridge rail and stand on the outside edge of the wall.

It became apparent to Deputy Egli that this person was contemplating suicide by jumping onto the roadway below. Deputy Egli notified the Sheriff's Office dispatch center of his findings and requested additional help, including the closure of Stoney Point Road and the westbound lanes of Highway 30. Due to the location, the Cedar Rapids Police Department (C.R.P.D.) was also notified and they sent a crisis negotiator to the scene.

In speaking with this subject, Deputy Egli was able to confirm that he was very distraught due to something that he had done and was contemplating suicide by jumping off the overpass. Through their persistence, Deputy Egli and the C.R.P.D. negotiator were able to enter into a dialogue with the subject in an attempt to get him to climb back over the concrete bridge rail. During their conversation, the subject requested a lighter for a cigarette. Deputy Chad LeMense, who had been providing



Deputy Chad LeMense (left) and Deputy Todd Egli honored for saving man's life.

traffic control assistance, had a lighter and was requested to bring it to the scene and help negotiate with this subject. Together, the deputies and the C.R.P.D. negotiator continued to speak with this subject until it appeared that he might be willing to climb back over the ledge.

When they had their chance, and in an attempt to ensure that he did not have the opportunity to change his mind, deputies Egli and LeMense were able to grab hold of the subject and safely bring him back across the bridge rail onto the roadway.

The subject was transported to the hospital for a mental health evaluation. Due to the rapport that he had created with the subject, Deputy Egli met with him at the hospital to ensure that he spoke with a physician to help him through the issues that he had been experiencing.

In all, it took nearly three hours to take this person into custody. All the while, the weather was cold and windy, creating less than optimal negotiating conditions for both the negotiators and the suspect. Shortly after the incident, the suspect's mother sent a thank you card to the Cedar Rapids Police Chief, expressing her sincere appreciation for the law officers' help in successfully resolving this potentially tragic situation.

It is my belief that had these law officers not intervened in this incident, the subject would have very likely jumped off the Stoney Point Road overpass to his death onto Highway #30 below.

Because of their actions, I am awarding Life Saving commendation awards to Deputies Todd Egli and Chad LeMense for the act of saving a life.

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www.issda.org**

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photos, membership information, contact information, and ISSDA apparel sales**