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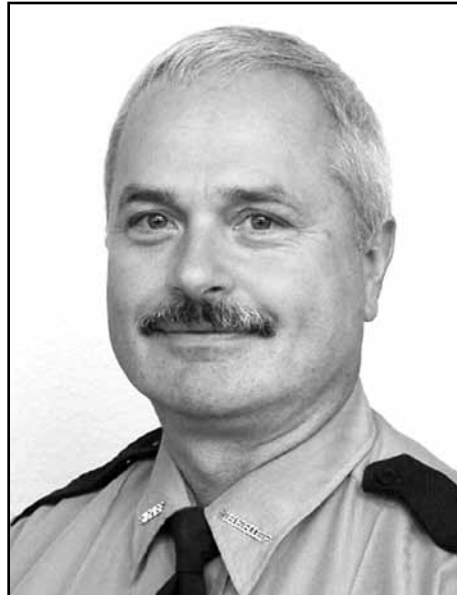
First Few Months as ISSDA President

Well, I didn't even make it back to my office before I had to respond to emails after the gavel was turned over to me. The first couple of months have been very hectic with responding to emails, assigning members to committees, returning phone calls, and attending meetings.

I would like to thank everyone for their great support during and after Winter School; it was great to see so many in attendance. A special thanks to all the new sheriffs who were at "New Sheriff" class. Most were able to attend, and the two that didn't had prior obligations. I would also like to thank the members for volunteering to serve on this year's committees; we had a great response.

The first week of 2013 we had a tragic loss to our association. Sheriff Jay Langenbau's wife, Shelly, better known as Shell, lost her life while serving her community as a flight nurse. Though Shell was not an ISSDA Member, her commitment to Jay as his wife made her instrumental to Jay's success as a sheriff and father.

At the visitation, several people spoke of how Shell cared for them while they were in medical need. People came from far distances to pay their respects for the lady



Sheriff Jerry Dunbar
Washington County Sheriff's Office

who cared for them – who touched their hearts and souls. Shell was obviously a true unsung American Hero. Sheriff Langenbau expressed his thanks to the ISSDA for their support through this difficult time in his family's life. Thanks to all who attended Shelly's visitation and funeral. Please con-

tinue to keep Sheriff Langenbau and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

In December and January, I had the privilege of attending three retirements for three exceptional sheriffs: Sheriff Mike Balmer, Sheriff Curt Younker, and Sheriff Dewey Hildebrandt. I could see in their eyes it was a bittersweet moment of their careers, handing over what they truly loved and lived for the next adventure in life's journey.

Even at their retirement party they were setting a standard for me. All three stood tall and proud, yet humbled, as their community, friends and family came to honor them for their many years of service. All three supported the newly elected Sheriff, Office of Sheriff, and to the community.

Thanks again to all for their commitment and support of the ISSDA. Don't forget the commitment you gave when pinning on the gold badge. I encourage everyone to read the ISSDA Code of Ethics, again, as a reminder and use it as your New Year's Resolution.

Washington Co. Sheriff Jerry A. Dunbar

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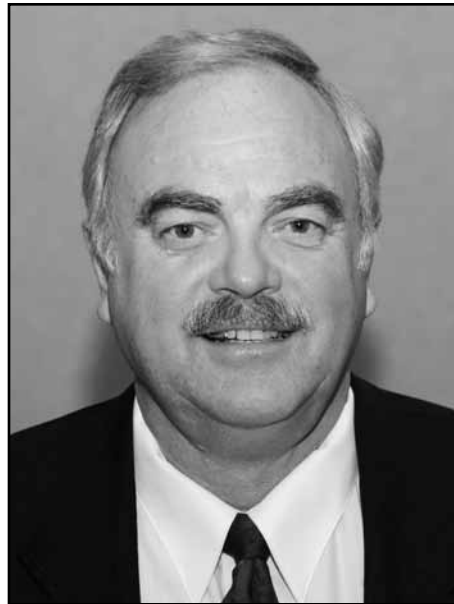
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Get More Involved in Your Association; Congratulations to Newly Elected Sheriffs

A Happy New Year to everyone. I am Don De Kock, the secretary for the ISSDA for 2013. I have been involved with the State Fair Committee, which has evolved into the Public Relations Committee since the early 1990s. I have worked the State Fair Booth every year since 1991. I was trained on working the State Fair by one of the best, none other than retired Benton County Sheriff Ken Popenhagen.

As I sit and write this article, I have to confess it is hard for my mind not to wonder a little. I have been back in Iowa for just over 48 hours from a mission trip to Montego Bay, Jamaica. Some of you may think this sounds like a nice vacation, but it was no vacation. I will admit the weather was pretty nice, in the middle 80s every day with very little rainfall occurring. But my mind goes to the orphanage we worked in, and the thought of walking away from toddlers who were crying when it was time to leave. We put them down and they raised their arms back up with tears in their eyes simply because they want to be loved. My wife already knows there is a great chance I will be headed back there some time in 2013.

As I think about the beginning of 2013, I need to say, "Congratulations," to all of the sheriffs who retired at the end of 2012. Many of you provided much-needed leadership to the ISSDA as well as to your local counties, and this leadership will be missed.



Deputy Don DeKock
Mashaka County Sheriff's Office

With that said, I also need to say, "Welcome," to all of the newly elected sheriffs, and, "Congratulations," to both the newly elected sheriffs and to those who were re-elected to another term.

A huge "Thank you" must go out to all of the ISSDA members who served on the many committees that kept our Association operating this past year.

As always, all of the schools conducted were outstanding. The Schools Committee, once again, did a great job putting together the Civil School in April and the Winter

School in December. I really enjoyed the Sunday night entertainment, both during and after the banquet at the Winter School. The Schools Committee was very supportive and assisted the Jails Committee in conducting the Jails School, which was held during September.

I know the Jails Committee has worked many hours on the PREA Guidelines with the intent to provide a sample policy to every county jail in Iowa, with the understanding PREA should not affect the Iowa Jail Standards.

The Legislative Committee spent many hours working with Susan Cameron and Joe Kelly, our lobbyists, on helping keep all Iowa citizens safe. A sigh of relieve came at the end of the 2012 Legislative Session, when no major battles developed over gun rights issues. With the recent shootings across the United States, it will be interesting to see what gun rights issues will come up during the 2013 session.

As I close this article, I would like to encourage all members of the ISSDA to become more involved in our Association. ISSDA is for and about all sheriffs and deputies in the State of Iowa – not just a few.

Remember: always keep the wind at your back, the salt spray in your face and don't forget whose hand is on the rudder.

Be safe out there,

Don

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Winter School 2012: MOCIC, Profiling,

By Sheriff Rick Penning

Grundy County Sheriff's Office

The Iowa State Sheriffs' & Deputies' Association 2012 Winter School of Instruction convened at the The Meadows in Altoona from Sunday, December 2nd through Wednesday, December 5th.

On Sunday afternoon, registration was available to the early arrivals. There was also a return of the Sunday night banquet, which was followed by "Billy Heller and his Guitars, Vocals, Harmonica and What Not."

On Monday morning, registration continued and ISSDA sales items were available, along with a "Welcome" by ISSDA President Don Orgel, Hardin County, and Host Sheriff Bill McCarthy, Polk County. The "Presentation of the Flags" was made by the Polk County Sheriff Honor Guard and "Invocation" was given by Deputy Don Dekock, Mahaska County.

Michael Sumeracki, FBI, was the day-long presenter on LEOKA (Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted). In addition to presenting statistics and relating incidents, he also advised more data is available at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bja/ and also www.fbi.gov. There are 18,800 law enforcement agencies nationwide, and the worst time periods for violence against law enforcement officers are the month of December, on a Sunday, and the time period is noon thru 6 p.m.

Monday evening was Vendors Night and

drawings.

On Tuesday morning, Dennis Cessford with MOCIC presented current and anticipated changes at MOCIC due to funding cuts. Field Rep. Wayne Lunders retired this past year, and Cessford now has the entire state.

Steve Conlon, Behavioral Science Unit of the FBI, then completed the morning training with his session on "Profiling."

During the lunch hour, the annual Past Presidents Luncheon was held.

Kevin McDonald, with the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office, then talked about Northwest Transportation Services.

Roger Clark and associates with the FAA then discussed "Responding to Air Disaster & Crop Dusting."

The membership then held their Annual Business Meeting. Discussion, again, centered on an Executive Director for the Association.

Watch future Board minutes for more timely information on this topic.

Tuesday evening was the President's Banquet with Hardin County Chief Deputy Don Orgel presenting the gavel to Washington County Sheriff and ISSDA President Jerry Dunbar.



MOCIC Field Representative Dennis Cessford (left) reported on changes and updates to the organization. The FBI Behavioral Science Unit's Steve Conlon discussed profiling.

ISSDA Gold Star Awards were presented to Arlen Ciechanowski, ILEA Director; State Representative Debra Berry of Waterloo; State Senator Bill Dix of Shell Rock; and State Representative Renee Schulte of Cedar Rapids for their work and support of law enforcement efforts.

Illusionist Nick Bretz, who calls himself "IMAGINICK," then provided more than an hour of entertainment in the form of comedy and magic.

On Wednesday morning, Doug Hurley, S/A Iowa DNE, Darrell Simmons, S/A Iowa DCI, and Casey Hinnah, Chief Deputy Keokuk County, concluded the Conference with "Where the Fight Is . . . Is Where You Fight."

Their seminar reviewed the April 2011 death of Keokuk County Deputy Eric Stein.



Gold Star Award Recipients: Iowa Senator Bill Dix (left), Iowa Representative Renee Schulte (center) and Iowa Rep. Debra Berry (right) received ISSDA Gold Star Awards at the 2012 Winter School annual banquet for their legislative support.

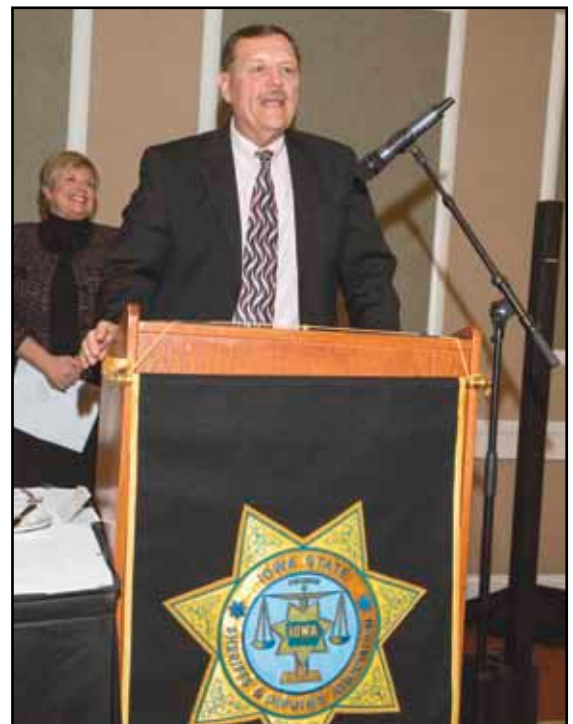
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The 2013 ISSDA Board (front row): Sheriff Gary Launderville (Buena Vista County), Sheriff Brian Gardner (Linn), Sheriff Jerry Dunbar (Washington), Deputy Don DeKock (Mahaska), Major John Godar (Linn), Sheriff Rick Lincoln (Clinton). (Back Row:) Chief Deputy Rob Haley (Ringgold), Capt. Mark Johnson (Black Hawk), Chief Deputy Don Orgel (Hardin), Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek (Johnson), Office Deputy Dawn Disney (Poweshiek) (Not present - Sheriff Wade Harriman, (Ida County).



Shive-Hattery architecture and engineering firm sponsored the Tuesday evening cocktail party. Left to right are: architect Mark Allen, marketing coordinator Julie Eliason, project manager/ architect Mike Morman, ISSDA 2012 President Don Orgel, architect Ryan Larson, and justice team leader/ architect Mike Lewis.



ILEA Dir. Arlen Ciechanowski received a Gold Star award and provided an update on the Academy.

Gunfire erupts

By Mike Van Sickle

Fayette County Union Editor

“Shots fired! Officer down!”

Shortly after the Tuesday, Oct. 30, Maynard Savings Bank robbery, a large number of Fayette County emergency personnel were among the many local, state, and federal authorities who answered that call.

“When you hear those words, everyone is put on high alert, and each of us (in law enforcement) wants to respond as quickly as possible,” said Fayette County Sheriff Marty Fisher on Thursday. “All of us wanted to be there to offer assistance, but at the same time some of us were duty-bound to remain behind and take care of other portions of the investigation.”

In addition to three tellers and the bank manager, there was one customer and a child present when the bank robbery was reported at Maynard Savings Bank at approximately 11:15 a.m. on Oct. 30.

The two suspects, Jeremiah Mumford of New Hampton and William Clayton of Osage, allegedly entered the bank with fully loaded assault rifles, and robbed the staff at gunpoint before escaping with \$15,000.

A description of the suspects and vehicle was quickly relayed to area law enforcement with a request to be on the lookout.

Fisher confirmed that all available Fayette County Sheriff’s deputies were among the law enforcement officials to answer the initial call. The local sheriff explained that a short time later, a Westgate firefighter spotted the suspects’ vehicle in Fayette County. The volunteer fireman’s vehicle was fired upon and struck six times.

Fisher joined Deputy Joe Miller and Sergeant Allen Henderschott in pursuit of the suspects.

While Chief Deputy James Davis maintained safety and secured the crime scene in Maynard, other deputies are credited with securing and preserving additional areas along the route of the crime spree.

At the intersection of 130th Street and

Y Avenue (Fayette/ Bremer county line), Miller was fired upon. The deputy later explained that he pursued the suspects for nearly two miles before his patrol car was disabled due to taking a bullet to the engine block.

Miller soon resumed the chase after hopping into Henderschott’s vehicle, who had been trailing Miller by approximately three miles.

The two sheriff’s deputies prepared to set up a road block at Sable Avenue and Highway 93 in Bremer County, but before being able to lay out stop sticks, they were confronted once again by the fleeing robbery suspects.

Gunfire was exchanged, with Henderschott taking cover near the front driver’s side door. Meanwhile, Miller sought cover behind the opened trunk on the passenger side of the patrol car. During the exchange of gunfire, a bullet pierced the opened trunk near Miller.

At the same time, Fisher and members of the State Patrol were approaching the pursuit from the north. As reported by the Iowa Department of Public Safety, the



Fayette County Chief Deputy Jim Davis is pictured walking outside Maynard Savings Bank shortly after he secured the crime scene on Tuesday, Oct. 30. (Fayette County Union photo)

suspects repeatedly fired shots at pursuing vehicles.

Sumner Police Chief Dennis Cain was shot in the hand, thumb, and neck. He was transported by LifeFlight to an eastern Iowa hospital. According to the report, Chief



Fayette County Sheriff’s Deputy Joe Miller (left) and Sgt. Allen Henderschott stand near where they crouched alongside Henderschott’s patrol car while exchanging gunfire with bank robbery suspects Jeremiah Mumford and William Clayton on Tuesday, Oct. 30. During the exchange of gunfire, a bullet pierced the opened trunk near Deputy Miller (Mike Van Sickle photo).

Citizen Heroes Bill & Lois Hall Recognized at 2012 Iowa-Nebraska Football Game

An Omaha, Nebraska, man and a couple from Clinton, Iowa, represented their respective states as “citizen heroes” when the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers met the University of Iowa Hawkeyes on Nov. 23 in the second-annual Heroes Game, presented by Hy-Vee. The Heroes Game uses the national stage created by this Big Ten football rivalry to honor the heroic efforts of individuals and organizations in America’s heartland. Fans of both schools were invited to nominate residents of Iowa and Nebraska who have performed extraordinary acts of heroism and service in their communities. From among those nominated, staff and volunteers from the American Red Cross selected the following winners, who were recognized during a halftime ceremony on the field in Iowa City’s Kinnick Stadium: Jason Parks of Omaha was driving to work one morning when he witnessed a collision between two semitrailer trucks. He rushed to the scene of the accident and, with no regard for his own safety, pulled one of the drivers from

the flaming wreckage only moments before the truck exploded.

Lois and Bill Hall, of Clinton, Iowa, raise and train K-9 dogs and provide more than 1,500 hours of service to their community each year, assisting with emergency search and rescue missions and offering therapy visits to local schools and hospitals. Athletic Directors Tom Osborne, of the University of Nebraska, and Gary Barta, of the University of Iowa, made a special presentation to the Heroes Game honorees, whose names have been inscribed on the Heroes Game trophy. Representatives from Hy-Vee, presenting sponsor of the Heroes Game, presented a check to the American Red Cross just before kickoff to show support for the



Lois and Bill Hall were Presented “Citizen Hero” Awards by HyVee.

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Gunfire Erupts, continued

Cain underwent surgery and remained in critical, but stable condition.

In addition, Iowa State Trooper Mark Domino was shot in the arm. He was later transported to an area hospital, treated and released.

At approximately 12:20 p.m. on Oct. 30, the two suspects abandoned their vehicle near Heartland Quarry west of Frederika. The pair fled on foot into a wooded area nearby. At that time law enforcement established a two-mile-long perimeter to ensure the suspects could not travel outside of the immediate area.

“Throughout the chase the suspects didn’t get too far before they found themselves being pursued by another agency. They were boxed in fairly quickly,” said Fisher.

“I was so impressed with the quick response of every level of law enforcement,”

Fisher continued, while explaining, “From the local police departments, who either participated in the pursuit itself or watched for the suspects while continuing to maintain safety in their respective communities, to the FBI agents from the Waterloo and Omaha areas, to State Patrol Posts 8, 9, and 10, who even had a plane in the air and the vehicle spotted before the two suspects reached the Bremer County line – I don’t think we could have trained as well as the response went.”

Throughout the remainder of the afternoon and into the evening, law enforcement from more than 16 federal, state, county, and local agencies reportedly worked to locate the alleged bank robbers.

Iowa State Patrol tactical teams methodically searched and cleared the area north and west of Frederika, where Mumford and Clayton were suspected to be hiding. Then

at approximately 7 p.m., Waterloo police officers who were working on the perimeter of the search area apprehended Mumford and Clayton.

The men were attempting to escape the search area and evade officers by crossing County Road V5C, approximately three-quarters of a mile north of Frederika. Once spotted, the two men surrendered without incident.

“The quick response and resulting arrests started with the bank employees, who followed the proper protocol,” said Fisher. “It continued with community members and rural residents, who responded to our needs and allowed the numerous law enforcement agencies to do our jobs.”

“We’re just so very lucky,” he concluded. “We could have had a hostage situation or, even worse a loss of life. We are all so thankful that no one was killed.”

Linn County Deputies Receive Commendation Awards

In the evening of July 25, Linn County Deputies Shawn Ireland, Alan Johnson, Casey Sanders, Brad Campbell and Sgt. Andy Humphrey responded to a call on a possibly suicidal woman in her 20s on a cliff at the Palisades-Kepler State Park near Mt. Vernon.

The deputies located the individual's vehicle as the sun was setting and, after a short search, found her sitting on a cliff 25-30 feet above the ground with her legs dangling over the edge. Deputies Ireland and Sanders, along with DNR Park Ranger Jim Hansen, stayed on top of the cliff with the woman while Deputy Johnson, accompanied by a Mt. Vernon Police Officer Steve Moel, went below her with Deputy Johnson and Officer Moel, using their flashlights to illuminate her for those topside.

As emergency responders attempted to talk with the woman, Deputy Ireland retrieved a rope from his patrol vehicle and repositioned his car closer to the scene. He then tied one end of his rope to the railing, and Ranger Hansen, who was standing between the woman and the railing, tied the other end around himself. This allowed Ranger Hansen to get closer to her without the fear of falling. Deputy Ireland used a calm, reassuring voice to attempt communicating with the woman, but the distraught



Three of the five Linn County commendation recipients (left to right) Deputies Casey Sanders, Shawn Ireland and Sgt. Andy Humphrey with Sheriff Brian Gardner. The photo is from a Linn County Employee Recognition Breakfast, where the deputies were recognized for their actions in saving the life of a woman attempting suicide.

and irritated woman refused to talk. Fearing the woman would jump, Sgt. Humphrey contacted on-scene fire fighters and coordinated placing something near the base of the cliff to help break the woman's fall in the event she jumped. Without any warning, the woman then attempted to jump off the cliff.

Ranger Hansen grabbed one of the woman's wrists and Deputy Sanders the other. Deputy Ireland held onto the rope and prevented them from falling, but was unable to pull them to safety.

With Sgt. Humphrey's assistance, they were able to pull the woman to

safety. During the entire incident, Deputy Johnson lit the area from below, allowing the rescuers to safely assist the woman back over the ledge. Deputy Campbell assisted where needed during this incident, and after the rescue assisted with her medical care as the Rescue 57 Paramedic-Specialist that day.

Without the quick and heroic actions taken by Deputies Ireland, Sanders, Johnson, Campbell and Sgt. Humphrey, along with Ranger Hansen and Officer Moel, the outcome of this incident would have been much different. They likely prevented the woman's death. For their actions, Sheriff Brian Gardner awarded Deputies Shawn Ireland and Casey Sanders and Sgt. Andy Humphrey the Medal of Valor for saving a life, and in doing so displaying outstanding courage while placing their own lives in danger. Additionally, Sheriff Gardner awarded Deputies Alan Johnson and Bradley Campbell the Life Saving Medal for the act of saving a life.



Commendation recipients Deputy Alan Johnson and Deputy Brad Campbell, Linn County, who helped save a woman's life.

Remembering Former Y-Camp Executive Director Dr. Ray Pugh

It's all about the kids!

By Kirk Hartung
Y-Camp Board of Directors

Ray Pugh first came down the hill to Y Camp in 1946, when he was 17 years old, to be a Y-Camp leader for Leon Smith. He came back for six more summers, working in many departments, leading songs and stage shows, and coordinating many staff and camper activities as program director. After seven summers, his years as a Y-Camp leader came to a close.

In 1970, Ray returned to Camp as the Director. For the next 22 years, his vision and passion for kids made Y-Camp a million dollar experience for all those who had the good fortune to spend a week or more at Camp.

The campers enjoyed the activities, programs and fun which created lasting memories. The leaders learned life skills and made life-long friendships. Through the work and play of all, Y-Camp became the Closest Place to Heaven on Earth.

Ray Pugh wore many hats during his life time, including husband, father, teacher, coach, professor, and Y-Camp Director.



In all of these roles, he was always optimistic. His positive attitude was inspiring, motivating, and contagious. He made us laugh with the Plaid Lads, Good Time Gang, and Leaders Shows. He made us think about God, others, and ourselves at 5 Fires, Inspiration Point, and Chapel. He made us better doctors, lawyers, teachers or whatever occupation we pursued, by giving us chances to succeed, responsibilities to carry out, and life lessons to follow.

One of Ray's favorite quotes was, "The more you give, the more you live." Ray lived life to the fullest, because he gave so much to everyone. We should all follow his example.

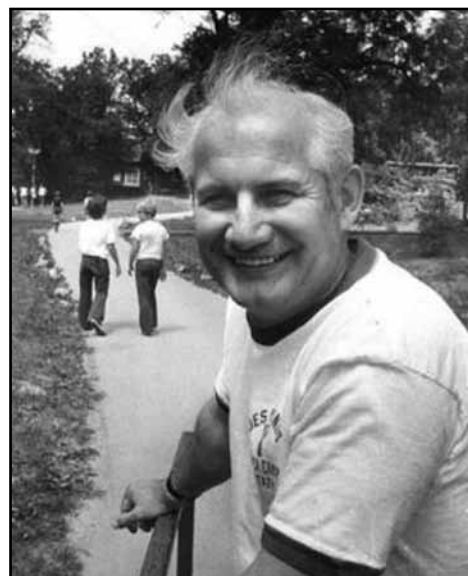
Thanks, Ray. We love you.

The Life of Dr. Ray Pugh

Ray Pugh died on Dec. 23, 2012, surrounded by family. He passed peacefully, after many years of heart trouble. He was born in Des Moines on February 28, 1929, and graduated from Roosevelt High School. Dr. Pugh earned his physical education degree from Central College, where he was awarded the Schilder Trophy as the outstanding football player in 1951. He received his Masters from Drake University in 1958, and his PhD from Iowa State University in 1968. He was a school teacher and coach at Garden Grove, Monroe, Johnston, and North High School, and vice principal at Callahan Middle School. In 1970, he began a 26-year career as a professor of physical education and recreation at Drake University.

Dr. Pugh served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, and was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge.

He worked as a leader at the Des Moines YMCA Camp while in high school and college, and was director of the Beaver Valley Day Camp, the Larry Jo Ranch, and the 4-H Camp. He became Y Camp executive director in 1970, and retired in 1991 after 22 years working with the kids.



Dr. Pugh was the straight man for the entertainment groups known as the Three Jacks and a Queen, the Little Stinkers, the Plaid Lads, and the Good Time Gang, who entertained at schools across the state for more than 50 years.

He was a well-known motivational speaker, and gave more than 150 commencement speeches. He wrote several books, including one of favorite quotes such as, "The more you give, the more you live!" He also wrote the musical, "The Home Front," based on his youth when he put on shows to raise money for W.W. II efforts. The show was performed by several groups of students in the 2000s.

He received many awards over the years from numerous organizations. The Ray Pugh Institute of New Hope hosts speakers with inspirational messages that are in the spirit of Ray's positive attitude and joy of life.

Dr. Pugh met the love of his life, Doris Ruth (Dodee) Morris in Lorchville, Iowa. They married in 1954, and had five children, and has 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions can be made to the Ray and Doris Pugh YMCA Camp Endowment; New Hope United Methodist Church; Drake University's new education building; or Central College.

Retired Mitchell County Sheriff Served Iowa 50 Interesting Years

By Sheriff Curtis Younker
Mitchell County Sheriff's Office

After serving four years of active military duty, I returned home in September 1959. Interested in outdoor activities, I became involved in the Osage Conservation Club, where I met Deputy Sheriff Rich Jahnel. About 1962, Rich and his boss, Sheriff Duke Angell, asked if I would be interested in working part-time as a Special Deputy at the Mitchell County Fair. The job sounded interesting and I accepted. That was the first time I pinned on the badge.

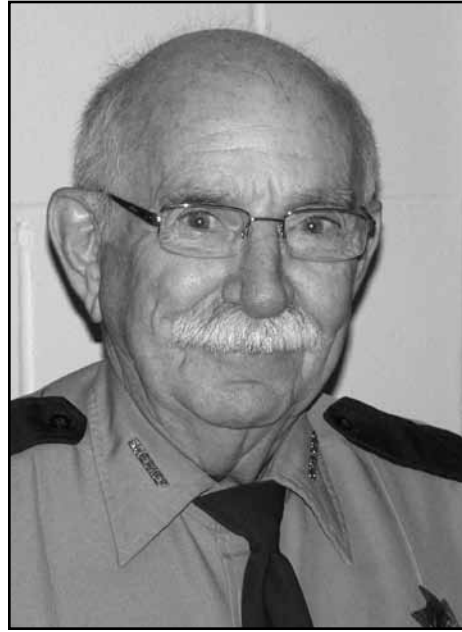
Nineteen sixty-four was an election year, and Sheriff Angell announced he would not seek re-election. Two months before the general election, Rich Jahnel was appointed sheriff to fill out Duke's unexpired term. That same day, Rich hired me as his deputy.

In those days I was not a deputy, I was *the* deputy – the only one. Most of the training a rookie deputy received was on-the-job. Rich did send me to a two-week school at the University of Iowa. As training went, it didn't amount to much; But it was better than nothing.

The experience of serving as a deputy sheriff in those days was a lot different than it is today. One of the big differences was there were fewer rules. A deputy nearly always worked alone, and had to develop the ability to exercise independent judgment in a wide variety of situations. Then, as now, an error in judgment would invariably land one in hot water.

Sheriff Jahnel and I each owned our own patrol cars back then. The county paid us eight cents per mile to drive our cars for official business. Out of the eight cents, we had to make car payments, buy gas, make repairs and all the rest. My first patrol car was a 1962 Chevrolet Impala V8. We also had to buy our own uniforms, side arms and other related equipment. The county furnished each of us with a shotgun. If I remember right, I was paid \$350 per month. There was no such thing as overtime pay, holiday pay or anything of the kind. To get a little time off, Sheriff Jahnel and I would take every other Sunday off – if nothing much was going on.

Sheriff Jahnel lived in an apartment at-



Sheriff Curtis Younker, Ret.
Mitchell County Sheriff's Office

tached to the jail. His wife, Mary, and his seven daughters answered the phone, fed the prisoners, washed the laundry and did anything else that needed doing. On the rare occasion when Rich and his family took a vacation, I slept in his bed and ran the jail until they returned.

In those days, there was no ambulance service in the county. If someone was hurt so bad we couldn't haul them in a patrol car, the funeral home would come out and take the injured to the hospital in a hearse. There was no communications center, either. The night nurse at the hospital used a two-way radio to talk to us, when needed.

Court reorganization in the 1970s resulted in the elimination of the Justice of the Peace (JP) courts. The JP courts had been around almost forever. In Mitchell County, JPs were not attorneys and were not trained in the law. The communities of Osage, St. Ansgar, Stacyville and Riceville each had a Justice of the Peace. The JP's job was to handle misdemeanor criminal cases as well as some civil cases.

Arresting someone in the middle of the night and taking them before a JP was quite an experience. The JP would get out of bed and hold court in his or her home. Many times I saw JPs in pajamas hold court right at their

kitchen table. If a defendant wanted a jury trial, it was held in the courthouse. The JP would send me downtown to find six jurors. I would usually go to a tavern on Main Street where there was always a bunch of old guys sitting around playing cards. I would get six of them to follow me back to the courthouse for the trial, and they were always willing to serve because they would get a couple of bucks for doing it. The JPs did the best they could in those days, but the magistrate system we have now is much, much better. Outwardly, reorganization did not change the District Court very much.





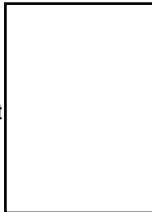















Looking back, it seems like I spent a lot of time in that Court. I got to know most of the judges who came to Mitchell County. They were all dignified, very able gentlemen. One in particular, Judge B.C. Sullivan, sticks in my memory. Judge Sullivan was not a large man physically, but he had a presence in the courtroom that was remarkable. When B.C. was on the bench, he was absolutely formidable. I remember one trial very well. It was a very boring civil case right after lunch, and the courtroom was quite warm. The lawyers droned on and on, and some of the jurors began to nod off. Suddenly, the unmistakable sound of snoring filled the courtroom. All talking stopped. You could have heard a pin drop. It was almost as if the world had stopped turning. The Judge had fallen asleep. Nobody present was foolish enough to wake him up. After a few minutes, he woke up on his own, and the trial continued as though nothing had happened.

The anti-war movement and social unrest of the late 1960s and early 1970s created a demand for much better local law enforcement. To meet this demand, the federal government began programs allowing cities and counties to hire and train additional officers. Sheriff Jahnel took advantage of the federal funding available and hired four more deputies. Counting myself, that made a total of five. We still operate with that number today.

Around the same time, there were two other things in the works that would have a dramatic influence on all of the sheriffs' offices in Iowa. The first was the establishment of

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 444, Webster City IA 50595-0444
 Support Services: DARE
 • Willing to loan

HANCOCK 41

Sheriff Scott E. Dodd
 Phone: (641) 923-2621
 Fax: (641) 923-2460
 Email: sdodd@hancocklaw-ia.com
 Station Id. No. S411
 www.hancockcountyia.org
 Address: PO Box 70, 875 State St., Garner IA 50438
 Support Services:
 • Canine Unit
 • Willing to loan

**HUMBOLDT 46**

Sheriff Dean Kruger
 Chief Dep. Brian Ricklefs
 Phone: (515) 332-2471
 Fax: (515) 332-9040
 Jail: (515) 332-5450
 Email: sheriff@goldfieldaccess.net
 Station ID No. S461
 ORI# IA0460000
 Address: 430 Sumner Ave., Humboldt IA 50548-1757
 Support Services:
 • DARE • Willing to loan

**JEFFERSON 51**

Sheriff Gregg Morton
 Chief Deputy:
 Bart Richmond
 Phone: (641) 472-4146
 Fax: (641) 469-3353
 Jail: (641) 472-3967
 Station ID No. PFF1
 Email: gmorton@jeffersoncoiowa.com
 Address: 1200 West Grimes, Fairfield IA 52556-2778
 Support Services:
 • Reserve • SERT • Willing to loan

**LEE 56**

Sheriff James Sholl
 Chief Dep. Scott Bonar
 Phone: (319) 372-1152
 1-800-382-8900
 Fax: (319) 372-1213
 Jail: (319) 372-1152
 Email: jsholl@leecounty.org
 Station ID No. S561
 ORI# IA0560000
 Address: 2530 255th St., Montrose IA 52639-9754
 Support Services:
 • DARE • Reserves • Chaplain
 • DRE

**HARDIN 42**

Sheriff David McDaniel
 Chief Deputy Don Orgel
 Phone: (641) 939-8189
 Fax: (641) 939-8249
 Jail: (641) 939-8194
 Email:
 Station ID No. S421
 Address: 1116 14th Ave., Eldora IA 50627
 Support Services: DARE
 • Hostage Negotiator
 • Reserves

**IDA 47**

Sheriff Wade Harriman
 Chief Dep. Mike Hawthorne
 Phone: (712) 364-3146
 Fax: (712) 364-2746
 Email: wadeh@pionet.net
 www.idacountysheriff.com
 Station ID No. S471
 Address:
 401 Moorehead St., Ida Grove IA 51445-1497
 Support Services: Canine Unit
 • Chaplain • DARE • Reserve
 • Traffic Investigator • Willing to loan

**JOHNSON 52**

Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek
 Chief Dep. Steve Dolezal
 Phone: (319) 356-6020
 Fax: (319) 356-6017
 Jail: (319) 356-6025
 Email: lpulkrab@co.johnsonia.us
 Station ID No. S521
 Address: 511 S. Capital, PO Box 2540, Iowa City IA 52244-2540
 Support Services: Bomb Squad • DARE
 • Canine Unit • Computer Forensics
 • Hostage Negotiator • SERT • Water Rescue • Thermal Imager • Traffic Investigator • Willing to loan

**LINN 57**

Sheriff Brian Gardner
 Chief Dep. Colonel John Stuelkel
 Phone: (319) 892-6100
 Fax: (319) 892-6276
 sheriff@linncounty.org
 Station ID No. S571
 310 2nd Ave. SW, PO Box 669
 Cedar Rapids IA 52406-0669
 Correctional Center: Ph: (319) 892-6300
 Fax: (319) 892-6279; 53 3rd Ave. Bridge, PO Box 608, Cedar Rapids IA 52406-0608 www.linncounty.org/sheriff
 Support Services: Bomb Squad/ Robot
 • Canine Unit • Honor Guard
 • Chaplain • Hostage Negotiator
 • Paramedic Rescue Unit • Reserves
 • Evidence Processor
 • Immediate Response Unit (SWAT)
 • Traffic Investigator • Willing to loan

**HARRISON 43**

Sheriff Patrick Sears
 Chief Dep. Brian Heffernan
 Phone: (712) 644-2244
 Fax: (712) 644-2274
 Jail: (712) 644-2556
 Email: psears@harrisoncountyia.org
 www.harrisoncountyia.org
 Station ID No. S431
 ORI# IA0430000
 Address: 111 S. 1st Ave. Logan IA 51546
 Support Services:
 • Canine Unit • Traffic Investigator • Hazmat
 • Willing to loan

**IOWA 48**

Sheriff Robert Rotter
 Chief Dep. Greg Welsh
 Phone: (319) 642-7307
 Fax: (319) 642-3826
 Jail: (319) 642-7307
 Email: iowacosheriff@iowacosheriff.org
 Station ID No. S481
 ORI# IA0480000
 Address: 960 Franklyn Ave., Marengo IA 52301-0167
 Support Services: Canine Unit
 • Clan Lab Investigator
 • Divers/ Water Rescue
 • Photographer • Search and Rescue
 • Traffic Investigator • Willing to loan

**JONES 53**

Sheriff Greg Graver
 Chief Deputy Jeff Swisher
 Phone: (319) 462-4371
 Fax: (319) 462-4766
 Jail: (319) 462-2720
 Civil (319) 462-5305
 Email: ggraver@co.jonesia.us
 State ID No. S531
 ORI# IA0530000
 Address: 500 Main St., PO Box 167, Anamosa IA 52205-0167
 Support Services: • Rescue Boat and Equipment for Rescue or Recovery
 • Canine Unit • JCERT - Tactical Team
 • Willing to loan

**LOUISA 58**

Sheriff Brad Turner
 Chief Dep. Joshua Helscher
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 Fax: (319) 523-4373
 Jail: (319) 523-4371
 Station ID No. S581
 ORI# IA0580000
 Email: lcsco@louisacomm.net
 www.louisacountyiowa.org
 Address: 12635 Co. Rd. G56 #102 Wapello IA 52653
 Support: • SERT • K-9 Unit • Boat • DRE
 • Multiple Inst. • DTF • Willing to loan
 • Reserve Unit

**HENRY 44**

Sheriff Rich McNamee
 Chief Deputy Dan Wesely
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 Fax: (319) 385-2384
 Civil: (319) 385-4652
 Email: rmcnamee@henrycountyia.us
 Station ID No. PMP1
 Address: 106 E. Clay St., PO Box 216 Mount Pleasant IA 52641-0216
 Support Services: • Reserves

**JACKSON 49**

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 Chief Dep. Ed Clark
 Phone: (563) 652-3312
 Fax: (563) 652-0662
 Jail: (562) 652-2305
 Email: jcs049@yahoo.com
 Station ID No. MPQ1
 Address: 104 S. Niagara, Maquoketa IA 52060-2295
 Support Services: Canine Unit
 • Willing to loan

**KEOKUK 54**

Sheriff Casey Hinnah
 Chief Deputy
 Phone: (641) 622-2727
 Fax: (641) 622-3304
 Email:
 Station ID No. S541
 Address: 204 S. Stone, Sigourney IA 52591

**LUCAS 59**

Sheriff Jim Baker
 Chief Deputy
 Phone: (641) 774-5083
 Fax: (641) 774-1660
 Email: bakerj@lucasco.org
 Station ID No. S591
 48559 Hy-Vee Road, PO Box 816, Chariton IA 50049-0816
 Com. Center/ Holding FAX: 774-8006
 Support Services: • DARE
 • Narcotics K-9 • Willing to loan

**HOWARD 45**

Sheriff Morris (Mike) Miner
 Phone: (563) 547-3535
 Fax: (563) 547-9296
 Station ID No. S451
 Address: 124 S. Park Pl. Cresco IA 52136-1634
 Email: mminer@co.howardia.us
 Support Services: SERT, Firearms Inst., McGruff Program, Hazmat, Clandestine Lab., Portable Lighting System with Generator, Willing to Loan.

**JASPER 50**

Sheriff John Halferty
 Chief Deputy:
 Duane Rozendaal
 Phone: (641) 792-5912
 Fax: (641) 792-4202
 Jail: (641) 791-7081
 Email: jhalferty@jaspersheriff.org
 Station ID No. PNW1 ORI# IA050000
 Address: PO Box 517, 2300 Law Center Dr., Newton IA 50208
 Support Services: DARE • SERT
 • Hostage Negotiator • Willing to loan

**KOSSUTH 55**

Sheriff Steve Kollasch
 Chief Deputy Nick Larson
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 Fax: (515) 295-9304
 Jail: (515) 295-9277
 Email: SheriffsOffice@kcsco.net
 www.co.kossuthia.us/sheriff/sheriff.htm
 Address: 121 W. State St., Algona IA 50511-2646
 Support Services: SERT•SART•DARE
 • Reserve Unit• Special Response Team



LYON 60

Sheriff Stewart Vander Stoep
 Chief Deputy
 Phone: (712) 472-2521
 Fax: (712) 472-2303
 Email: lyon601@hickorytech.net
 Station ID No. S601
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 Support Services: Canine Unit • DARE • SERT • SART Team • Willing to loan

**MADISON 61**

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 Chief Dep. Jason Barnes
 Phone: (515) 462-3575
 Fax: (515) 462-3684
 Email: madcosheriff@prairienet.net
 Station ID No. S61
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 Support Services: Canine Unit • Willing to loan

**MAHASKA 62**

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 Fax: (641) 672-1191
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 Station ID No. S621
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 Support Services: • DARE • Reserves • Search & Rescue

**MARION 63**

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 Fax: (641) 828-7137
 Station ID No. S631
 Address: 211 N. Godfrey Lane, Knoxville IA 50138
 Email: jsandholdt@co.marion.ia.us
 Support Services: • Reserves • Search & Rescue • Water Rescue • Willing to loan

**MARSHALL 64**

Sheriff Ted Kamatchus
 Chief Deputy Burt Tecklenburg
 Phone: (641) 754-6380
 Fax: (641) 754-6369
 Station ID No. PMT1
 Email: sheriff@co.marshall.ia.us
 www.marshallcountysheriff.com
 Address: 2369 Jessup Ave., Marshalltown IA 50158-9845
 Support Services: • Chaplain • DARE • Evid. Processor • Hostage Negotiator • Reserves • Mobile Incident Command • Photographer • Traffic investigator • Willing to loan

**MILLS 65**

Sheriff Eugene Goos
 Phone: (712) 527-4871
 Fax: (712) 527-4600
 Jail: (712) 527-4275
 Email: sheriff@millscoia.us
 Station ID No. S651
 ORI# IA0650000
 Address: 23 N. Vine St. Glenwood IA 51534-1707
 Support Services: • Canine Unit

**MITCHELL 66**

Sheriff Gregory Beaver
 Phone: (641) 732-4740
 Fax: (641) 732-3151
 Jail: (641) 732-4740
 Station ID No. PZS1
 ORI#IA0660000
 Address: 211 6th St. Osage IA 50461
 Support Services: • Canine Unit

**MONONA 67**

Sheriff Jeffrey R. Pratt
 Phone: (712) 433-1414
 Fax: (712) 433-1398
 Email: mocoso@longlines.com
 Station ID No. S67-1
 Address: 909 7th St., Onawa IA 51040-1411
 Support Services: Canine Unit • DARE • Hazmat • Reserves • Willing to loan

**MONROE 68**

Sheriff Daniel Johnson
 Chief Dep. Ken Hollingworth
 Phone: (641) 932-7815
 Fax: (641) 932-7381
 Jail: (641) 932-3217
 Station ID No. S681
 Email: monrococo@iowatelecom.net
 Address: 103 2nd Ave W, Albia IA 52531-1909 ORI# IA0680000
 Support Services: Canine Unit • DARE • Willing to loan

**MONTGOMERY 69**

Sheriff Joseph Sampson
 Phone: (712) 623-5107
 Fax: (712) 623-2670
 Jail: (712) 623-4255
 Email: mcs@mchsi.com
 Station ID No. S691
 Address: 106 W. Coolbaugh St., Red Oak IA 51566-0458

**MUSCATINE 70**

Sheriff David White
 Chief Dep. C. J. Ryan
 Jail: (563) 262-4190
 Patrol: (563) 262-0188
 Fax: (563) 262-4195
 Email: sheriff@co.muscataine.ia.us
 www.co.muscataine.is.us
 Station ID No. S701; Address: 400 Walnut St., Muscatine IA 52761
 Support Services: • Canine Unit • Divers/ Water Rescue • Reserves • Hostage Negotiator • Search & Rescue • Willing to loan • SRT Team • Aircraft • Water rescue/ divers

**O'BRIEN 71**

Sheriff Michael Anderson
 Chief Dep. Allen Schuknecht
 Phone: (712) 757-3415
 Fax: (712) 757-5445
 Jail: (712) 757-5245
 Email: sheriff@obriencountysheriff.com
 Station ID No. S711
 ORI# IA710000
 www.obriencountysheriff.com
 Address: 240 1st St. NE, PO Box 260, Pringhar IA 51245-0260
 Support Services: • SERT • Willing to loan

**OSCEOLA 72**

Sheriff Doug Weber
 Chief Deputy: Kevin Wollmuth
 Phone: (712) 754-2556
 1-800-352-008
 Fax: (712) 754-2872
 Email: dweber@osceolacoia.org
 Station ID No. S721
 Address: 309 6th St., Sibley IA 51249-1619
 Support Services: Canine Unit • DARE • Reserves • Willing to loan

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 Chief Dep. Jake Daly
 Email: pagesheriff@mediacombb.net
 Phone: (712) 542-5193
 542-5194
 Fax: (712) 542-5880
 Jail: (712) 542-1433
 Station ID No. PCL1
 Address: 323 N. 15th, Clarinda IA 51632-1620
 Support Services: • Reserve Deputies • Photographer • Willing to Loan

**PALO ALTO 74**

Sheriff Lynn Schultes
 Chief Deputy
 Phone: (712) 852-3535
 Fax: (712) 852-3914
 Email: paloaltoso@iowatelecom.net
 Station ID No. S741
 Address: 2001 11th St. Emmetsburg IA 50536
 Support Services: • Reserves • Search & Rescue • Willing to loan

**PLYMOUTH 75**

Sheriff Mike Van Otterloo
 Chief Dep. C.A. Bartolozzi
 Phone: (712) 546-8191
 Fax: (712) 546-8796
 Jail: (712) 546-4419
 Email: cbartolozzi@co.plymouth.ia.us
 Station ID No. S751
 Address: 451 14th Ave. NE LeMars IA 51031-2111
 Support Services: Canine Unit • DARE • Traffic Investigator • Chaplain • Divers/ Water Rescue • Reserves • SERT • Willing to loan

**POCAHONTAS 76**

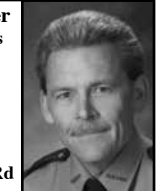
Sheriff Robert Lampe
 Chief Dep. Brian Larsen
 Phone: (712) 335-3308
 Fax: (712) 335-4300
 Station ID No. S761
 Email: pokyso@mediacombb.net
 Address: 99 Court Square, Suite 9 Pocahontas IA 50574
 Support Services: • Traffic Investigator • Willing to loan • Canine Unit

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 Chief Dep. Victor Munoz
 Phone (515) 286-3814
 Fax: (515) 323-5473
 Jail: (515) 323-5400
 www.polkcountyiowa.gov/sheriff
 Station ID No. S771
 Dispatch: (515) 286-3333
 PolkCounty.Sheriff@polkcountyiowa.gov
 1985 NE 51st Pl., Des Moines IA 50313
 Support Services: • Canine Unit • DARE • Chaplain • Evidence Processor • Hostage Negotiator • Photographer • Polygraph Examiner • SERT • Traffic Investigator • Willing to loan

**POTTAWATTAMIE 78**

Sheriff Jefferey Danker
 Chief Dep. John Reynolds
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 Fax: (712) 890-2205
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 Station ID No. S781
 Address: 1400 Big Lake Rd Council Bluffs IA 51501
 Support Services: • Bomb Squad • SERT • Canine Unit • Chaplain • Reserves • DARE • Photographer • Evidence Processor • Hostage Negotiator • Polygraph Examiner • Traffic Investigator • Willing to loan



POWESHIEK 79

Sheriff Thomas Kriegel
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Email: tkriegel@



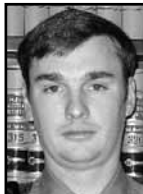
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www.poweshiekcosherriff.com
Address: 4802 Barnes City Rd., PO Box 297,
Montezuma IA 50171
Support Services: Canine Unit • Tact Team •

Reserve Unit • Willing to loan

RINGGOLD 80

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Chief Dep./ Jail Admin.
Rob Haley

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Station ID No. S801



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801 West South St.,
Mt. Ayr IA 50854
Support Services: Canine Unit
• Divers/ Water Rescue • Reserves
• Willing to loan

SAC 81

Sheriff Ken McClure
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Jail: (712) 662-7127
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sacounty.org
Station ID No. S811



www.sacso@sacounty.org
Address: 100 NW State St., PO Box 113
Sac City IA 50583-0113
Support Services: • Canine Unit
• Hostage Negotiator

SCOTT 82

Sheriff Dennis Conard
Chief Dep. Major Mike
Brown

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Email: sheriff@
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Station ID No. S821



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Davenport IA 52801-1104
Support Services: • Bomb Squad
• Canine Unit • DARE • Chaplain
• Photographer • SERT • Reserves
• Evidence Processor • Hostage
Negotiator • Search & Rescue • Traffic
Investigator • Willing to loan

SHELBY 83

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Chief Dep. Rod McMurphy

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mhervey@shco.org
Station ID No. S831



Address: 1104 9th St.,
Harlan IA 51537-1353
Support Services:
• Willing to loan

SIoux 84

Sheriff Dan Altena
Chief Dep. Nate Huiuzenga

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Fax: (712) 737-8185
Jail: (712) 737-3131
Station ID No. S841



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siouxcounty.org
www.siouxcountysheriff.com
Address: 4363 Ironwood Ave. Ste 1
Orange City IA 51041
Support Services: • Canine • Reserves
• Search & Rescue • Divers/ Water
Rescue • Willing to loan

STORY 85

Sheriff Paul Fitzgerald
Chief Dep. Capt. Barry
Thomas

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Station ID No. S851
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Nevada IA 50201-0265
Support Services: • Willing to loan
• Divers/ Water Rescue • Sonar • SERT
• Hostage Negotiator • Reserves
• Traffic Investigator

TAMA 86

Sheriff Dennis Kucera
Chief Dep. Dave Ruopp

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(641) 484-4111
Fax: (641) 484-3254
Station ID No. S861



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dkucera@so.tamacounty.org
Address: 100 Main St., PO Box 34,
Toledo IA 52342
Support Services: • Canine Unit
• Computer & Email Investigator
• DARE • Evidence Processor • Pho-
tographer • Reserves • Willing to loan

TAYLOR 87

Sheriff Josh Weed
Chief Dep. Gaylen
Goodvin

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Fax: (712) 523-3545
Email: TaylorSheriff@
frontiernet.net
Station ID No. S871



ORI# IA0870000
Address: 403 Jefferson, Box 213,
Bedford IA 50833-1395
Support Services: • Reserves
• Disaster Bus • Willing to loan

UNION 88

Sheriff Rick Piel
Chief Dep. Steve Maitlen

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Jail: (641) 782-7903
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Creston IA 50801-2430
Support Services: • Willing to loan

VAN BUREN 89

Sheriff Dan Tedrow
Phone: (319) 293-3426

Fax: (319) 293-7114
Station ID No. S891
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PO Box 474, Keosauqua
IA 52565-0474



Support Services:
• Reserves
• Willing to loan

WAPELLO 90

Sheriff Mark Miller
Chief Deputy

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Fax: (641) 684-1414
Station ID No. S901
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Ottumwa IA 52501-2505



Support Services:
• Reserves • Search & Rescue
• Willing to loan

WARREN 91

Sheriff Brian Vos
Chief Deputy:

Randy Spurr
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Fax: (515) 961-1025
ORI# IA910000
Email:



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Indianola IA 50125-0337
Support Services: • DARE
• Traffic Investigator • Willing to loan

WASHINGTON 92

Sheriff Jerry A. Dunbar
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Fax: (319) 863-1002
Jail: (319) 653-5902
Station ID No. S921



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2181 Lexington Blvd.,
PO Box 6
Washington IA 52353
Support Services:
• Divers/ Water Rescue • Reserves
• Search & Rescue • SERT • Traffic
Investigator • Canine Unit
• Willing to loan

WAYNE 93

Sheriff D. Keith Davis
Chief Dep. Mike Lewis

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Fax: (641) 872-1228
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ddavis@wayneso.org
Station ID No. S931



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Corydon IA 50060-1339

WEBSTER 94

Sheriff James Stubbs
Chief Deputy: Rod Strait

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Fax: (515) 573-2011
Jail: (515) 573-1462
Email:



Station ID No. PFD1
Address: LEC Bldg.,
702 1st Ave. S,
Fort Dodge IA 50501-4686
Support Services: • Canine Unit
• DARE • SERT • Reserves
• Willing to loan • Chaplain
• Mobile Incident Command

WINNEBAGO 95

Sheriff David Peterson
Phone: (641) 585-2828

Fax: (641) 585-3239
Jail: (641) 585-3632
Email:



Station ID No. S951
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216 S Clark St,
Forest City IA 50436
Support Services:
• Reserves • Willing to loan

WINNESHIEK 96

Sheriff Leon Bohr
C.D. Gregory Torgrim

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Fax: (563) 382-2042
Jail: (563) 382-4096
Email: dpd@
decorahia.org



Station ID No. PDC1 ORI#IA0960000
Address: 400 Claiborne Dr., Decorah
IA 52101-1466
Support Services: • Canine Unit • Hos-
tage Negotiator • SRT • Reserves

WOODBURY 97

Sheriff David Drew
Chief Deputy
Administration

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Fax: (712) 279-6522
Jail
Phone: (712) 279-6040
Fax: (712) 279-6045



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Phone (712) 279-6510
Station ID No. S971
Email: ddrew@sioux-city.org
Address: 407 7th St.,
Sioux City IA 51101
Support Services: Canine Unit
• Hostage Negotiator • SWAT
• Crime Scene Investigator
• Willing to loan



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the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. The Academy sets the standards for the hiring of officers, and provides the formal training for them to become certified to work as lawmen in Iowa.

The second big change resulted from the beginning of civil service for deputies. Prior to civil service, most deputies lost their jobs when a new sheriff took office. There was no incentive for a deputy to get the training needed or consider making law enforcement a career, because they had no job security whatsoever. Now, when a new sheriff takes office, he inherits all of the deputies. This benefits the officers and the people of the county.

Looking back over the years, I remember being a deputy sheriff was always interesting, frequently exciting - sometimes way more exciting than I wanted it to be. In some instances, I had to take risks and face dangers that seem foolhardy today. For example, one day a man was threatening people with a gun, and shots had been fired. I was working alone that day. When I pulled into the driveway, I noticed several people hiding behind trees and cars. They were pointing toward the house and hollering, "He's in there! He's in there!" There was not much I could do except try to get the gun away from him - hopefully without anyone getting hurt. As I approached the house, I could see through the kitchen door window a man with a rifle walking around inside. I opened the door, walked in and grabbed the rifle out of his hands. That was the way we did it back then. My situation was not unique. All of my brother officers did the same kind of things. Somehow we met, and overcame, the many challenges law enforcement presented.

In early 1984, Sheriff Jahnelt announced his retirement. I ran for the office and campaigned throughout that summer. In the November election I was fortunate enough to win. I took the oath of office on January 2, 1985. Being a deputy sheriff is excellent training for becoming the sheriff, but there are a multitude of concerns that fall on the sheriff's shoulders that prior experience as a deputy cannot really prepare a person for. Among other things, budgetary matters are, of necessity, a great concern to the sheriff. The amount of law enforcement a sheriff can give to the people is determined, to a large degree, by the amount of money in his budget.

In the early summer of 1985, I had

been sheriff for a few months and I guess I thought I was pretty hot stuff. I had survived a rather contentious race for the office I now held, and I thought I had a pretty good grip on things. One nice warm day I had reason to drive out to a residence west of Osage. I was in uniform with the window rolled down. I knew the family quite well, and as I pulled into their driveway I saw their seven-year-old daughter running toward the house shouting, "Mama, Mama, here comes Curt and he's wearing his costume!" That little incident reminded me that even though being sheriff was serious business, I should not take myself too seriously. For me, it was both humorous and humbling.

When I became sheriff, one of the first things I came to realize was that I could no longer spend the time out of the office that was necessary to investigate criminal cases. When people come to the Sheriff's Office to talk to the sheriff, they want him to be there - not out running around the County. An older, wiser sheriff once told me, "Curt, the real danger in law enforcement does not come from knives, bullets or car wrecks. The real danger comes from seeing too many things that are not good for you to see." I have found that to be true. The cumulative effect of too much blood, too many bodies, too much witnessing the terrible things people do to each other has really changed me. I am not the same person I was when I started in law enforcement.

I try to not remember, or relive, the bad things I have seen. Instead, I try to focus on the many good things, like the times a small child or an elderly person gave me a smile in gratitude for some small kindness I was able to do for them.

One question I am asked more than any other, usually by kids, is "What is the most dangerous situation I have ever been in?" I think they expect me to tell them about some heroic feat of daring-do that would make me look like the greatest, bravest man that ever lived. I usually smile and tell them I nearly choked on my donut once! Another common question is, have I ever shot anyone? My answer is "No, but more importantly, no one has shot me!" Quite possibly the high point of my career was the successful campaign to get a new Sheriff's Office built. With a lot of help from some very determined people, we were able to get the job done. This building

should be here to serve Mitchell County for many, many years.

Being sheriff is very special. I am the 22nd sheriff to serve Mitchell County over the last 158 years. What makes a sheriff so special? For starters, you need to realize the sheriff is the only lawman, at any level of government, who is elected by you, the people. That means the sheriff answers directly to you. You can walk into your sheriff's office with any concern you may have, and expect the sheriff to address your concern in a professional manner without delay. If your sheriff does not meet your expectations, you can select someone else to be your sheriff at the next election.

Another thing... How many times have you witnessed some fool doing something so outrageous and so dangerous that you wished you had a badge and could take some action yourself? Well, guess what? I've got a badge and I can do something on your behalf. Even better, I have five deputies who are ready, willing and able to assist. Together, we can and do strike the blows that need to be struck. I think being sheriff is the best job in the world. I wouldn't trade all I have experienced for anything. From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank the people of Mitchell County for giving me the opportunity to serve. All too often we hear people criticize those of us in public life. I believe there is no higher calling than public service, I am proud to have been a part of it for so many years.

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