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McGruff, Easter Bunny & Linn Co. Deputies Make Annual Cedar Rapids Hospital Pediatric Unit Visits



On Easter Sunday 2011, the Easter Bunny and McGruff the Crime Dog visited children in two Cedar Rapids hospitals' pediatric units. The photo at the left was taken in the pediatric unit at Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids. The family is Kris (father), Kristy (mother), and Knoxia (son) Schweer of Center Point.

In the photo at the right are (left to right) Linn County Special Deputy Sheriff Veni Cassell, Ian Stuelke as McGruff the Crime Dog, Jonathan Stuelke as the Easter Bunny, and Chief Deputy, Colonel John Stuelke.



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Department of Public Safety Adds Names to Peace Officer Memorial

There are now 164 officers listed on the Iowa Peace Officer Memorial as “killed in the line of duty.” Eight of these officers were added in May of 2011. They are as follows:

1. Officer Robert Heller, Avoca Police Department – Officer Robert Heller arrived at a domestic disturbance on the south side of Avoca, Iowa, on June 20, 1886. Officer Heller announced himself at the residence and was fatally wounded by a shotgun blast from the drunk offender, William Farrell. Farrell then turned the gun on himself, dying of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

2. Night Watchman Samuel Hamilton, Le Mars Police Department – On November 24, 1888, while serving as a Special Policeman, Officer Hamilton was trying to quiet a group of young men who had just come out of the Club Room, a local establishment. A short melee broke out and a pistol shot was heard. Officer Hamilton was shot in the heart and died moments later on the sidewalk. One of the men, John Gainor was arrested for murder.

3. Deputy Thomas Walsh, Union County Sheriff’s Office – On December 4, 1899, Deputy Walsh served Al Williams a writ of execution. In the afternoon, the deputy went to the Williams farm to secure the property to satisfy the judgment. Walsh was met at the farm with Al Williams holding a shotgun. Mr. Williams told Deputy Walsh to leave and when Deputy Walsh advanced toward Williams, Williams shot Deputy Walsh just below the right ear killing him instantly.

4. Officer John Bailey, Waterloo Police Department – On April 10, 1902, Officer John Bailey was operating a team of horses and a buggy in downtown Waterloo. The horses became frightened at a passing street car and bolted. The tongue of the buggy broke and caught on the brick pavement, throwing Officer Bailey and another passenger. Officer Bailey suffered a head injury. An operation was performed, but he died on April 18, 1902.

5. James W. Busby, Greene County Sheriff’s Office – On May 7, 1911, “Posse” member James Busby chased two suspects after a burglary at the Paton, Iowa, Post Office. The chase led them south of town to the French School in Paton. Mr. Busby opened the door to apprehend the burglary suspects and was shot in the chest.

One of the suspects surrendered after being shot in the leg. The other died of a gunshot to the head.

6. Deputy Sheriff Albert Patton, Page County Sheriff’s Office – On February 12, 1921, two brothers from Bingham, Iowa, were accused of coming to a game of craps in Shenandoah, heavily armed and dangerous. They took all the participants’ money and drugs. Deputy Patton, on his way to apprehend the brothers, stepped from the train at the station where they were located and was shot to death. The brothers were later apprehended in Missouri.

7. Officer Richard Williams, Albia Police Department – On January 2, 1941, Albia Police Officer Richard Williams arrested two suspects after a report of a fight at a local tavern. The two male suspects resisted arrest. After Officer Williams transported the two men to the county jail, he collapsed and died from a heart attack. The heart attack was caused by exertion while Officer Williams arrested the two suspects.

8. Sergeant Eric Stein, Keokuk County Sheriff’s Office – On April 4, 2011, 39-year-old Sergeant Eric Stein was shot and killed as he, the county sheriff, and another deputy attempted to question a man regarding an incident that had occurred the previous night. The three officers had gone to the man’s rural home shortly before noon when they were fired upon. Sergeant Stein was struck and killed. The Sheriff and remaining deputy took cover and called for assistance. The stand-off was brought to an end by the Iowa State Patrol Tactical Team. Sergeant Stein served with the Keokuk County Sheriff’s Office for 11 years. He is survived by his 9-year-old daughter, sister, and father.

(Below: St. Stein’s funeral).



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Humbled by Tribute Paid Sgt. Eric Stein; Thank You Civil Book Committee for work

My, how time flies. Seems like just yesterday I took the gavel for the presidency of ISSDA, where in reality if this was a normal year the legislative session would have been concluded and we could be talking about exciting things like enjoying the spring time events such as baseball, camping and lawn work/ exercise.

Like all of you, I was deeply saddened by the events leading to the tragic death of Sgt. Eric Stein of the Keokuk County Sheriff's Office. I was humbled by the number of our members who attended the funeral of Sgt. Stein, and could not have been more proud of the law enforcement community in paying tribute to Eric, the Keokuk County Sheriff's Office and the family of Sgt. Stein.

The efforts of many working on the details for planning the funeral and leading up to the funeral are to be commended. Only human beings who care so deeply about others could have accomplished what many of you accomplished in such trying times.

Civil School is complete and from the critiques I have read, and from what I observed while attending, once again the training was a great success. As always, a huge "Thank You" to the Civil Book Committee and especially to the Schools Committee for the hours of preparation and work put into planning and facilitating such an event. It is impossible to satisfy the needs of everyone with these training events, but people working together to do the best possible job certainly makes this a valuable experience for most of the attendees.

Our ISSDA Legislative Committee has been meeting regularly during the ongoing – and I truly mean ongoing – session this year. The Committee has monitored many bills and has worked to improve the conceal carry legislation, such as improved training guidelines, but unfortunately changes have



**Sheriff Dewey Hildebrandt
Bremer County**

not been easy to accomplish.

I am disappointed that legislation to enhance 911 wireless surcharge funding did not get more attention, but I believe the committee did a good job of pointing out the need, and perhaps this will work to our advantage in the years to come.

I encourage anyone noticing a need for improvements to any laws, whether they be traffic or criminal, to contact your committee members to express your concerns.

One example of what I would call a "simple little change" may be necessary for the 321.288 code. Many magistrates are ruling that unless one of the six variables stated in the code are involved, a control citation cannot be upheld. I don't believe that this is the spirit of the law, and feel we need to work to make certain that someone driving down a straight, level roadway has to have their vehicle under control just the same as if they were rounding a curve or crossing a railroad track. Stay tuned for progress on that.

I received a letter from a retired police officer requesting that our association con-

sider asking legislators to make it a state law for headlights to be on whenever a motor vehicle is on a roadway. This may have some merit and, again, although it seems like a simple thing to consider, perhaps we should do more of "getting back to basics" when it comes to public safety.

Our Jail Committee was tasked to look at the proposed PREA guidelines, as written by the federal government, and to respond accordingly. As written, the guidelines could have significant impact on our budgets and how our jails operate. Although this was not easy work, thanks to the Committee and several jail administrators throughout the state I believe a very good response was put together and submitted on behalf of ISSDA. The Jail Committee has the upcoming school nearly complete, and it too looks to be very educational for jailers.

Finally, I extend an invitation to anyone who is not a member of our association to become one. You might just find that there are more benefits to membership than what you had imagined. For our members, I challenge you to contact others within your offices who may not be members and ask them to consider becoming one. We are **STRONG** when we are **UNITED!**

I hope all of you have a great summer and, most important, stay safe as you serve others. The ultimate goal is to be able to do the best job that we can, and yet be able to go home at the end of our shifts!

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your president, and I can't tell you how grateful I am to be working with a board that is there for the right reasons and always looking to do what is best for the citizens we serve and the members we represent. Have a wonderful summer

Sincerely,
Dewey Hildebrandt

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We Signed Up For the Job, Make a Difference; Join Us Working the Fair Booth, Meet People

My article is not very long this time. It has been a roller coaster of emotions for many of us in and outside of our profession. The Packers did win the Super Bowl and many are now saying, "Brett who?," but I will remember what he did for the Packers and what he accomplished in his career.

The sun also rose and we had a wonderful Civil School. Thank you to those who attended and the Schools Committee. We now look for the sun to rise on the Iowa State Fair and the ISSDA booth that many of us look forward to manning each year. I invite everyone to come and work at our booth to share in the satisfaction of meeting and talking with the people of Iowa and others attending the fair.

The sun set and the Bush promise kept. It took ten years but it was kept.

Sadly the sun set on the life of Sgt. Eric



Chief Deputy Don Orgel
Hardin County Sheriff's Office

Stein. I sensed a new sun rising as I spoke with officers attending the funeral. We are

truly a family of brothers and sisters and we are not victims. We signed up for the job we do, and we do make a difference. I know that sometimes we go to work with the attitude that it is us against them, but as I rode in the procession I felt a change in me. I saw the love and gratitude in the eyes of the citizens lining the route. Young, old, male, female, long hair, short hair, gray or with color, non-veteran and veteran. It made a change in how I approach work each day.

I close with some words of Bob Dylan that have stuck with me for a long time.

"Mama, take this badge off of me,
I can't use it any more.

It's getting dark, too dark for me so see,
I feel like I'm knocking on heaven's door."

Let's be safe out there!

ISSDA School Dates 2011-2012

Civil Schools

Holiday Inn-Airport	April 22-25, 2012	\$69.00	three weeks prior to school
Holiday Inn-Airport	April 21-24, 2013	\$69.00	three weeks prior to school

Jails

Holiday Inn-Airport	Sept. 11-14, 2011	\$69.00	cut off for rooms August 19
Holiday Inn-Airport	Sept. 16-19, 2012	\$69.00	three weeks prior to school
Holiday Inn-Airport	Sept. 22-25, 2013	\$69.00	three weeks prior to school

Winter

Embassy Suites	Dec 4-7, 2011	\$105.00	room cut off November 20
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ISSDA 2011 Civil School Held

Photos/ Article by Sheriff Rick Penning
Grundy County Sheriff's Office

The Iowa State Sheriffs' & Deputies' Association 2011 Civil School convened at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines from Sunday, April 17, through Wednesday, April 20.

On Sunday afternoon registration was available to the early arrivals, along with Association items for sale, followed by networking between members as they enjoyed their evening meal.

On Monday morning Registration continued, and ISSDA clothing and novelties were available for sale. The Polk County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard performed the "Presentation of the Flags" and also placed the "Memorial Wreath" provided by the ISSDA Auxiliary.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the invocation was given by Chaplain John Harrell. Opening remarks were made by ISSDA President Dewey Hildebrandt and host Polk County Sheriff's Office's Doug Phillips. Committee reports were also given.

The morning training session began with Iowa Court Information System representative Nancy Cox. Nancy stated two counties (Plymouth and Story) were operational on the Electronic Document Management System. Paperwork will be electronically filed in those Clerk of Court's offices, requiring sheriff's offices to have a scanner and obtain a "shared email account."

Marianne Smith then presented information on dealing with the elderly.

Following lunch, Attorney Charles Litow discussed the small claims process and how it involves our offices and the Clerk's office.

Attorney Theodore Boecker then concluded the afternoon with Special Executions.

Civil 101 was available Tuesday morning for new employees.

For the veteran employees, Andy Nielsen and Salina Johnson, with the State Auditor's Office, talked about a good



Asst. State Auditor Andrew Nielsen talking about a good work ethic environment.

work ethic environment in our offices and some past problem areas in sheriff's office audits that can be avoided.

The morning concluded with Attorney Mark Hanson discussing "Service of Landlord Tenant Notices."

Keeping us awake following lunch was motivational speaker Dick Cruse, former Dubuque County Deputy.

Terry Cowman with D.P.S. then updated attendees on the "Sex Offender Registry" and law updates.

Judge Joe Yates joined us for the al-



DCI Agent Terry Cowman talked on the sex offender registry.

ways-educational series of questions and answers with the Civil Panel.

Major John Godar with Linn County updated everyone and the new ISSDA website.

The final day of training was Sam Knowles with D.P.S. and Major John Go-

dar talking about weapon permits. D.P.S. also provided two notebooks to each county labeled "Iowa NICS User Manual."

This year we had a large group, with 172 registered for the Conference.



Linn Co. S.O. Major John Godar spoke on the changes in weapon permit laws.



Past-President Brian Voss gave President Hildebrandt his ring, late.



Butler Co. Sheriff Jason Johnson talks with ISSDA lobbyist Susan Cameron.

April 17 – 20 in Des Moines



Sheriffs John Godar, Brian Gardner and Mike Johnstone with legislators and their wives.



Rep. Lance Horbach, Tama Co. Sheriff Dennis Kucera, Butler Co. Sheriff Jason Johnson.



Sen. Pat Grassley, Sheriff Dewey Hildebrandt.



The Polk County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard at the Civil School.



The honor guard at the memorial wreath.

Linn County Sheriff's Office Promotes Peter Wilson and Kent Steenblock

Sheriff Brian Gardner announced the promotion of two Linn County Deputy Sheriffs. On May 15, Lt. Peter Wilson was promoted to the appointed rank of Major – Second Deputy. Major Wilson formerly served in the Linn County Correctional Center as a Jail Division Commander. He serves as the Assistant Jail Administrator in the Linn County Correctional Center.

On May 29, Sgt. Kent Steenblock was promoted to the rank of lieutenant. Lt. Steenblock formerly served as a Detective in the Criminal Division. He serves in the Linn County Correctional Center as a Jail Division Commander.



Major Pete Wilson



Lt. Kent Steenblock

Hired as of April 2011

Linn County S.O. Hires Four New Deputies



Kristin Hinz



Jacob Sharpe



John Hauskins



Corey Sandersfeld

Linn County Sheriff Brian Gardner announces the hiring of four new deputy sheriffs.

Deputies Kristin Hinz, Jacob Sharpe, John Hauskins, and Corey Sandersfeld were hired at the Linn County Sheriff's Of-

ice on various dates in April 2011. All four deputies have begun their employment, working as jail deputies in the Linn County Correctional Center.

They were scheduled to attend the 240th session of the Iowa Law Enforcement

Academy Basic Level I Training School, which started on April 25, 2011.

Their employment brings the Linn County Sheriff's Office to its authorized staffing level for the first time in more than 20 years.

Hired as of June 6, 2011

Linn County Sheriff's Office Hires Two New Deputies

The Linn County Sheriff's Office has hired two new deputy sheriffs. Deputy Scott Becker began his employment on May 23, 2011. Deputy James Ellefson began his employment on June 6, 2011.

Both deputies have begun their employment as jail deputies in the Linn County Correctional Center. They are scheduled to attend the Cedar Rapids Regional Police Academy starting in August of 2011. Their employment assists in allowing the Sheriff's Office the staffing necessary to provide court security to the new Linn County Juvenile Justice Center.



Deputy Scott Becker



Deputy James Ellefson



Union County S.O. Promotes Shiltz; Retires Danielson

Dave Danielson retired on April 4, 2011, as Chief Jailer from the Union County Sheriff's Office after 28 years of service.

Dorie Shiltz has been promoted from Assistant Chief Jailer to Chief Jailer. Dorie has worked in the Union County Jail since 1998.

Iowa Peace Officers and Texas Roadhouse Raised almost \$22,000 for Special Olympics



The Texas Roadhouse Luncheon fundraising event for Special Olympics Iowa on April 29 raised a total of \$21,611.18 and helped earn Texas Roadhouse the Special Olympics Iowa Torch Run “Sponsor of the Year Award.” Pictured above are the Urbandale Texas Roadhouse employee and law enforcement volunteers who raised \$5,022. The peace officers working at the Urbandale Texas Roadhouse came from a variety of agencies, including the sheriffs’ offices in Story County, Polk County and Dallas County, and the police departments

of Ames, Johnston, Altoona and Huxley; and they were joined by officers of the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, the Iowa DOT and the Iowa State Patrol. Other Texas Roadhouse locations raised the following: Davenport— \$4,080; Cedar Rapids – \$3,170.25; Coralville – \$2,823.50; Sioux City – \$2,704; Cedar Falls – \$2,108.96; and Council Bluffs – \$1,702.47. Next time you eat at Texas Roadhouse, be sure to congratulate the manager! Next year, Texas Roadhouse locations in Dubuque and Ames will join the event.

Guardians of Innocence:

Iowa Awarded More Than \$460,000 to Fight Sexual Predators Targeting Children

With the support of Iowa’s two U.S. Attorneys, the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation’s Cyber Crime and Sex Offender Registry Units have been awarded one-time federal grant monies totaling \$468,990 to assist in investigating, arresting, and prosecuting sexual predators who target children.

The Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) was one of just 24 agencies across the country to receive the coveted COPS

Child Sexual Predator Program Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice.

“We need to stay one step ahead of the criminals who prey upon our children.” said DCI Special Agent in Charge Gerard Meyers.

The grant money will not only benefit DCI, but will be used to bolster the investigative and prosecutorial capabilities of the 91 local, affiliate agencies of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. The

funds will be spent on computer equipment and software for the investigation of on-line predators; overtime pay for officers to work late at nights and weekends when predators are online; on-going training on the latest technologies and methods necessary to detect and identify child predators; and on educational materials to assist in teaching Iowans how to keep their children and their communities safe.

Cedar Rapids Fire Department Donates Defibrilators to Linn Co. S.O. & School

The Cedar Rapids Fire Department donated automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to the Linn County Sheriff's Office and Coe College on February 28, 2010.

The Fire Department's 2009 Rookie Firefighter Class created and hosted the First Annual Fire Bowl, a charity flag football tournament held last October, to raise funds to purchase defibrillators for placement in locations where the life-saving devices could save a cardiac arrest victim's life.

The Fire Bowl raised more than \$4,000 and afforded the firefighters the opportunity to purchase defibrillators for both the Linn County Sheriff's Office and Coe College.

The firefighters are also donated pediatric and adult defibrillator pads to the Francis Marion Intermediate School in the Marion Independent School District.

The presentation was held at Coe College's Clark Alumni House, 200 College Drive N.E., at 10 a.m. on February 28.



Coe College President James Phifer (center left) and Linn County Sheriff Brian Gardner (center right) accept AEDs donated by the Cedar Rapids Fire Department, represented by Interim Fire Chief Mark English. Applauding at left is Sheriff's Major Doug Riniker.

The presentation coincided with "American Heart Month," which raises awareness that cardiovascular diseases, including heart attack and stroke, are the leading cause of death among Americans.

Firefighter Sean Beard (on be-

half of the 2009 Rookie Firefighter Class) and Interim Fire Chief Mark English presented the defibrillators to Linn County Sheriff Brian Gardner and Coe College President James Phifer.

Linn County's 2010 Deputy of the Year is James Dunn

by Sheriff Brian D. Gardner
Linn County Sheriff's Office

I am pleased to announce that the second annual Linn County Sheriff's Office 2010 "Deputy of the Year" award is being presented to Deputy James Dunn. Deputy Dunn has worked in the Jail, Patrol, and Civil Divisions during his nearly 14-year career with the Linn County Sheriff's Office.

The Deputy of the Year award is meant to recognize a specific deputy sheriff (regardless of rank) who went above and beyond the call of duty in serving the department and the citizens of Linn County during a particular year. In the award nominations that were received for Deputy Dunn, it was recognized that although he is currently assigned duty in the Civil Division, he is always

willing to assist other divisions with any tasks that are brought to his attention. While dealing with civil processes is Deputy Dunn's primary responsibility, it is not uncommon for him to perform traffic stops with violators, serve arrest warrants, or volunteer to respond to accidents, alarms, and other calls for service. Yet Deputy Dunn is able to accomplish all of this and still maintain his role as a consistent statistic producer in the Civil Division.

(See *Deputy of the Year*, Page 13)



Sheriff enjoys a role for 23 years Mickelson has taught a full generation in D.A.R.E.

By Brandon L. Summers
Messenger staff writer
Messenger News

In 23 years, Webster County Sheriff Brian Mickelson has seen a generation of kids respond to D.A.R.E.

As the Fort Dodge Police Department and the Sheriff's Department teach Drug Abuse Resistance Education classes throughout the county, Mickelson currently is teaching courses in Barnum.

For D.A.R.E., officers go into grade schools once a week for eight weeks to teach kids a curriculum that includes the dangers of alcohol, marijuana and cigarette smoking, as well as developing friendship foundations and the different ways of dealing with peer pressure.

"It's not just giving them the facts and trying to help them make up minds about staying off drugs," Mickelson said.

A key lesson of the D.A.R.E. program can be found in its acronym, which also means "define, access, respond and evaluate."

"We try to tell them this can be used not only when they're confronted with somebody trying to sell them or trying to get them to use drugs, but on an everyday basis because everyone has decisions to make," Mickelson said.

The program itself has been modified to promote increased student involvement.

"They get more involved in discussions and stuff," he said. "So it's a really good way of getting the kids to open up and talk about what we're going to teach."

At the end of the program, there's a graduation where the students present their D.A.R.E. essays, receive D.A.R.E. T-shirts and enjoy a barbecue with hot dogs and hamburgers donated by the community.

In addition to learning about drugs, the

students also learn that police officers are people too, Mickelson said.

When Mickelson first became a D.A.R.E. instructor, he had to walk through the high school to get to the fifth-grade students. The teenage students responded by putting up their hands and making comments such as "Here comes the pigs, they're arresting me!" and "Take me to jail!" Over the years, though, his D.A.R.E. students became the high schoolers and instead greeted him with high-fives.

"They were comfortable with me, comfortable with seeing someone in law enforcement," he said.

Mickelson attributes his success as a D.A.R.E. instructor to staying a little longer to have lunch with the students and playing games like kickball with them during recess.

"The kids see you as a regular person, not someone with authority or with law enforcement. They see you as a friend, so they're more apt to open up to someone in authority," he said.

Mickelson believes D.A.R.E. is a very good program.

"I enjoy doing it, and we're going to continue doing it as long as I'm sheriff."

In addition to Mickelson, Deputy April Murray is teaching D.A.R.E. classes in Boxholm. Murray is one of Mickelson's former D.A.R.E. students

A Fort Dodge police officer, two jailers, and a department secretary are also former Mickelson D.A.R.E. students.



"I see my D.A.R.E. students all over the place," he said. "They come up and they talk to me."

Mickelson said being able to work with students over the years has been rewarding.

"Nobody knows, in law enforcement, what kind of a feeling that is, to be able to work with that many students, and make friends with that many people, and have you remember them from year to year to year," he said.

Because of this, Mickelson is disappointed that more deputies aren't interested in becoming D.A.R.E. instructors.

"It's too bad more don't get into it, because I can guarantee it will be one of the most rewarding things they have done in law enforcement, is to work with young kids," he said. "The day when I retire, I'm really going to miss it."

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(Deputy of the Year, continued. from Page 12)

All the while, Deputy Dunn performs these tasks while maintaining an optimistic attitude, a pleasant demeanor, and presents a positive image for the Sheriff's Office. It is overly apparent that Deputy Dunn enjoys his job and consistently goes above and be-

yond what is expected of him and other deputy sheriffs.

As an award recipient, Deputy Dunn was presented with a plaque and his name was placed on the multi-year "Deputy of the Year" plaque, which is displayed at the Sheriff's Office.

Kalona Woman Gives Birth During Snowstorm

Kyle Campbell and Chelsea Caddle are the proud parents of Brylee Campbell, born Wednesday morning at the Washington County Hospital. Caddle and Campbell were transported to the hospital Tuesday night during the snowstorm by a pair of Washington County Sheriff's deputies – Ken Miller and Aaron Gould.

By **Andy Hallman**

The JOURNAL

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The blizzard Tuesday night made travel next to impossible in the county. It was not the day Kalona couple Kyle Campbell and Chelsea Caddle wanted to have their baby. As luck would have it, Caddle went into labor that night. What ensued was a Herculean effort on the part of the Kalona Quick Responders, a couple of deputies and a tow truck to transport the couple to the Washington County Hospital in the middle of the worst storm in a generation. In the end, all that hard work paid off. On Wednesday morning, Caddle gave birth to a baby girl, which the couple named Brylee.

Washington County Reserve Deputy Ken Miller was on duty that afternoon. Miller, who lives just south of Kalona, was in charge of patrolling the northern half of the county. At 9 p.m. that night, he called his lieutenant to tell him he could no longer leave Kalona in his squad car, which is a front-wheel drive vehicle. Miller hopped in his personal four-wheel drive pickup and headed to Highway 218 to assist stranded motorists.

About an hour later, Miller learned that a Kalona woman was in labor. He dropped off the stranded motorists at the Riverside Casino and began his trek toward Kalona. The snow was coming down so fiercely that Miller drove at a "walking speed" on the highway.

"Sometimes I had to come to a complete stop," he said. "I'm not exaggerating when I say it was like an apocalypse. It really freaked you out. You drove down the highway and there were vacant cars everywhere. In Kalona, you couldn't drive down A Avenue or B Avenue because they were so full of abandoned cars."

As Miller made his way to Kalona from Riverside, the Washington County Ambulance was dispatched to the scene. The ambulance barely made it out the door before it got stuck in the snow. The ambulance never made it to Kalona.

When Miller arrived at the scene in Kalona, he was greeted by the mem-



Reserve Deputy Ken Miller



Deputy Aaron Gould

bers of the Kalona Quick Responders. They loaded Caddle into a quick responder vehicle and transported her a few blocks to the Mercy Medical Clinic, which is not set up to handle births. They got a few medical supplies from the clinic but ultimately decided that Caddle must be taken to a hospital. Miller volunteered to take her in his pickup. Two Kalona Quick Responders, Chad Scarff and Claire Harapat, rode along to assist Caddle.

Miller said that going to Iowa City was not an option because the wind was from the north and the driving conditions would be even worse in that direction. They agreed to take Caddle to the Washington County Hospital.

"I only have a cab and a half," said Miller, who added that he had to practically lean against his steering wheel to make room for the people in the backseat.

"I couldn't see anything out the windshield," he said. "We were hitting snowbanks the whole way. I tell them 'hang on' if I see a really high one coming up – one that's higher than the hood. It's hard to judge their height because you can't see them until you're right on top of them."

What is going through Caddle's mind at this time?

"I wasn't concerned," she said. "I knew I was in good hands."

Caddle said she never told Miller to drive faster, even though she was in considerable discomfort. "I was watching the road along with Ken," she said. "We were counting cars in the ditch along the way."

Caddle had an IV in her arm and was covered with blankets. She said counting cars was a way to take her mind off the pain.

Carapat was impressed by the way Caddle handled the situation.

"She was awesome," said Harapat. "She was calm and collected. I told her to let me know when she had a contraction. This was definitely not the way she planned to have her first baby."

There was so much snow on the ground that the painted lines were fully covered and the road itself was almost invisible. Luckily, Miller had the presence of mind to bring along his GPS tracker from his squad car.

"When you have it zoomed in tightly enough, the directional arrow on the screen moves when you make a sudden jerk," he said. Miller held his GPS to the steering wheel, using it to navigate down Highway 1.

"Every light on the dashboard is going off," said Miller. "I have no brakes. Everything is stuffed full of snow. Some drifts were so big the cab would go black. The snow engulfed it. It was just like you threw a tarp over it."

Scarff commented, "It was horrible. The wind was blowing, and every time we hit a drift we were blinded for awhile."

Miller had to stop the pickup four times to remove ice from the windshield wipers.

"Eventually, the wipers stopped working because they couldn't take any more of it," he said.

Deputy Dan Williams Presented Linn Co. Sheriff's Medal of Honor

During the early morning hours of Saturday, May 7, Linn County Deputy Sheriff Dan Williams was headed to the office as he neared the end of his scheduled patrol shift.

While en route, a reflection caught his eye from behind a garage at an abandoned residence in rural Linn County. Aware that no one had lived on that property for many years and uninhabited building sites invite clandestine, illegal activities, Deputy Williams turned his vehicle around to investigate.

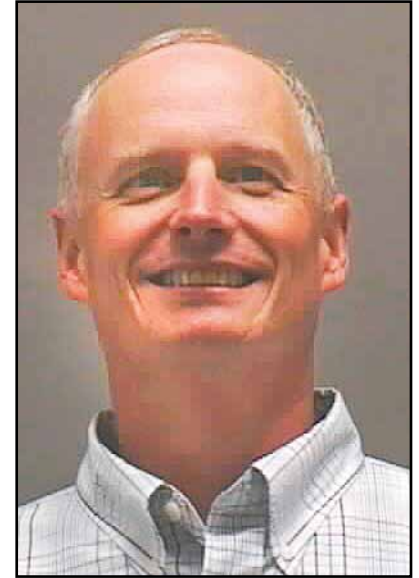
As Deputy Williams pulled into the driveway, he observed a woman run toward him and a man chase after her. Deputy Williams exited his patrol vehicle and came to the woman's aid, putting himself between the two people. The woman was extremely upset and crying as the man agitatedly attempted to explain himself to Deputy Williams, which made the scene chaotic.

Deputy Williams radioed for assistance

and placed the woman in the back of his patrol car for her safety. Deputy Williams continued to question the man about what had occurred as other deputies began to arrive on scene and assist with the investigation. In speaking with the woman, it was determined that she had been taken against her will and brought to that location, where she had been sexually assaulted.

The man was subsequently arrested and charged with 1st Degree Kidnapping and 3rd Degree Sexual Assault. In speaking with investigators, it was learned that Deputy Williams not only saved this woman from further injury, but his actions likely saved her life.

Sheriff Brian Gardner presented Deputy Dan Williams with the Linn County Sheriff's Office Medal of Merit for demonstrating perseverance which resulted in an important arrest that was accomplished through intelligent and instinctive police performance.



Deputy Dan Williams
"Medal of Honor" recipient

Linn Co. Honors Cancer Survivor

A lot of people can "Fight like a Girl," but it takes a special strength and faith to "Fight Like Dorothy," a two-time cancer survivor in the Linn County Sheriff's Office.

On March 3, the S.O. surprised Civil Division Secretary Dorothy Miller with a celebration of her seven-year mark for treatment of thyroid cancer treatment and her five years since treatment for unrelated breast cancer. Clerical staff wore "Fight Like Dorothy" sweatshirts and Sheriff Brian Gardner and his command staff wore pink shirts and ties in her honor. Purple (thyroid) and pink (breast) cancer ribbons were displayed in the office, reminding everyone the importance of routine testing and the knowledge that while there's no cure for cancer, there is hope and there are survivors.



Command Staff honoring cancer survivor Dorothy Miller (L-R): Lt. Pete Wilson, Sgt. Deric Oshel, Major Doug Riniker, Colonel John Stuelke, Dorothy Miller, Sheriff Brian Gardner, Lt. Randy Rowland, Major John Godar, and Major Jerry Hansel.

Clerical staff with Dorothy Miller (L-R): Melissa Ash, Rae DeKlotz, Jenni Pirc, Kathy Green, Christine Garity, Shelby Burns, Janine DeVries, Kay Stanford, Jacki Michael, Dorothy Miller, Linda Hauber, Linda Meyer, and Ranae Drahos



The Linn County Sheriff's Office Receives Award from National Child Safety Council

John Hauschild (left), Safety Coordinator for the National Child Safety Council, recently presented Sheriff Brian Gardner with a plaque recognizing the Linn County Sheriff's Office for 25 years of outstanding and dedicated service to the safety of children.

The National Child Safety Council, which has been in existence since 1955, is the world's oldest and largest federal tax-exempt, non-profit charitable organization entirely dedicated to the safety of children. The mission of the National Child Safety Council is to prevent needless childhood accidents and help save lives through meaningful safety education.

Each year the National Child Safety Council and the Linn County Sheriff's Office distribute educational coloring books to Linn County elementary school children in an effort to increase safety education and reduce injuries.



Lee County S.O. Hires Bentley to Replace Ret. Deputy Emmett



Evan Bentley was hired as a deputy Sheriff to replace Deputy James Emmett, who recently retired after 34 years of service.

Deputy Bentley, age 33, is a life-long resident of Fort Madison, Iowa. He is married, with three children. Deputy Bentley is family oriented, and enjoys gym activities.

He has attended Southeastern Community College in West Burlington, Iowa. Deputy Bentley is not new to the Lee County Sheriff's Office, having served as a Correctional Officer for seven years, and a Reserve Deputy for six years. He is eager to attend the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.



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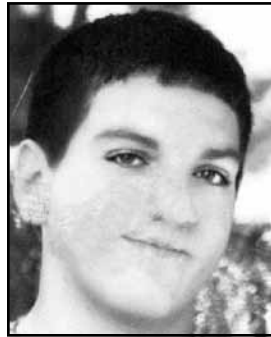
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Evelyn Covington Scholarship Winners



Lindsey Bohr is the daughter of Winneshiek County Sheriff Leon Bohr and Lonnie Bohr, a legal secretary. Lindsey will be attending Luther College, majoring in Microbiology.



Jacob Ellis is the son of Robert Ellis, of the Iowa DOT, and Story County Sheriffs Office Sgt. Leanna Ellis. Jacob will be attending Iowa State University, and has not chosen a major.



Stephanie Fisher is the daughter of Johnson County Deputy Sheriff Brad Fisher and medical assistant Sally Fisher. Stephanie will be attending DMAC, majoring in Vet Tech.



Samantha Fistler is the daughter of computer technician Brian Fistler, and Hardin County Asst. Jail Administrator Mary Graffunder. Samantha will be majoring in earth sciences at the University of Northern Iowa.



Maggie Lubeck is the daughter of Jennifer Lubeck, a jailer/ dispatcher for the Buena Vista County Sheriffs Office. Maggie will be attending the University of South Dakota, majoring in accounting.



Christine McGuinty is the daughter of Cedar County Deputy Sheriff Thomas McGuinty and medical technologist Susan McGuinty. Christine will be attending the University of Northern Iowa, majoring in elementary education and comm. disorders.



Samuel Prentice is the son of Johnson County Deputy Sheriff Mark Prentice and DNR Park Ranger Gwen Prentice. Samuel will be attending Kirkwood Community College, majoring in auto collision repair



Kali Reed is the daughter of Donald Reed, a senior clerk, and Anita Reed, Hardin County Sheriff's Office administrative assistant. Kali will be attending Simpson College, majoring in athletic training and pre-med.



Allison Reyhons is the daughter of Clinton County Deputy Sheriff J. Scott Reyhons and school teacher Julie Reyhons. Allison will be attending the University of Iowa, and has not chosen a major.



Tessa Shipley is the daughter of Keokuk County Sheriff Jeff Shipley and Registered Nurse Colleen Shipley. Tessa will be attending Kirkwood Community College, and has not chosen a major.

The ISSDA Annual Evelyn Covington Scholarship: About 20 years ago, the Iowa State Sheriffs and Deputies Association (ISSDA) at their annual business meeting, elected to support five - \$500.00 scholarships. These scholarships were called the ISSDA Scholarships. About 10 years ago, the numbers of scholarship were increased to 10 - \$1,000.00 scholarships. In 2010, the ISSDA board vote

to decrease the scholarship to 10, \$500.00 scholarships due to the down turn in the economy. Evelyn Covington was a deputy from Linn County, serving on the Board of Directors as Past President. Evelyn was driving to a board meeting during a snow storm, when a semi 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 named the Evelyn Covington Scholarship. Evelyn continues to live in Cedar Rapids. ISSDA has a scholarship committee comprised of sheriffs, deputies and sheriff support staff. The committee reviews the applicant's letter, support letters and overall accomplishments to determine the winners.

ILEA 238th Basic Level I Training School



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January 3 through April 8, 2011 at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy

First Row (left to right): **Emory Ochoa**, Iowa State University Police Division; **Chad Fulton**, Iowa City Police Department; **Luke R. Klein**, Marshalltown Police Department; **Lindsey Derby**, Dubuque Police Department; **Corie Flack**, Clinton County Sheriff's Office; **Ron Myers**, Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office; **Matthew Cook**, Ida County Sheriff's Office; **Nathan Bremer**, Paullina Police Department.

Second Row: **Adam Herrig**, Johnson County Sheriff's Office; **Ben Hektoen**, Pella Police Department; **David Wall**, Fairfield Police Department; **Dustin Carolan**, Decorah Police Department; **J.B. Graham**, Des Moines County Conservation Board; **Jeff Salsbery**, University of Iowa Police Division; **Stuart W. Bloxham**, Waukon Police Department; **Zachary Ward**, Shenandoah Police Department.

Third Row: **Derek Wiley**, Fort Madison Police Department; **Dillon Lavelly**, Chariton Police Department; **Jason Burke**, Pleasant Hill Police Department; **Jordan Gallagher**, Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office; **Travis Tyrrell**, University of Iowa Police Division; **John Hesselning**, Muscatine Police Department; **D.J. Reed**, Marion County Sheriff's Office; **William Twyman**, Shenandoah Police Department.

Fourth Row: **Chris Powers**, Clinton Police Department; **Brian Kahler**, Johnson County Sheriff's Office; **Francisco Hill**, Iowa State University Police Division; **Joshua Boone**, Pella Police Department; **Eric Siemens**, Marshalltown Police Department; **Mark Mahmens, Jr.**, Clinton County Sheriff's Office; **Dustin DeMarest**, Nevada Police Department; **Vincent Lara**, Dubuque Police Department; **Adam Krack**, Iowa City Police Department.

ILEA 239th Basic Level I Training School

January 10 through April 15, 2011 at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy

First Row (left to right): **Kyle Schultz**, Story County Sheriff's Office; **Jon Morris**, Fort Dodge Police Department; **Andy Fry**, Columbus Junction Police Department; **Chuck Mash**, Van Meter Police Department; **Brenda Naab**, Dubuque County Sheriff's Office; **Rick Lilly**, Bedford Police Department.

Second Row: **Erin Bush**, Clive Police Department; **Erik Johnson**, Davenport Police Department; **Austin Myers**, Elkader Police Department; **Jeremy Burdt**, Jasper County Sheriff's Office; **Mike Norman**, Linn County Sheriff's Office; **Cody Jellison**, Centerville Police Department.

Third Row: **Austin Oates**, Linn County Sheriff's Office; **Zach Stanley**, Fort Dodge Police Department; **Luke McClarnon**, Clarinda Police Department; **Mike Algreen**, Stuart Police Department; **Nolan Burke**, Washington County Sheriff's Office; **Jeremy Veach**, Centerville Police Department; **Eric Speth**, Linn County Sheriff's Office.

Fourth Row: **Ryan Wegner**, Waverly Police Department; **Murphy Blocker**, Davenport Police Department; **Adam Cirkl**, Marion Police Department; **Matthew Horton**, Muscatine Police Department; **Daniel Lynch**, Leon Police Department; **Corey Derby**, Knoxville Police Department; **Tim Gnade**, Eastern Iowa Airport Police.

Stay Safe for Runners & Walkers

By Sgt. Steven E. Parker

Des Moines Co. Sheriff's Office

Jogging and walking continue to be very popular exercise activities. Each year, more and more people take up running and walking because it is an inexpensive way to exercise and – when outdoors – a great way to get the oxygen flowing in the body. As an avid runner, it's a great cardiovascular workout. Also if you travel often, running / walking is an excellent way to maintain your exercise regimen.

Some people are part of walking groups and this is a great way to meet new people. Here are a few safety tips to stay safe as you begin.



Sgt. Steven Parker

BEFORE YOU LEAVE:

- Plan your outing. It is a good idea to tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return. Tell friends and family of your exercise route.
- Know where telephones are located along the course. Consider taking your cell phone with you.
- Wear an identification tag or carry a driver's license. If you don't have a place to carry your I.D., write your name, phone number on the inside of your athletic shoe, including any medical information that might be helpful.
- Don't wear jewelry or carry large amounts of cash.
- Wear reflective material when running/walking outdoors.

OUTDOOR RUNNING/WALKING:

- Once again, tell a family member or friend where you are going and the time you expect to return.
- If possible, run or walk with a partner and/ or your pet dog. Running/ walking with a friend makes the time go faster, and is enjoyable.
- Stay alert at all times. The more aware you are of the surroundings, especially in a new area, the less vulnerable you are.
- It's better to listen to your surroundings. Headsets are nice if you are by yourself; however, consider that it is more difficult to hear an approaching motor vehicle or possible attacker.

- Consider carrying a cell phone.
- Exercise in a familiar area. Know what businesses or stores are open.
- Vary your route.
- Avoid unpopulated areas, deserted streets and overgrown trails. Especially, avoid poorly lighted areas at night.
- Run clear of parked cars or bushes.
- Run/ walk against traffic so you can observe approaching motor vehicle traffic. If possible stay on the walkways.
- Trust your intuition about a person or an area.
- Be careful if anyone in a motor vehicle asks you for directions – if you do answer keep at least a full arm's length from the car.
- If you think you are being followed, change the course and head for open stores, or lighted homes.
- Have your door key ready before you reach your home.
- Don't be afraid to contact law enforcement immediately if something happens to you or someone else, or you notice anyone out of the ordinary. In other words know and pay attention to your surroundings.

RUNNING & WALKING IN THE EVENING OR EARLY MORNING:

You may have missed the opportunity to exercise during the light of day, or maybe a job situation prohibits you to exercise during daylight hours. You want to get in a quick mile or more before turning in for

the night or before the sun rises. The best advice when exercising while it's dark is to get off the streets and head to the security of a well-lighted outdoor track or consider a tread mill.

If you are a walker, consider laps around an indoor shopping mall. Many people are using malls for their exercise.

If these options are not available for you:

- Make sure people can see you. Think about where you are going and how well lighted it may or may not be. Exercising at dusk or at night is dangerous without some type of reflective device on your clothing. Many athletic shoes now have reflective qualities built into the shoe; however, also consider wearing a reflective vest.
- Watch the road. Wet or even patchy spots of ice (wintertime) may not be seen until it's too late. The slick portions can lay in waiting and are considerably harder to spot in the dark.
- Keep alert. Dawn and dusk offer convenient shadows for intruders.

WHILE TRAVELING:

Many people, myself included, have taken up running and walking when traveling. Remember: just because you are away from home doesn't mean you can let your guard down when you exercise. Before you begin:

- Check with the hotel staff or concierge to obtain information on safe routes running/bicycling trails for your exercise. If there is not an acceptable place to exercise outdoors, see if the hotel can arrange for you to go to a health club, YM/ YWCA or gym.
- Become familiar with your exercise course before you start. Obtain a map and study it.
- Remember the street address of the hotel. Carry a card with your hotel address along with your personal I.D.
- Leave your room key with the front desk.
- Follow your usual safety rules.

Run and walk with confidence and purpose. Running, jogging or walking is great exercise. Get in stride and STAY SAFE!