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## Honoring Fallen Police Officer Kerrie Orozco – Who Would Have Loved Sheriffs' & Deputies' Y-Camp





# “Thank You” for Honorary Members’ Support

Greetings to our ISSDA Honorary Members! This is my last official article as your ISSDA President. As I look back over the past year, I am extremely proud of all that we’ve accomplished together. We couldn’t have done this without your support.

We have a new, user friendly Association/ Institute website that provides room for more and better content, including pictures and videos. The website even allows you to receive our newsletters, excluding the Association members-only sensitive law enforcement information.

Our participation in this year’s Iowa State Fair was impressive. Our Honor Guard and Fair Committee members helped lead the Iowa State Fair parade procession on opening day, and our Fair booth was a huge success. For the first time in quite a while, we had at least one Association member signed up to work every shift throughout the fair. This allowed ISSDA to have better direct interaction with the public.

Our fair booth display itself was also a big hit. We had a new marked patrol car, a motorcycle and a speed trailer as part of the display. The good folks from Hardin County also provided us with great technical skills in putting together the video displays of each of the 99 Sheriff’s Offices across the state. Kudos to the Fair Committee and Sheriff Dave McDaniel, Jail Administrator Nick Whitmore and the



**Sheriff Brian Gardner**  
Linn County Sheriff’s Office

others from Hardin county who helped put this together for us. If you missed it, please see the pictures on Page 18 and 19 of this publication, and on our web site, [issda.org](http://issda.org).

We also support the Iowa Special Olympics, a fine organization helping special needs individuals show they are great competitors.

We were able to send 125 deserving youths to the YMCA camp located in Boone. These kids have a week long time of their lives. When a sheriff or deputy drops them off, they are a little scared, but when they are picked up, they don’t want to leave. Check out the Y-Camp pictures on the cover and Page 6 and 7, and the new website.

Our ISSDA Honor Guard continues to serve us proudly and profession-

ally. Not only are they providing honor guard functions at law enforcement officers’ funerals when requested, they also participate in ceremonial functions including the posting of the colors at all ISSDA schools of instruction and Iowa Law Enforcement Academy graduation ceremonies.

To better serve our conference needs, we recently signed a three-year agreement with the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines to hold our Civil, Jail, and Winter Schools. This facility is better able to provide us with the space and amenities we need for our three major conferences as our Association continues to grow.

I would be remiss if I didn’t acknowledge the hard work and dedication of your Board of Directors over the past year to ensure that your Association/ Institute functions smoothly and professionally. As I vacate this position I am very confident that I leave you all in very good hands as the Association moves into the future.

It’s been an honor and a pleasure serving you as your Association/ Institute President. I thank you for allowing me this cherished opportunity.

Here’s hoping that you all stay safe, have a blessed Holiday season and let me be the first to wish you a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,  
*Sheriff Brian D. Gardner*  
ISSDA President

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## Story Co. Capt. Barry Thomas Sworn In as FBI National Academy Associates (FBINAA) President

Congratulations to Story County Chief Deputy Capt. Barry Thomas, who was sworn in as president of the FBI National Academy Associates Inc. (FBINAA) during their annual training conference on July 14. This is an incredible honor for Capt. Thomas, who is dedicated to representing

law enforcement on a national scale. He is intelligent, dedicated and hard working, and will do a great job of representing law enforcement here in Iowa, around the country and internationally. At right, Capt. Thomas was sworn in by his sheriff, Paul Fitzgerald.



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# ISSDA Winter School: Homicide Survivors,

**By Sheriff Rick Penning  
Grundy County sheriff's Office**

The Iowa State Sheriffs' & Deputies' Association 2014 Winter School of Instruction convened at the Embassy Suites in Des Moines from Sunday, December 7, through Wednesday, December 10.

On Sunday afternoon registration was available, only to be followed by the evening banquet. Sunday night entertainment was blues musician Kevin Burt.

On Monday morning, registration continued and ISSDA sales items were available. Attendees were welcomed by ISSDA President Don DeKock, a Mahaska County Deputy Sheriff. The presentation of the flags was done by the Polk County Sher-



**The Polk County Honor Guard at the Winter School opening ceremonies.**

iff's Office Honor Guard.

The majority of Monday in the classroom was a presentation on alcohol and drug trends from Jermaine Galloway of the Boise, Idaho, Police Department. Galloway discussed clothing insignia to look for and



what different symbols represent. Monday concluded with "Iowa Survivors of Homicide Program." Presenters included: Lynne Cornelius, Roxanne Johnson, Miranda Stern, Marie Harvey and B.J. Franklin. The group discussed the need to get their agencies involved at the very beginning to assist victims of crimes, both financially and in



**The Iowa Survivors of Homicide Program speakers: Roxanne Johnson (Zone 2), Miranda Stern (Zone 3), Marie Harvey (Zone 3), B.J. Franklin (Zone 4), Lynne Cornelius (Zone 1).**

dealing with the event.

Monday evening was Vendors' Night and drawings.

On Tuesday morning, Dennis Debbaudt spoke on autism risk management for law enforcement. He explained what to look for when interacting with individuals affected by autism.



**Dennis Debbaudt spoke on Tuesday morning about autism risk management for law enforcement.**

During the lunch hour, with the meal provided for attendees this year, the annual Past-Presidents Luncheon was also held.

Following lunch, DCI S/A Mike Motsinger and S/A Don Schnitker reported on the formation of the Iowa CART (Child Abduction Response Team) and the need for future local volunteer officers to assist in staffing.

The membership then held their Annual Business Meeting.

Tuesday evening was the President's Banquet with Past President Don DeKoch presenting the gavel to Linn County Sheriff and 2015 ISSDA President Brian Gardner.

On Wednesday morning, State Jail Inspector Delbert Longley advised of possible changes forthcoming to the Iowa Jail Standards, and then talked on a recent PREA Inspection he took part in at the Hutchison, Kansas Prison. Longley also advised that we are in year 2 of a 3-year compliance and all Audits are to be completed by June 30, 2015.

The final session of the school was Ross Loder with the Iowa Department of Public Safety, updating everyone on the current laws and regulations on weapon permits and the upcoming renewal of the current 5-year permits, which will commence in 2016.

Loder also introduced DCI S/A Beth Reuter, who will assist agencies in tracking weapons used in crimes. This concluded the 2014 Winter School with 160 attendees.



**The large vendor room in the Embassy Suites Hotel in downtown Des Moines.**

photos by Sheriff Rick Penning

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# Drug Trends, Autism & Abductions Covered

## Iowa State Sheriffs' & Deputies' Assn. 2015 Board of Directors



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## Winter School 2014 Vendors Who Were Also Sponsors:



TAC.10 Inc. sponsored the Monday morning break; Keltek Inc. held a private hospitality; Stew Hansen Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep-Ram sponsored Tuesday's lunch.

# 125 Y-Campers Attend Sheriffs’

It was another great week here at the Des Moines Y-Camp with the kids attending our annual Sheriffs’ and Deputies’ Camp June 15 – 21.

We had 125 campers from all across the state of Iowa come and enjoy the fun and relationship-building programs at Camp this year.

Each camper stayed in a cabin with about 10 peers and two Y-Camp leaders. They had the opportunity to select their morning activities from a list that included archery, riflery, arts and crafts, soccer, and much more. They spent each morning participating in more in-depth instruction in the activities

they choose during what are called “Pathways”.

Afternoons were spent with their cabin mates participating in activities ranging from horseback riding to rock wall climbing and everything in between. One camper, at the climbing tower, exclaimed, “Camp is so fun! I never thought I’d be good at climbing, but I was great!”

Camp is a great place to learn more about the outdoors and experience challenges and programs that they hadn’t tried before. Through these experiences of overcoming challenges, they grow to become more confident individuals and re-

alize a new sense of accomplishment and self-worth. Camp teaches children social skills and encourages character development, which encourages campers to be more involved and successful members of their school and community.

The benefits of being at camp are the main reason that ISSDA and Y-Camp forged the bond to create the Sheriffs’ and Deputies’ program. The partnership has brought campers from many backgrounds and situations to camp so that they can build friendships and learn new skills.

It also allows them to take time away from their busy and stressful





# and Deputies' Camp This Year

lives and enjoy their time in nature, sing songs, and be goofy.

Many campers fondly consider camp a home away from home, full of lessons, friends and fun. The number of campers crying during our closing program,

from teenage boys to 9-year-old girls, was a staggering reminder of how important their time at camp was. It was another amazing week at camp and we are all looking forward, anxiously, to see more campers through ISSDA next year!



“Dear Shelby County Sheriffs,  
Thank all you amazing sheriffs and deputies. I’m having so much fun here at Y camp. So far I’ve ziplined, climbed up the rock wall, and rode horses. I’ve also gone down a wicked sled slide tube. Once again, thanks a lot for bringing me here. Sincerely, *Domonic K.*”



# She Touched Us Last

By Retired Sheriff Bill Sage  
ISSDA Financial Director

(Note: I know Officer Kerrie Orozco's mother, Ellen Holtz, from working at our local bank in Atlantic. I approached Ellen to see if she would be willing to sit down with me to share Kerrie's life with all of us, and I want to thank Ellen for doing this during this very difficult time in her life. I know it was hard, but it meant so much to our community. Ellen: thank you for sharing Kerrie's life with all us.)

Kerrie Sue Holtz Orozco was born September 19, 1985, to Kevin and Ellen Holtz. Kerrie was a happy baby and a joy to her parents. Her smile included her wrinkly nose, which the family will never forget. Kerrie was the oldest child, followed by a sister and three brothers.

Kerrie was baptized at Saints' Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Atlantic, attending an Atlantic elementary school before her family moved to a farm south of Walnut. Kerrie was the leader of the house. She enjoyed 4-H and loved her horse, Savannah. Kerrie was in Girl Scouts and loved the outdoors, fishing, canoeing and biking. She loved driving the tractor and bailing hay.

Kerrie grew up playing her grandmother's piano, which was given to Kerrie after her grandmother passed away. However, the piano remained at her mother's house, just waiting for it to be moved to Kerrie's house; sadly a move that never took place. Ellen recalls Kerrie coming over to her house and playing the piano. They enjoyed this time together – a time Ellen will never forget. Ellen recalls Kerrie putting on the 80th birthday party for her grandmother. Kerrie dressed up as Zorabelle, the clown, which was her great, great, grandmother's name. Kerrie loved to make animal balloons and paint faces for those she entertained. She also spent time cooking with her grandmother and her signature dish was deviled eggs.

Kerrie graduated from Walnut High School, where she was active in volleyball, jazz band and basketball. She gave the graduation speech for her class. Ellen was so proud of this, since she was on the school board and had the pleasure of watching her

daughter give the speech, while sitting on the stage. This brought back memories for Ellen, as Ellen gave the graduation speech at her graduation. You could tell the joy she had in her voice when she was telling me the story.

In 2004, Kerrie was selected to play in the "Sports Down Under" program in Australia. She played near the Gold Coast for two weeks. Her team consisted of players from Nebraska, Iowa and Arizona. Kerrie came back from Australia and began to sell books. This took her to the southern states, where she ended up winning a trip to Jamaica for being the best salesperson in her district.

Kerrie started college at Creighton, working at a convenience store in Omaha and a local restaurant in Atlantic. Ellen recalls many times when Kerrie would get off work at midnight, take the food that was to be discarded from the store, and deliver it to the homeless in downtown Omaha. When Kerrie wasn't working in Omaha, she worked at an Atlantic restaurant until it closed, then walked a short distance to where her mother was working and completed her homework there. Ellen recalls telling Kerrie she had too much on her plate and something needed to give. So, Kerrie quit college.

This isn't what Ellen had in mind, but this is what Kerrie wanted to do. She continued to feed the homeless and talk to the Omaha police officers when they came into the store. Those officers encouraged her to put an application with the Omaha Police Department, which she did.

In October 2007, sadness came to the Holtz family. Kevin passed away on October 9th. The family was at his side. Ellen will always remember the last words Kerrie said to him: "Dad, I will make you proud."

Prior to Kevin's death, the family had planned a trip to Alaska. They all agreed, that even after his death, Dad would still want them to go. Kerrie had a passport and traveled into Canada.

In December, 2007, Kerrie graduated from the Omaha Police Academy and worked as a patrol officer before going into the Omaha Gang Unit. Ellen recalls the time when Kerrie was part of the "Guns



and Hoses" boxing team, an event where boxers from the Omaha Police Department and the Omaha Fire Department battled for causes like the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Special Olympics, Red Cross and area youth boxing programs. Kerrie competed three years, winning the second year but losing the first and third years, with the same opponent each year. Ellen stated she cried each time she watched the matches, but this was the type of person Kerrie was.

Kerrie worked hard with the Big Paws/Big dog's rescue. She would take in stray Great Danes until owners could be found. Kerrie adopted her own Great Dane and walked it daily.

Kerrie also helped with the "Shop with a Cop" program.

Kerrie went back to college, which really pleased her mother, and graduated from Bellevue University with a criminal justice and Spanish degree. Kerrie started teaching police officers Spanish, as she felt this was a way of building a community. Kerrie also put her Spanish to work when she was moonlighting at a South Omaha establishment. This is where she meet her husband, Hector.

Hector and Kerrie were married in November 2012, and moved to Council Bluffs. Kerrie became a second mother to Hector's two children, Natalia and Santiago.

During one of their outings, Kerrie and Hector were boating. Kerrie was taking pictures with her camera, when it dropped into the water. Hector sprang into action, jumped in the water to retrieve it but was not a swimmer. Kerrie was the cool one and rescued Hector as the camera fell to the bottom.



Although Kerrie had a family at home, she never forget her “other children” who called her “Coach K” at the North Omaha Boys and Girls Club. Kerrie was not only the coach, but she ran the baseball program at the club. Ellen always wondered when Kerrie had time to sleep.

While working the College World Series in 2014, Kerrie became close with the University of Virginia team. Virginia’s head coach, Brian O’Connor, grew up in Council Bluffs, graduated from St. Albert’s and played on the 1991 Creighton College World Series team. Because of the connection, the team took Kerrie under their wings. Kerrie found a little duck around the stadium and gave it to the team. Even after they lost in the championship game, Kerrie kept in contact with the team. Kerrie was the real winner when the Virginia team left their baseball equipment to be used by her Boy’s and Girl’s Club baseball team.

This past November, Kerrie invited her mother to her house. Ellen arrived and Kerrie took her into the kitchen. Kerrie reached into the oven and pulled out a cinnamon roll. Kerrie asked her mom if she knew what this was. Ellen said it was a cinnamon roll. Laughing, Kerrie stated, “No, it is a bun in the oven.” At that point it hit Ellen that Kerrie was having a baby. Ellen said this was a very special moment for both of them.

In February of this year, Kerrie felt a little sick so she went to see her doctor. As she approached the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, the pain worsened so she drove to the emergency room, where doctors discovered she was going into labor. Doctors were able to slow the labor, but the next day, February 17, Kerrie gave birth to Olivia Ruth, weighing only 2 pounds, 11 ounces. Olivia was rushed into the neonatal unit of the hospital and remained there until May. The family visited Olivia and Kerrie would speak to her in English and Spanish. Kerrie said it was important for Olivia to know both languages.

A little over a week before the tragic shooting, Olivia came down with an infection that sent her to the isolation room of the neonatal unit. Before anyone could enter the room, they had to wear white gowns and fully covered their face. At one point, Kerrie took a picture of Olivia through the crib bars and captioned it, “Help, I’m in Baby Jail.” Ellen said this showed Kerrie’s humor throughout the whole ordeal. Olivia was moved back to the neonatal unit and scheduled to be discharged on May 21.

Ellen remembers the time when she took Kerrie’s old cabbage patch kid doll, wrapped it up in Olivia’s blanket, and said it looked just like Olivia. The resemblance even surprised Kerrie.

Prior to Olivia’s discharge from the hospital, Kerrie went to Worlds of Fun in Kansas City with her family. They had a great time, and now have many memories to keep in their hearts.

Ellen saw Kerrie the last time a week before her death at the hospital. Kerrie was



looking forward to bringing Olivia home and starting her maternity leave.

On May 20, Kerrie volunteered to help the Omaha Metro Area Fugitive Task Force Unit to apprehend a wanted fugitive wanted for a first degree assault dating back to a 2014 shooting. At about 1 p.m., the suspect was spotted and gun fire erupted. Kerrie was struck just above her vest in the chest. This would be Kerrie’s last mission, as the Lord called her home.

Kerrie’s partners have shared many memories with Ellen. Kerrie was a thrifty person, always going to thrift stores and using coupons. At one point, Kerrie’s part-



ner told her it was time to purchase some new boots, as her soles had holes in them. Kerrie went out and bought a new pair of boots and the following week there was some flooding in the Omaha Area. Kerrie was walking in front of the cruiser so they wouldn’t hit any exposed manholes. As the partner looked up, Kerrie was carrying her new boots, saying she wasn’t going to ruin

them.

Another time, Kerrie had an assignment to get a certain police officer to come to the police ball; the officer had never attended. Kerrie succeeded in talking him into attending the police ball. Said Ellen: “How could anyone resist her warm smile?”

Ellen recalled a young man coming up to her during one of the benefits. This young man told her that Kerrie had saved his life. He was in the gangs when he came in contact with Kerrie, who talked to him, mentored him and showed him the life he could have. Kerrie never left him, running into him from time to time. Due to Kerrie’s influence, this young man turned his life around and is now a minister in Omaha.

Ellen’s sister was at a Boys and Girls Club ceremony when a young lady came up to her saying Kerrie saved her life. The girl explained she was a runaway and hanging around with the wrong crowd. Kerrie found her and discovered she was a reported runaway. Kerrie took the young girl back to her home and never forgot her. Kerrie would check up on her to make sure she was making good choices. This young lady received a scholarship award in Kerrie’s honor and is going into the performing arts, thanks to a young lady in blue, named Kerrie.

Many groups have honored Kerrie. Her hometown of Walnut dedicated the “Orozco’s gardens,” and proudly displayed them during the annual “Walnut Days Antique Walk” in June. A baseball tournament in Walnut was held in her honor. There are two ball fields named in Kerrie’s honor in Omaha. Kerrie’s Causes scholarship program was also established. The Ralston Community will hold an event ever year in her honor. And Kerrie was recently honored by the National Latino Police Officers Association as the Medal of Valor honor recipient.

Also, says Ellen, since Kerrie’s death, the Boys and Girls Club volunteers have doubled.

The Virginia Cavaliers recently won the College World Series and dedicated their win to Kerrie. They had four bats signed by the team to auction off at a benefit honoring Kerrie.

On May 26, Olivia’s original due date, Kerrie was laid to rest in St. Joseph’s Cemetery in Council Bluffs. Ellen remembers when the sky opened up on them while they were at the cemetery, and she recalls thinking of the song, “Holes in the Floor of Heaven:”



*There's holes in the floor of Heaven,  
And her tears are pouring down  
That's how you know she's watching,  
Wishing she could be here now.  
An' sometimes if you're lonely,  
Just remember she can see.*

*There's holes in the floor of Heaven  
and she's watching over you and me.*

However, other family members were saying, "Kerrie is using her squirt gun and pouring water on us."

Kerrie always believed in goodwill, being strong and being kind – a great theme for which to base our lives upon.

Ellen says Olivia is growing and doing well. We hope and pray she will continue to do well and make Kerrie proud.

When Omaha Police Officer Jimmy Wilson Jr. was killed in 1985, I knew his father, Jim Sr., who started up the "Jimmy Wilson Jr. Foundation." His slogan was, "He Touched Us Last." His foundation provides in-car cameras for police vehicles.

Omaha Police Officer Jason "Tye" Pratt, was shot after a traffic stop on September 11, 2003, and died eight days later on September 19, 2003, which was on Kerrie's 18 birthday. Although I didn't know him or his family, he will always be remembered in my thoughts and prayers.

Kerrie made a real impact on her family, friends, co-workers and community. Kerrie accomplished more in her 29 years than most others do in their life time. Let us never forget her, and other officers whom lives were cut short, as they team up with our patron Saint Michael to watch over us, as we continue to do the job we all love, To Protect and Serve.

"Kerrie On Merchandise" is available at the following link: <http://corporate1.ideal-stores.com> and the access code is "Kerrie".

## Three-Minute Ride

By Omaha Officer Chad Schroeder #1747

I stepped into the ambulance in total disbelief

It would be a 3-minute ride full of heartache and grief

I'd taken this ride before, but never with one of our own

This ride was different, and it sent a chill to the bone

I knelt down and brushed the hair from Kerrie's face

I watched the medics go to work at an incredible pace

The look on our faces was nothing I can explain

As tears started pouring, our hearts filled with pain

Before I knew it, one minute had passed  
Medics were still trying, working so fast

I began to question myself and question the cause

But then remembered Kerrie loved our job and would never show pause

Two minutes in I felt overwhelming sorrow

As I realized we had no more time to borrow

It was time to talk to Kerrie and give her some peace

She needed to know so her spirit could release

I got as close as I could and whispered

in her ear

We love you Kerrie, you have nothing to fear

For your ultimate sacrifice it is our duty to atone

Your family is now our family, and we will cherish them as our own

Shortly thereafter the ride came to an end

It may take forever for our hearts to mend

If you have ever met Kerrie, consider yourself blessed

She is one in a million, and she passed his final test

Now it is our job to leave no doubt, absolute zero

To pass on to Olivia that her mom is our hero

Several days have passed and the pain is still great

But her legacy grows larger across all 50 states

So many life lessons for my police sisters and brothers

Kerrie taught us to think less of self, and do more for others

We need not look far, and I would suggest

Kerrie is a role model, the best of the best

She will always be with us, looking down with her smile

Angels like Kerrie make this job worthwhile







Funeral procession photos by Nicole Merritt



Honor Guard photos by Johnson County Deputy Luke Hruby

Iowa sheriffs' offices were well represented at the funeral of Omaha Police Officer Kerrie Orozco at St. John's Catholic Church on the campus of Creighton University. Nine members of the ISSDA Honor Guard participated in the funeral at the church, the procession and the cemetery. They are (center, facing the camera, l to r): Senior Deputy Chris Langenberg (Johnson County), Captain Marty De Muth (Buena Vista County) Deputy Waylon Pollema (Sioux County), Deputy Kirk Hammer (Greene County), Deputy Brad Rose (Woodbury County), Deputy Willie Garrett (Woodbury County), Deputy Dustin DeGroot (Woodbury County), Deputy Gerad Lukken (Woodbury County), and Sgt. Rick Singer (Plymouth County).



## The Iowa State Sheriffs' & Deputies' Association

# Evelyn Covington Scholarships for the 2014-2015 school year



Olivia Oshel



Heath Schintler



Logan Schroeder



Brady Thompson



Jess Van Otterloo



Madison Miller



Ian Krutsinger



Zachery Kollasch



Ashley Brown



Sarah Brouwer

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

By Retired Sheriff Bill Sage  
ISSDA Financial Administrator

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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

## Worth County Sheriff Langenbau Runs Honolulu Marathon

Sheriff Jay Langenbau, Worth County, ran and finished the Honolulu Marathon on December 14, 2014. Sheriff Langenbau went to run, cheer and celebrate with his neighbors from Hanlontown, Iowa.

His neighbor, Shannon Redinger, ran her 50th state marathon on that date.

In the picture with Sheriff Langenbau are Shannon Redinger, Jessica Peckover, Sam Redinger, Aaron Redinger and Isabelle Redinger.



# Woodbury County Sheriff's Office News

## Sioux City West Middle School Student Council Donates Stuffed Animals for Deputies to Comfort Children They Find in Traumatic Situations

On December 11, 2014, West Middle School teacher Kerri Johnson, (not pictured), Kaylyne Patterson (on left), and Brooke Larson (on right) stopped by the Sheriff's Office to drop off more than 350 stuffed animals to Sheriff Drew.

The West Middle School Student Council collected the stuffed animals during Red Ribbon Week back in October. Kaylyne and Brooke are both 8th grade members on the student council. The Sheriff's Office shrink wraps the toys and issues them to patrol

deputies. During the course of their duties, there are times when they come across age-appropriate children involved in traumatic situations.

Deputies will give stuffed animals to children to help comfort them. Thank you West Middle School Student Council for helping the Sheriff's Office make a child's life a little brighter during an unfortunate situation.



## Sheriff Drew Delivers Donations to Cancer Center



On Dec. 2, Woodbury County Sheriff Dave Drew stopped by the June E. Nylen Cancer Center to drop off the Woodbury County donations that were collected for "No Shave November" – the second annual No Shave November at the Sheriff's Office and the first for all of the county offices and departments. Sheriff Drew had issued a challenge to the rest of the county offices on Nov. 1. It was a huge help when the other offices and departments got involved. As a county, we collected \$2,005.00 for the Cancer Center. Cancer Center Director Karen Van De Steeg accepted the donations from Sheriff Drew. Thank you to all participants. God Bless.



## Staff and Reserve Deputies Participate in Shoe Drive



This was the second year Woodbury County staff and reserve deputies participated in the Goodwill Industries Shoe Drive, which puts shoes and socks on eligible Siouxland children. Woodbury County staff and other volunteers helped children get fitted with a pair of proper-size shoes and socks just before Christmas – as well as got to sit on Santa's lap and visit with him about their Christmas wishes.

## Sioux Sales Donates Money for 14 Bikes

(Above) Thank you Kurt and Brad Bornholtz of Sioux Sales for donating enough money to purchase 14 new bikes from Walmart that made 14 children a lot happier at Christmas. The Sheriff's Office delivered the bikes to seven rural school districts in Woodbury County, and each district chose a girl and boy to receive a bike. Generosity like this makes the holidays wonderful.

## Family's Donation Sends More Kids to Y-Camp

The family of Daniel Elmore presented a memorial donation to ISSDA during the January board meeting. Daniel Elmore, 58, passed away on Dec. 5th, 2014. Dan was the son of retired Washington County Deputy Clifford Elmore and the father of current Washington County Jailer Travis Elmore. Their donation will be used to send an additional young person camper to the 2015 ISSDA Y-Camp. Pictured from left to right are Tiffany Hysell, Bev Elmore, ISSDA President Brian Gardner, Travis Elmore, and Troy Elmore.





# Floyd County S.O.'s "No Shave November" Raised More Than \$8,000 to Fight Cancer

For the 2nd year now, the Floyd County Sheriff's Office has participated in "No Shave November" by not shaving during the month of November to bring awareness to cancer. They also took it one step further by raising money for the Floyd County Cancer

Friends, a non-profit organization that gives money to those affected by cancer in Floyd County by paying for travel expenses and medical bills. In the two years doing this, the sheriff's office has raised over \$8,000.



Pictured are Sheriff Rick Lynch, Chief Deputy Jeff Crooks, Deputies; Brian Tiedemann, Travis Bartz, Ben Kostka, Pat Shirley, Matt Lovik, Josh Patrie, Jeremy Iriarte, Chad Weber and Dan Sargent as they present the money to Jan Osier, Secretary/Treasurer of Floyd County Cancer Friends.



## Deputy Dan Marx Appointed Winneshiek County Sheriff

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

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

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

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



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



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

photos by Sheriff Rick Penning



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



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

**By Lt. Randy Rowland**  
Linn County Sheriff's Office

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

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

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

We hope that many will take this information back to their counties to share with others.

Monday evening's entertainment was Billy Heller, a great solo musician. Everyone seemed to really enjoy having entertainment on both Monday and Tuesday.

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

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

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

Unfortunately, Judge Randy DeGeest was not able to join us this year due to being assigned a trial at the last minute. So members of the civil book committee answered the questions for the civil panel. Tuesday evening's entertainment was a DJ and dance in the ballroom.

Wednesday's presenter was Cheryl Nolan from DPS, who talked about the Sex Offender Registry and the different issues that we encounter. New topics and presenters are always needed and encouraged, so if anyone has any suggestions, please feel free to contact any of the Civil Book Committee with your ideas.

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# ISSDA Jail School Covered Drug Recognition, Security Threats, Mental Illness, Leadership

By Lt. Lynette Phillips

Woodbury County Sheriff's Office

This year's 20-hour In-Service Jail School was at the Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines, September 13 – 16. The school started on Sunday night with the ISSDA School's Committee providing registration from 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., with delicious BBQ sandwiches, hot wings, chips and all the fixings. Sunday night's hospitality room was sponsored by Radio Communications Co. /RC Systems. Also, Telespan had a hospitality room in their suite.

Monday morning opened with the presentation of colors by the ISSDA Honor Guard. The honor guard was very sharp and did an outstanding job. Opening remarks were from ISSDA President, Sheriff Brian Gardner. Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Director Judy Bradshaw spoke about the academy and upcoming jail schools.

DNE Special Agent Bryant Strouse spoke first on drug recognition. Dr. Mark Foxall from Douglas County, Nebraska and Tiffany Mass, newly appointed Jail Administrator for Pottawattamie County, spoke on the American Jail Association Certified Jail Officer and Jail Manager Program.

WR Reeves provided a break for all the attendees during classes.

In the afternoon we had presentations from Darby Washington, Correctional Counselor at Anamosa State Penitentiary and Lt. Rodolfo Gonzalez Department of Corrections, Iowa State Penitentiary, Ft. Dodge, Iowa. They spoke on security threats, gang affiliation, and gang activity.

Karl Emergency Vehicles sponsored the Hospitality room for Monday night.

Throughout the day, the Schools committee had ISSDA items for sale in the beautiful lobby area adjacent to the Iowa Foyer. Breaks were held in the Iowa Foyer to give everyone an opportunity to meet with the vendors. WREEVES and Telespan Communications sponsored breaks.

On Tuesday, Peggy Loveless, Ph.D., Mental Health Education Specialists and Mental Health First Aid Trainer presented. Darren Peterson and Phil Steffensmeier presented issues from the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI). Teresa Bomhoff, from NAMI-Greater Des Moines,



**ISSDA Honor Guard at Jail School (left to right): Deputy Chris Langenberg, Johnson County; Sgt. Michael Erwin, Scott County; Deputy Kirk Hammer, Greene County; Deputy Rachele Kunde, Scott County; Deputy Aaron Hopper, Jefferson County;**

spoke on legislative Issues, advocacy opportunities, education and support. The mental health speakers were informative.

Black Hawk County Sheriff Tony Thompson spoke on Correctional Leadership through effective communication and staff interpersonal skills. He is a dynamic speaker from law enforcement, and everyone enjoyed his down-to-earth personality.

Iowa Assistant Attorney General Pete Grady spoke for the Iowa Department of Justice providing information on the new Iowa law on strip searches. He also went over some interesting case law.

Thrifty White Pharmacy sponsored the Hospitality for Tuesday night. Later in the evening, we had a D.J. and game show.

On Wednesday, we had the presentation of the Jamal Dean/ Sioux City Police Officer shooting, capture and prosecution. Officer Kevin McCormick, the Sioux City Police Officer who was shot, spoke about the experience during and how it has affected him since then.

ATF Special Agent Todd Monney, Sgt. Troy Hansen of the Sioux City P.D., and Deputy U.S. Marshal Chad McCormick talked about all the information that was gathered and the manhunt that led to the capture of inmate Jamal Dean. James Loo-

mis, Assistant Woodbury County Attorney, spoke on the prosecution and conviction of Jamal Dean and his brother Levon Dean.

ISSDA would like to thank all the vendors that attended the Jail School. Please extend your appreciation to: Ron Reese/ Stivers Ford Lincoln; Ron Christian/ Permittium; Don Roennigke/ Keefe; Dave & Paul Burger, Rick Claassen, Terry Harris, Adam Harris and Jeff Roberts/ Radio Communications CO./RC Systems; Jeff Green, Matt DeRoche/ CMB; Bob Morris, Steve Chapin/ Innovative Monitoring Systems; Dennis Guss, Kathi Davis, Jen DeBoard/ Carpenter Uniform Company;

Brian Hanneman/ Trinity Services; Dan Thomas/ Reliance Telephone; Karin Sandahl, Matthew Crannell, Bill Pope, Tim O'Neil/ Telespan Communications Inc.; Chris Hartl/ Digital Ally; John Woods/ Shield Technology Corporation; M.J. McElvain/ Tac 10; Bill Reeves, Keith Brown/ WREEVES; Rob Long, Jen McIntosh/ Karl Emergency Vehicles; Kelly Milligan, Larry Kovarik, Becky Woody/ Keltek Incorporated; and Erin Moss, Larry Palmer/ Thrifty White Pharmacy.

Thanks for all the hard work by the ISSDA Schools and Jails committee!



# ISSDA at the Iowa



In the bottom left photo is (left to right) Mitchell County Sheriff Greg Beaver and Cass County Deputy Bill Ayers. In the center photo is Linn County's Major John Godar applying kids' tattoos. At the right is Fair Booth Committee Chair/ Hamilton County Sheriff Denny Hagenson and Black Hawk County Sgt. Lionel Braun.



# State Fair 2015



“Thank you to the Fair Booth Committee and all who assisted us in this positive and educational persona to the public. Our volunteers dispensed tattoos, gum and pencils to visitors of our Iowa State Sheriffs’ & Deputies’ Association booth, and oversaw the items on display. Many people stopped by to see the Peace Officers Memorial, a new patrol car and motorcycle, Sex Offender Registry information, a speed trailer, photos and memorabilia of the Honor Guard, a dress uniform and a jail cell, and a brief overview of each of the 99 Sheriff’s Offices. Special thanks to Nick Whitmore for the extra time he volunteered

opening the booth each day and helping keep everything together; Jefferson Co. Sheriff Gregg Morton, who heads the Honor Guard; Dallas County Sheriff Chad Leonard for the new patrol car; and Black Hawk Co. Sheriff Tony Thompson for the motorcycle displayed. Carpenter Uniform donated the mannequin for the dress uniform, the speed trailer was donated for display by Hardin County Sheriff Dave McDaniels, and a shout out to the staff at Hamilton County for putting the Sex Offender Registry books together. A very special “Thank You” to all those who helped set up and tear down the booth, and to everyone who

helped made it a successful year. All of our 66 volunteer time slots were filled due to the support from our many members. The Public Relations Committee in charge of organizing the booth included Davis County Sheriff Dave Davis, Franklin County Sheriff Larry Richtsmeier; Jasper County Lt. Brad Shutts; Hardin County Jail Administrator Nick Whitmore; Polk County’s Lt. Jana Abens; Johnson County Deputy Brad Kunkel; Linn Co. Chief Deputy Colonel John Stuelke; and myself. On behalf of the Committee, we look forward to another successful Iowa State Fair next year!”  
 Sheriff Dennis Hagenson (Hamilton Co.)



“We thank all of our military personnel currently serving, those who have served, and those who have given the ultimate sacrifice. We have you all to thank for our freedoms. May God bless each of you and your families.” – The Iowa State Sheriffs’ and Deputies’ Association



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## **Davis County Sheriff Dave Davis’ 1,235-lb. Pumpkin Takes First Place in 2015 Iowa State Fair Giant Pumpkin Contest**

