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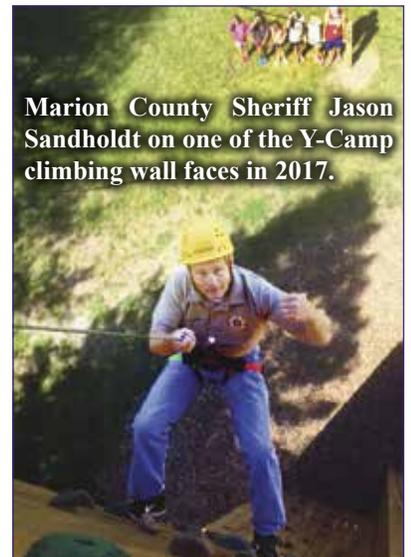
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ISSDA Honorary Member Donations Help Fulfill Dreams and Make Lifelong Memories by Sending Kids to Sheriffs' & Deputies' Y-Camp



In 2018, Johnson Co. Lt. Brian Adolph (now retired), Poweshiek Co. Office Deputy Dawn Disney, and Linn Co. Capt. Randy Rowland visited and loved Sheriffs' & Deputies' Y-Camp.



Thank you... now let's go!

As I contemplated what to write in my last article as your outgoing president, I reflected on those margins I intended to move throughout this past year. I reflected on the crazy pace and all the issues and matters that the president has to deal with that just aren't readily apparent to those from the outside looking in. I consider the effort and the time that I've dedicated to this Association and wonder if I've done enough. Have I've served with distinction? And, if I've earned the benefit of being able to step down honorably.

I know that we are changing how training will be delivered in the future, and we have expanded our offerings with two Jail Schools and a couple of traveling trainings (and more to come). As per usual, the Legislative Committee had a great session and truly moved some outstanding legislation through this past year. Our Schools Committee is completely revamping how our vendors and our attendees enroll and attend our offerings, and those opportunities will slowly continue to improve and become more budget neutral as a result of those monumental efforts.

But, a lot of this is from behind the scenes efforts. I wonder if the membership



knows how much work is done by all these people who work on their behalf to continue to make their Association great? I wonder if I have lived up to their expectations this past year. I hope and I pray that I have, and that I have left our organization just a little bit better than it was when I was granted the opportunity to lead it. Captain Randy Rowland will do great things this coming year, and his board will be ready for the challenges that await. I

pray that this year has helped build a stronger foundation from which they can continue to build.

In a year that was ripe with challenges and distractions, I look back and thank everyone for the honor of being trusted to lead this organization. It has truly been my honor to be the state President of the ISSDA. I am glad that my term is concluded, and am happy to move to the Schools Committee and continue to serve this great Association in other ways. But, I thank you all for giving me the opportunity.

Now, it's time to pick up where we've left off and continue to march and continue to press the fight. It's time to forge ahead and focus on our constant improvement. I will lend my genuine best efforts wherever and whenever I am able to maintain that emphasis and impetus on improvement, so let's go! Let's continue to grow, build and improve our ISSDA into one of the best associations in the state... one of the most responsive, one of the most financially secure, and one of the greatest impact-having associations around. I know that this is possible and it is just around the corner for us. Let's go!

Iowa State Fair 2021 Was a Positive Experience for Both Fair Attendees and ISSDA Volunteers Who Staffed Our Booth

By Sheriff Dave McDaniel
Hardin County Sheriff's Office

We thank all of the ISSDA members who took the time to work a shift/s at the Iowa State Fair. While we did not have every shift covered, we nearly achieved that goal. It truly takes our membership to make it a successful event each year.

Obviously, after missing the 2020 Fair season, we were uncertain of what to expect in

terms of attendance, precautions etc. All in all, everything seemed to go without issue, and everyone enjoyed themselves. Unfortunately, Beechies gum was a casualty of COVID-19 and went out of business. There certainly was no shortage of inquiries about it. We had the opportunity to take a little trip down memory lane, recognizing and paying homage to not only the history of the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association, but the Office of Sheriff as well. Sgt. Jason LeMaster with the

Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office had several artifacts on display from the newly established ISSDA West Museum. Former Hamilton County Sheriff Dennis Hagenson brought his vintage paddy wagon display, along with Hardin County's 1964 Ford Galaxy. There was a tremendous amount of interest in the various items and dialogue regarding the history behind them.

If you had the opportunity to work a shift, you are aware of the gratitude and respect shown to law enforcement personnel. We are truly blessed to work in Iowa, and serve in 99 of the best counties in the nation.



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Trooper Ted Benda Killed in Accident While Responding to Assist Clayton County Sheriff's Office with a Suspect

From the Iowa State Patrol: "The men and women of the Iowa State Patrol and Department of Public Safety are heartbroken to announce the loss of one of our own, Trooper Ted Benda ISP #313. Trooper Benda, 37, was involved in a single-vehicle crash on Thursday, October 14th while en route to assist the Clayton County Sheriff's Office with a wanted suspect. He succumbed to his injuries today, October 20, 2021.

"Trooper Benda joined the DCI in 2005, assigned to the Special Enforcement Operations Bureau in Marquette. He transferred to the State Patrol in 2016, assigned to District 8 in Mason City and most recently working out of the District 10 office in Oelwein. He is not only a valuable part of the Department of Public Safety, but was more importantly a loving husband, father, son, and brother. Trooper Benda leaves behind his wife, Holly, and their four young children along with many family, friends, and colleagues.

"Please keep the Benda family in your thoughts and prayers as they face this unimaginable loss.

"Rest in Peace, Trooper Benda...we have your six from here."

Obituary: Trooper Ted L. Benda, 37, of rural Decorah, Iowa, succumbed to his injuries on Wednesday, October 20, at Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center in La Crosse, WI, from an automobile accident while on duty with the Iowa State Patrol on Thursday, October 14th.

Public funeral services were held Wednesday, October 27th, at 11:00 a.m. at the Waukon High School with Fr. John Moser officiating. A private burial was held at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Waukon, and a public visitation was held from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Waukon. Martin-Grau Funeral Home in Waukon handled arrangements. The service was live-streamed by KCRG from Cedar Rapids; please visit https://youtu.be/dZizTbuK_to to watch. In lieu of flowers, plants, and gifts, memorials can be directed to the Ted Benda memorial fund set up at



Freedom Bank in Waukon.

Theodore Lawrence Benda was born November 17, 1983, in Waukon, the son of Lawrence and Marsha (Welper) Benda. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Waukon, where he was a lifelong member. Ted attended St. Patrick's Elementary School and graduated from Waukon High School in 2002. As a child, Ted was a Boy Scout and had a morning newspaper route.

After graduating, Ted worked for a year at Carlson Construction of Decorah before attending Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo and receiving his degree in Criminal Justice. In December of 2005, he joined the 31st Basic Academy, assigned to the Special Enforcement Operations Bureau with DCI in Marquette.

In 2016, Ted transferred to the Iowa State Patrol District #8 in Mason City; during this time, Ted, his wife Holly, and their family resided in Hanlontown. This small, tight knit town became a big part of their lives as they always felt very loved and supported. In June of 2017, Ted then transferred to Patrol District #10 in Oelwein; Ted and Holly were happy to be moving back to the Northeast Iowa area, residing in rural Decorah.

Ted had married Holly Lyn Callahan on December 26, 2009, in a small family

gathering. They later had a formal wedding ceremony at St. Patrick Catholic Church, in Waukon, on November 13, 2010. They started their family and lived in Waukon for nine years before Ted joined the Iowa State Patrol. He was a current member of the Knights of Columbus.

After his family and work, Ted loved the outdoors. He enjoyed the simple things, like watching a gentle thunderstorm roll by or listening to the sound of crickets at night. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, always looking for an opportunity to go out, whether it was bow or shotgun season or looking for deer, turkey, pheasants, and mushrooms.

After his daughters grew older, Ted took them with him and taught them everything they would need to know.

He was very proud his daughters took an interest in hunting. He was not only a valuable part of the Department of Public Safety, but he was more importantly a loving husband, father, son, and brother. Even after Ted's death, he continued his public service through being an organ and tissue donor and will continue to live on in the lives of his recipients.

Ted is survived by his wife Holly of rural Decorah, four daughters: Madilyn (11), Avery (8), Vivyan (3), and Sylvia (3 weeks old); his parents Lawrence and Marsha Benda of Waukon; three brothers: Tim of Reedstown, WI, Tom (Jennifer) of Postville, and Travis (Ashley) of Waukon; father and mother-in-law Jim and Cindy Callahan of Lansing; sisters-in-law Heather (Todd) Corwin and Hannah (Jason) Steiber, both of Lansing; and nieces and nephews: Liam, Rose, Jason, and Clara Benda, Addison and Abigail Schnuelle, Lydia and Isabelle Corwin, and Delainee, Clayton, and Creed Steiber.

He was preceded in death by his sister Tanya Schnuelle in 2019, his grandparents, and other loved ones.

Honorary casket bearers were District #10 Troopers, Marquette DCI Agents, Ted's beloved friends, and the class of 2002. Casket bearers are the Iowa State Patrol Honor Guard.

Polk County Sheriff's Office News

By Admin. Asst. Monique Rodriguez
Polk County Sheriff's Office

The following are some of the Polk County Sheriff's Office awards, hosted events, community events and parades, new hires, and promotions that have taken place over the last few months.

MAJOR EVENTS

- Sheriff Kevin J Schneider was recognized for 40 years of service with the PCSO;
- New Patrol Headquarters to open in the next few weeks.



Lifesaving Award recipients: Deputies Jarred Mumm, Mike Hake and Kurt White.

LIFESAVING AWARD

- Sergeant Bill Matzdorff was awarded a Lifesaving award for his actions on January 15, 2021.
- Deputy Jarred Mumm was awarded a Lifesaving Medal for his actions on January 15, 2021.
- Deputies Devan Cahill and Jacob Cappelle were awarded a Lifesaving Medal for his actions on February 5, 2021.
- Deputies Donald Kay, Kirsten Nystrom, and Mitch Turner were awarded a Lifesaving Medal for his actions on February 19, 2021.
- Communications Specialist Maggie Brodeur was awarded a Lifesaving Medal for her actions on April 22, 2021.
- Deputies Mike Hake and Kurt White were awarded a Lifesaving Medal for their actions on June 24, 2021.
- Sergeant Anthony Ferlitsch was awarded a Lifesaving Medal for his actions at the Dam to DSM race on August 28, 2021.
- Citizen Lifesaving Award ceremony to recognize Kimberly and Russell Lawrence and John Wilson for their actions on February 18, 2020 (delayed event due to Covid restrictions)

HOSTED EVENTS

- Des Moines Refugee Support Golf Outing Summer Program
- Elkhart Bicycle Helmet Safety
- Safety City at Elkhart Fire Department Annual Hog Roast
- Grimes Safety City
- Bondurant Safety Village
- Coffee with the PCSO at Polk County Senior Centers

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ EVENTS

- IACP-TV
- PCSO Senior Lunch Distribution
- Governor's Day Kiddie & Grand Parades – Johnston
- Bondurant Summerfest Parade
- With Dignity & Honor Unclaimed Veterans Service Procession – West Des Moines
- Green Days Parade – Johnston
- Elkhart City Festival Parade
- Urbandale Strong Always Parade
- West Des Moines Independence Day Parade
- PCSO recognized as "All-Star Iowans" at the Drake Character Counts Event
- Iowa State Fair Parade
- Meals from the Heartland
- NAMI Walks Your Way Iowa – Johnston
- Grimes Appreciation Luncheon
- Faith at Work Luncheon

PROMOTIONS

- Chief Deputy Robert Stanton
- Chief Ken Pilch
- Captain Brandon Bracelin
- Captain Mark Mohr
- Captain Matt Mertens
- Lieutenant Ryan Evens
- Lieutenant Trevor Barber



New Polk County S.O. Patrol Headquarters

- Sergeant Wade Jackson
- Sergeant Angela Wong
- Sergeant Matthew York
- Detective Jamie Aiken
- Detective Haleigh Rees
- Deputy Preston Hoyt
- Deputy Brian Kopf
- Detention Facility Superintendent Joshua Jacquin
- Detention Supervisor Nicholas Brooks
- Detention Supervisor Brett Hughes
- Utility Response Team Joshua Black
- Public Safety Communications Supervisor Travis Bell
- Public Safety Communications Manager Nick Brockman

NEW HIRES

- Chief Steven Hoffman
- Deputy Sarah Barber
- Deputy Javier Cortez
- Deputy Joshua Cronin
- Deputy Jason Ferguson
- Deputy Preston Hoyt
- Deputy Brandon Hull
- Deputy DaeJohn Love
- Deputy Trevor Martin
- Deputy Carlos Patino
- Deputy Amos Purcell
- Deputy Chad Van Lennep
- Deputy Andrew Walles
- Deputy Mark Vandeverter – Metro STAR Dive Team



The Polk County Sheriff's Office held its first "PCSO Safety Village" in Bondurant on August 7 in the Bondurant-Farrar Middle School parking lot to encourage interaction and shared education. Kids received a check mark at each booth they visited, and with at least five check marks could receive a gift at the PCSO booth. Free popsicles were given to kids and coffee for adults.

“Squirrel Cage Jail Museum” in Council Bluffs Joins “Old Cedar County Jail” in Tipton as Official ISSDA Museum

Sgt. J.W. LeMaster

Pottawattamie County Sheriff’s Office
and Vice President of the
Historical Society of Pottawattamie Co.

Sheriff Andy Brown and the Pottawattamie County Sheriff’s Office are proud to announce that our very own “Squirrel Cage Jail Museum,” which is owned and operated by the Historical Society of Pottawattamie County, is now an official ISSDA Museum.

The “Old Cedar County Jail” located in Tipton, Iowa, had been the only official ISSDA Jail Museum for many years. As of the April 2021 ISSDA Board of Directors meeting, it was made official that the Squirrel Cage Jail will also now be known as an official ISSDA Museum. The Squirrel Cage Jail will retain its formal name and distinction, however “unofficially” it will also now be known as the “ISSDA West Museum.”

What does this mean?

The Squirrel Cage Jail Museum will be able to promote and advertise this unique distinction, and will also now be one of the two facilities for sheriff’s offices to donate artifacts to be put on display. In fact, with many thanks to Sheriff Brian Gardner (Linn County Sheriff’s Office), the first official donation of artifacts to be put on display has already been delivered. The package contained 26 unique antique badges, along with a few old shoulder patches from various sheriff’s offices from across the State of Iowa.

The museum will also be setting up a new large display telling the history and story of the Iowa Sheriffs’ Association, the Iowa Deputies’ Association, and how they combined to become what we now know as the Iowa State Sheriffs’ & Deputies’ Association.

How can you help?

The museum has always been set up to tell the story of the Pottawattamie County Sheriff’s Office, former employees, and even some of the more famous and infamous inmates it housed... But now, they want to tell a much larger story. The museum wants to tell YOUR story, the story

of your agency and personnel (both former and current). There are many ways that this can be accomplished, and the easiest way is by donation and/or loan. You can choose to just donate items, or you can do either a permanent or temporary loan. Regardless of how you choose to contribute, the Museum Manager will catalog and document any and all items received. A copy of the documentation will be provided back to you and if the items are just on temporary loan, they can be picked back up whenever you need the items back. The museum is also listed as a true 501(c)(3) charitable organization, which is helpful if you plan to deduct any monetary donations on your federal taxes.

Museum Season Hours:

April 1st – Oct. 31st

Days / Times:

Thursday - Saturday - 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday - 11a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sundays - 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Non-Museum

Season Hours:

November 1st – March 31st

Days / Times:

Saturdays 11a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sundays 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Admission Fees:

\$7/adult, \$5/kids, children under 6 are free. Military and Senior discounts are available.

*Prices will be changing soon to include ISSDA Member discounts and group rates.

If you haven’t been to the Squirrel Cage Jail lately, or like some people have never visited at all, it’s time to plan a trip. The museum is located at 226 Pearl



This Iowa map quilt showing the shoulder patch of every Sheriff’s Office in the State of Iowa was hand made by Stephanie Oostra, whose husband was a Lyon County Deputy but is now an ISP Trooper. Mrs. Oostra permanently loaned the quilt to the ISSDA West Museum in the new Iowa State Sheriffs’ and Deputies’ Association display area of the Squirrel Cage Museum in Council Bluffs.

Street in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and the staff and volunteers are ready and willing to help you “take a step back in time.”

www.squirrelcagejail.com

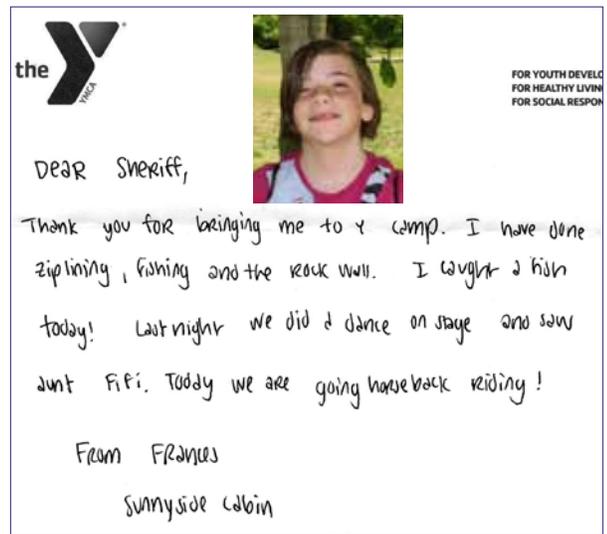
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For inquiries or to donate artifacts, please feel free to reach out direct!

Thanks to Sheriffs & Deputies for Y-Camp!



Association scholarship news

Eleven \$1,000 ISSDA Evelyn Covington Scholarships Awarded to Graduating Senior High School Children of ISSDA Members

Bradyn Mack



Bradyn Mack, the daughter of Buena Vista County Jail Corporal Scott Mack and Pochahontas County Jail Supervisor Molly Montage of Newell, plans to study criminal justice: criminology at Buena Vista University.

Corben Pilch



Corben Pilch, the son of Polk County Deputy Ken Pilch and Kathy Pilch of Ankeny, plans to study biology at Wartburg College.

Emily Herbst



Emily Herbst, the daughter of Black Hawk County Deputy Mark and Shelley Herbst of Denver, plans to study nursing at Hawkeye Community College and Allen College of Nursing.

McKenna Riess



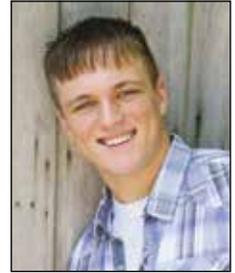
McKenna Riess, son of Muscatine County Sheriff Quinn Riess and Becky Riess of Muscatine, plans to study animal science at Iowa State University.

Sydney Kennedy



Sydney Kennedy, the daughter of Dubuque County Sheriff Joe Kennedy and Alana Kennedy of Dubuque, plans to study at Des Moines Area Community College.

Brantly Palmer



Brantly Palmer, son of Levi and Louisa County Jail Administrator Kristi Palmer of Morning Sun, plans to study industrial and commercial wire at Northwest Iowa Community College.

Brynn Nickle



Brynn Nickle, the daughter of Ringgold County Chief Deputy Nathan Nickle and Stasia Nickle of Clearfield, plans to study agribusiness at the Des Moines Area Community College.

Olivia Murry



Olivia Murry, the daughter of Davis County Deputy Robert Murry and Jessica Murry of Ames, plans to study fashion merchandising at Iowa State University.

Madison Maifeld



Madison Maifeld, the daughter of Hardin County Correctional Officer Duane Maifeld and Becky Maifeld of Hubbard, plans to study nursing at Des Moines Area Community College.

Rylie Patrie



Rylie Patrie, son of Floyd County Deputy Josh Patrie and Tara Patrie of Charles City, plans to study animal science at Iowa State University.

Elizabeth Rose Hogrefe



Elizabeth Rose Hogrefe, daughter of Wright County Chief Deputy Jeremy Hogrefe and Jennifer Hogrefe of Eagle Grove, plans to study nursing at Morningside College.

Please note: Funding for the 11th Evelyn Covington Scholarship was provided as a gift by a generous donor.

Jackson County Sheriff's Office Hires Three Deputies: Melissa Schmidt, Scott Heiar and Thomas Allen

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office has hired three new deputy sheriffs.

Deputy Melissa Schmidt is a 13-year veteran police officer who served Bellevue, Preston, and Sabula Police Departments.



Previously, she had been the Chief of Police for Preston and Sabula. Schmidt took a break from law enforcement and taught alternative high school for 13 years in Clinton and Goose Lake. Most recently, she has worked the last four years for the Bellevue P.D. Deputy Schmidt is also a nationally registered paramedic who works for Paramount EMS and Bellevue EMS. She is a graduate of the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy, Mount Saint Clare College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in education, and is a graduate of NICC's Paramedic program. In her free time, Schmidt is an avid SCUBA diver who recently completed

her Rescue Diver Certification. She is happily married to Dan and has six children.

Deputy Schmidt is looking forward to serving the citizens of Jackson County as a Jackson County Sheriff's Deputy. She is also the first female deputy Jackson County has ever hired, and she will be graduating Oct 29th with our new K-9, BonO.

Deputy Scott Heiar is the son of Roger and Lou Ann Heiar. Scott grew up in the rural Bellevue area, attended Bellevue Community School, and graduated in 2006.



Afterwards, he attended the University of Dubuque and graduated in 2010 with a Bachelor of Art in criminal justice.

Scott started his law enforcement career in Preston when he was hired part time in 2010. From 2012 to 2014, Scott worked at the Clinton County Sheriff's Office as a correctional officer in the jail, while continuing as a part-time officer for the City of Preston until 2014, when he accepted a full-time position with them. In 2015, Scott was also hired as a part-time Deputy with the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, where he filled in whenever needed.

Scott has served the citizens of Preston as the Chief of Police for the last six years. Scott accomplished his career goal

of becoming a full-time deputy this month through his determination, hard work and willingness to cover numerous hours for the Sheriff's Office. Scott would like to express his appreciation to both retired Sheriff Russ Kettmann and newly elected Sheriff Brent Kilburg. Both Sheriffs collaborated during their transition phase to hire Scott to ensure the citizens of Jackson County maintained the level of coverage they deserve in light of some retirements that needed replacing when Sheriff Kilburg took office at the beginning of January.

Deputy Thomas Allen (TJ) and his wife are originally from the Maquoketa area. He received his Associate of Arts Degree in criminal justice from Clinton Community College, and his law enforcement certification through the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. In his first five years of law enforcement, he has been a member of the Special Response Team (SRT), Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), was a Field Training Officer (FTO) and has been trained in a multitude of other law enforcement areas. Outside of work, he enjoys riding his family's side-by-side and spending time with family and friends.



Henry County Sheriff's Office Hires Arturo Perez-Tafolla as Deputy Sheriff

Arturo Perez-Tafolla was hired as a deputy sheriff by the Henry County Sheriff's Office on August 30. Deputy Perez-Tafolla grew up and graduated high school in Washington, Iowa. He served in the Iowa Army National Guard, and worked for Iowa

Department of Corrections and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, as a correctional officer. Deputy Perez-Tafolla put himself through the Missouri Law Enforcement Academy, and then worked at the Moniteau County Sheriff's Office in California, Missouri.



Deputy Presented Life Saving Award

Johnson County Deputy Austin Jiras and Solon Fire Department Save Three Lives in Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Call

By Detective Sgt. Alissa Schuerer
Public Information Officer
Johnston County Sheriff's Office

On April 16, 2021, at 5:29 a.m., Deputy Austin Jiras responded to 1824 Racine Ave N.E. in Solon for a report of three individuals who were overcome by carbon monoxide poisoning.

When Deputy Jiras arrived and attempted to enter the home, he was met with a powerful odor of natural gas. Recognizing the dangerous environment inside the home, he returned to his squad car and donned an air pack. Deputy Jiras, who is also a member of the Williamsburg Volunteer Fire Department, is trained to wear an



Deputy Austin Jiras with his Award.

air pack and keeps a spare pack in his patrol car.

Deputy Jiras entered the home, where he first assisted the male caller to get outside. He then returned inside and located an incoherent female in the living room and assisted her outside. By this time Solon Fire Department arrived, and Deputy Jiras and Solon Fire Fighters reentered the home and removed an unconscious female from the third floor.

All three of the victims were transported to the hospital and have fully recovered. There is no doubt that Deputy Jiras' readiness, quick actions and remarkable courage were instrumental in saving the lives of these citizens. Deputy Jiras was presented a Life Saving Award by Johnson County Sheriff Brad Kunkel.

Linn County Deputies Oltmann, Steines and Patterson Earn Medals of Merit for Intervening/ Saving a Suicidal Person's Life

During the late evening hours of July 25, the Linn County Sheriff's Office received a call from a motorist advising of a teenager sitting on the Highway #13 railroad bridge south of Central City.

The motorist informed the call taker the teenager seemed very distressed. Deputies Elliott Patterson, Derek Steines, and Matt Oltmann were dispatched to the call. Given the circumstances of the call and having dealt with a similar situation recently, Deputies Steines and Oltmann believed this could be the same teen and passed this information along to Deputy Patterson so that he could more easily make a connection with the teenager. When Deputy Patterson arrived on scene four minutes later, he observed the teenager straddling the railroad bridge guardrail

roadway. Fearful how this incident might end, medical personnel were summoned to stage nearby. When Deputies Steines and Deputy Oltmann arrived on scene shortly thereafter, they also tried to engage the teenager in conversation since they had dealt with him before. The deputies all con-

and Deputy Patterson continued to talk to the teenager as a distraction, while Deputies Steines and Oltmann moved in close enough to allow them to grab onto the teenager, remove him from the guardrail, and direct him onto the bridge surface. Deputy Patterson also helped control the teenager,



Deputies Matt Oltmann, Elliott Patterson, and Derek Steines.

and noticed what appeared to be a utility knife in one hand. Deputy Patterson also observed the teenager had injuries to his leg that appear to be self-inflicted from the knife. Deputy Patterson attempted to calmly engage the teenager in conversation, but was unsuccessful. The teenager adjusted his position and placed both legs over the edge of the bridge, sitting on the guardrail over the railroad tracks with his back to the

continued to try to make a connection with the teenager, but he refused to listen, saying his life was not worth living and he wanted to end it all. The deputies talked with the teen for more than 30 minutes, but were unable to make much progress. Concerned about what he might do, Deputy Patterson convinced the teenager to drop the knife, and he began to crying uncontrollably. The deputies took the opportunity to move closer

who was actively resisting. After a few seconds, the deputies were able to gain control of the teenager, place him in restraints, and call for the waiting medical crew to assess and treat his injuries. The teenager was then transported to a local hospital for a mental health evaluation and treatment.

If it were not for these deputies teaming up and patiently and successfully working together, this teenager might have succeeded in taking his own life. Because of their actions, it is now possible for the teenager to get the help he so desperately needs, and Sheriff Brian Gardner presented Deputies Elliott Patterson, Derek Steines, and Matt Oltmann with Medal of Merit commendation awards for their successful intervention with a suicidal individual on July 25, 2021.

Deputy Kent Gries Presented INOA Medal of Valor; Matt Losee Hired as Deputy; Two Dual-Purpose K-9s Added

In December of 2020, Sheriff Marty Arganbright hired Matt Losee. Deputy Losee is a native of Waukee, and graduated from Waukee High School in 2002. Prior to his employment with the Guthrie County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Losee was employed by the Polk County Sheriff's Office for nine years as a jailer.

After being hired, Deputy Losee successfully completed training at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy and graduated in August 2021 as part of the 297th Academy class. Deputy Losee has successfully completed his field training program and has already become a valued member of the Guthrie County Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Losee, his wife and two children reside in Panora.

charitable contributions from citizens and local organizations. The list of donors is too numerous to enumerate. The Guthrie County Sheriff's Office would like to express their sincerest gratitude to the donors who make the K-9 program possible.

Deputy Gries Awarded Iowa Narcotics Officers' Association (INOA) Medal of Valor

On June 16th, Guthrie County Deputy Kent Gries, a 15-year veteran of law enforcement, was awarded the Medal of Valor during the 16th annual Iowa Narcotics Officers' Association Conference held in West Des Moines.

The citation on the Medal of Valor reads, "The INOA Medal of Valor is awarded to you (Deputy Gries)

for your act of extraordinary bravery and heroism performed in the line of duty during an exchange of gunfire and subsequent arrest of Randall Comly in Stuart, Iowa, on October 17th, 2019. You, along with other law enforcement personnel, went well above and beyond the call of duty in your acts of bravery, displaying a tremendous amount of courage while knowingly facing imminent danger." Signed J. Douglas Hurly, INOA President.

Deputy Gries was awarded the Medal of Valor for his part in the apprehension of a violent life-long criminal, Randall Comly. Deputy Gries and three other law enforcement officers were searching an apartment attempting to locate Comly on Clarke County arrest warrants. Comly opened fire on Deputy Gries and other officers at close range while springing from a closet. Deputy Gries and Officer DeFrancisco of the Stuart Police Department immediately returned fire on Comly, disabling him and stopped him from attempting to murder the four-officer team.

Comly later surrendered to Iowa State Patrol negotiators. Randall Comly was sentenced to 40 years in federal prison in the fall of 2020.



Chief Deputy Jeremy Bennett (L), Deputy Matt Losee, and Sheriff Marty Arganbright (right).

Guthrie County Purchases Two Dual-Purpose K-9s

The Guthrie County Sheriff's Office recently purchased two dual-purpose K-9s in the fall of 2020. Sheriff Arganbright purchased the K-9's from Blue Streak K-9 out of Jonesboro, Arkansas.

K-9 Urs has been partnered with Deputy Shane Jones; K-9 Dart has been partnered with Deputy Matt Harmann. Both K-9's and their deputy partners were certified in December of 2020.

The highly trained dogs have greatly assisted the Guthrie County Sheriff's Office in removing illegal controlled substances from Guthrie County.

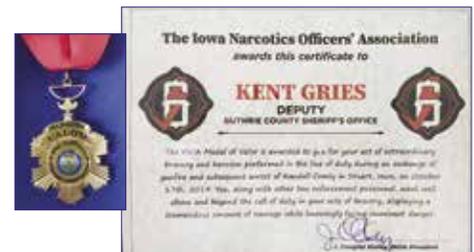
The K-9 program has been funded by



Deputy Shane Jones with K-9 Urs (left) and Deputy Matt Harmann with K-9 Dart.



(l to r) Deputy Taylor Wheatley, Deputy Todd Thorn, Deputy Kent Gries with award, Sheriff Marty Arganbright, and Deputy Blake Michelsen.



ISSDA Expands Regional Leadership Training

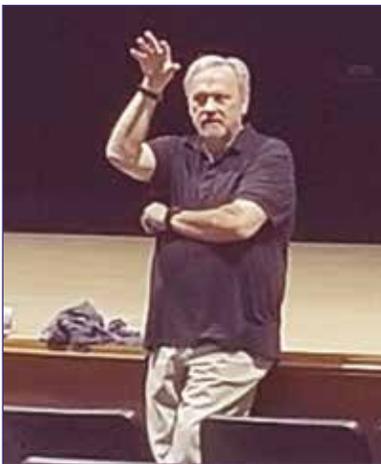
By Sheriff Bill Sage (Retired)
ISSDA Treasurer/ Financial Director

Last year, the ISSDA Board voted to extend regional training to locations around Iowa, hosting four-hour leadership classes taught by longtime officer and expert Dr. Jack Enter. Jack focuses on the following agency problems in these classes:

Law enforcement agencies continue facing significant challenges in organization and operations. And one of the more pressing issues facing law enforcement agencies may be the failure to consistently provide law enforcement training, includ-

ing following leadership principles they've learned in their training programs. Law enforcement seems to take the "path of least resistance" when dealing with problems or in communicating to others. This "wide road of mediocrity" is believed to be the primary path of most law enforcement failures, and have become a significant form of stress and frustration for the law enforcement culture. The Jack Enter program examines why these problems occur, and the practical methods that law enforcement personnel, managers and supervisors can use to become effective officers and leaders. And together, we can walk the narrow

road as well as be effective leaders – both at work and at home. The first regional training was scheduled for June 2020, but due to COVID-19 the training was rescheduled for November 2020. We were able to complete one day in November before COVID-19 restrictions were implemented, and the training was moved to June 2021. A year later, the training was held in Storm Lake, Waterloo, Nevada, Washington and Atlantic. Over 120 individuals were trained over this five-day period. Responses from attendees were very positive. Watch for the next regional training in late September and early October.



Law Enforcement Support Group "SOS" Makes Large Donation to Webster County Sheriff's Office

By Sheriff Luke M. Fleener
Webster County Sheriff's office

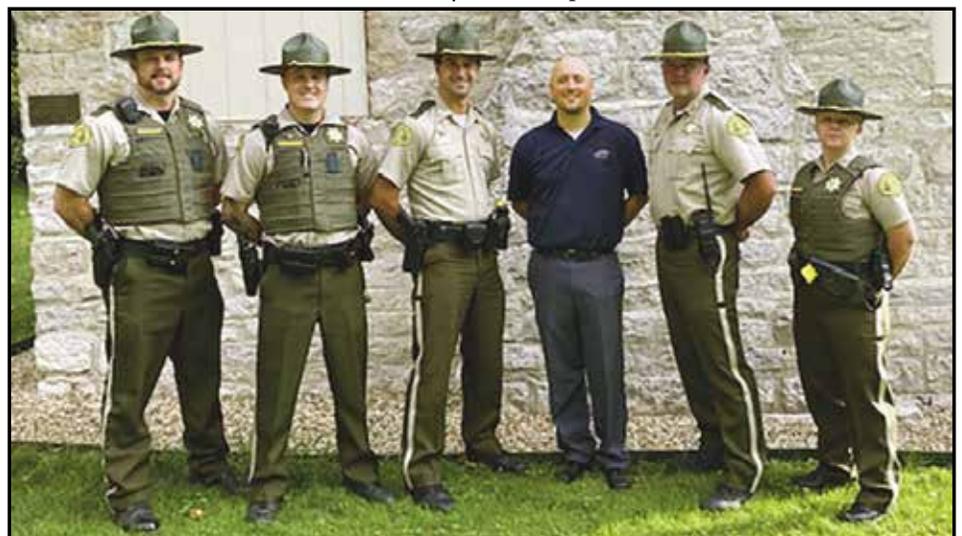
At the right is a photograph from September of this year. Our local non-profit "Serving Our Servants" (SOS) raised funds to purchase everyone in our Office class A dress hats – approximately \$4,000 dollars.

This SOS group was founded by the late Pastor Al Henderson in 2019 to show support for local first responders. At that time, Pastor Henderson was serving as our local police chaplain and became a valued member of our law enforcement community

Tragically, he was murdered at his church in late 2019. Pastor Henderson's support of first responders still lives on in the current group of citizens, who routinely provide support services for local first responders. The current SOS organization has

about 60 members and they are currently lead by T.J. Pingel, a longtime family friend of the Henderson's. The Webster County

Sheriff's Office was extremely grateful for the purchase of the class A dress hats for our Deputies. Thank You!



Retired Johnson County Sheriff/ ISSDA Past-President Lonny Pulkrabek Presented Iowa State Assn. of Counties Golden Eagle

By Brian D. Gardner

Linn County Sheriff

During the general session meeting held during its recent annual conference, the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) presented retired Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek with the ISAC Gold Eagle.

Sheriff Pulkrabek worked 35 years with the Johnson County Sheriff's Office, including serving four terms as Sheriff just prior to retiring at the end of last year. His dependability, initiative, and nobility earned him the respect of both the citizens he served and other law enforcement professionals.

Specifically, his tenure's accomplishments in mental health diversion and jail alternatives are used as models throughout the United States. As a long-time member and 2017 president of the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association (ISSDA), Lonny worked closely on legislative issues that positively impacted public safety, including enhancing texting and distracted driving laws, and prioritizing funding for 911 public safety answering points. Lonny was a long-time member of the ISAC Board of Directors and President in 2018.

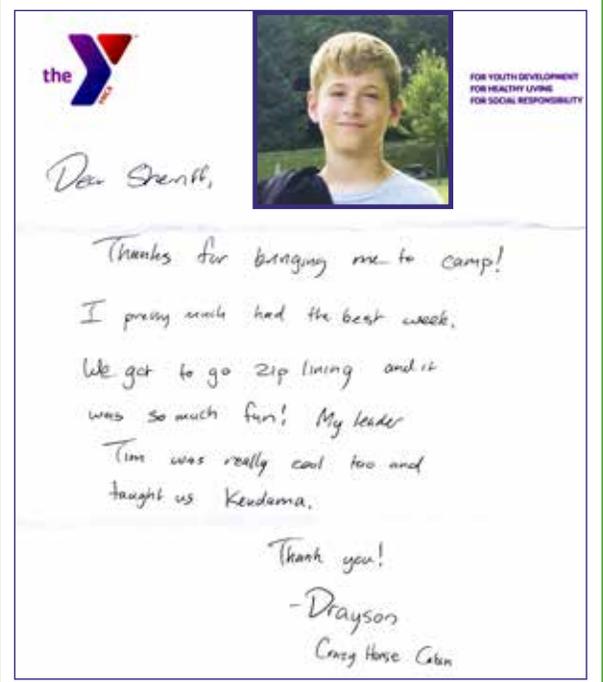
From his first day on the Board, he was a strong proponent and cheerleader for ISAC, encouraging County employees across the state to participate in the Association's functions and fundraising efforts. During his time in County government, Lonny visibly cared deeply about people and found ways to bring them together for the greater good. This was true in his County, law enforcement, ISSDA, ISAC, and beyond. Since 2010, ISAC has annually honored one individual as an ISAC Golden Eagle, which was created to recognize and honor individuals who have provided extraordinary public service to county government through ISAC and/or the National Association of Counties (NACo). Golden Eagle Honorees are selected from nominations submitted to the ISAC Golden Eagle Committee, which consists of board and staff members. The Committee then submits its recommendations to the ISAC Board for approval. Eligible nominees include current or former elected and ap-



Left to right: ISAC President Carla Becker (Delaware County Auditor), Retired Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek, ISAC 2nd Vice-President Brian Gardner (Linn County Sheriff), and ISAC Executive Director Bill Peterson.

pointed county officials, business or civic leaders, ISAC preferred vendors, persons providing assistance to counties as trainers, consultants or advisors, and former members of ISAC staff. Current ISAC board members and staff are not eligible for nomination. Golden Eagle honorees are selected on the basis of their service to county government through ISAC and/or NACo, including leadership in ISAC and ISAC-affiliated boards, NACo service, service on state or national boards or commissions, service to counties in training, education and development of local leadership, advocacy for counties and good local government, and assistance and support to counties.

Letters of Thanks from Kids Who Attended Sheriffs' & Deputies' Y-Camp 2021



ISSDA Civil School Held April 11-14 at Holiday Inn Des Moines-Airport/ Conference Ctr: “Prescriptions for Your People Problems,” Stress, Civil Issues

Registration with a welcome reception was held on Sunday night.

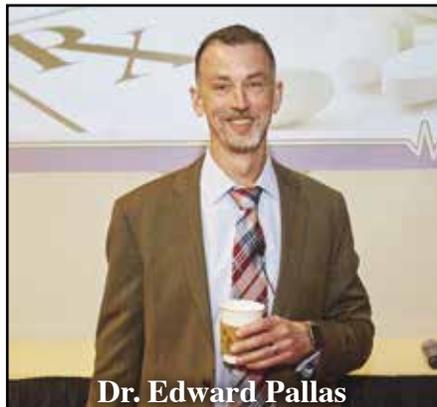
On Monday, registration continued with the ISSDA sales booth and several other vendors open.

Following the ISSDA Honor Guard and opening ceremonies, the all-day session was conducted by Dr. Edward Pallas who gave an informative and entertaining presentation on Leadership and Personalities, followed in the afternoon with a presentation on Understanding Stress.

A hospitality followed with a “bags” tournament in the evening. There were 16 teams competing, with the winning teams each receiving a set of “bag boards.”

On Tuesday morning, the group split into “Civil 101” presented by Deric Oshel and Diana Wilharm, and “Sex Offender Registry” with Cheryl Nolan, Iowa DCI.

There was a round-table discussion about Jail Room & Board moderated by Sheriff Tony Thompson, with the ISSDA Jail School



Dr. Edward Pallas

Committee also in attendance. A subcommittee made up of Jail Committee members and Civil Book Committee members will meet to come up with a procedure to be included as a section in the Civil Book.

Weapons permit updates were presented by Rusty Ringler and UCAPPS updates by Brenda Burditt, Iowa DCI, followed with an overview of the new legislation signed by Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds.

After lunch, Webster County Sheriff Luke Fleener instructed “Civilian Active Attack Training,” explaining it was geared toward the civilian employees and jailers attending, but also covered things to be aware of when we are not working and out in public. He gave pointers to the sworn officers on questions they may receive about what to do in an active shooting situation.

Attorney Peter Arling discussed levies and out-of-state judgments, exemptions, charging orders and various other civil topics. The afternoon concluded with the Civil Panel (Peter Arling, Randy Rowland, Kathy Battani, Heidi Hilton and Luanne Paper) taking questions, and everyone enjoyed the live entertainment of Beau Timmerman. On Wednesday morning, Dr. Jerome Greenfield, M.D., the Iowa DOC DFAPA Health Service Administrator, gave an update on “Drugs of Misuse and Effects in the Community.” Tom Peterson, Chief Deputy at Dallas County, gave legislative updates as our final speaker.

Rescheduled ISSDA Winter School 2020 Held March 2 - 5, 2021

By Lt. Chad Cribb
ISSDA Past President

The 2020 Winter School was postponed from its normal time in December due to COVID-19. The Association Board decided we should still try to have this School, even at a later date, as it is one of our bigger schools. As with everything else this last year, we had to adapt and be flexible on how we do business. We worked with the Airport Holiday Inn to obtain future dates to ensure we could provide this school. After securing a few potential dates, we waited to see if the COVID-19 restrictions were lightened up. We then began having conversations with all of the speakers we had lined up to see if any of the potential dates would work for them.

Low and behold, some of the restrictions were lifted. We then scrambled to get our speakers lined up for the date we found worked best. Yes, it was not our normal Sunday-Wednesday schedule, but we could make Tuesday to Friday work. We utilized Tuesday afternoon for our second installment of the New Sheriff’s School, and that would go right into the Winter School. We worked with the hotel to ensure we had set up the school

to reflect the COVID-19 guidelines as far as the grab and go meals, seating with 6 feet of distance in class, and the option to wear masks if the attendees chose to do so. We also modified the amount of people (dignitaries/guests) allowed to attend the banquet to keep it safe and manageable within the guidelines. Our attendance was down a little from years past for obvious reasons (COVID-19), but we did have more than 100 attendees. We had Vendors attend – again, not as many as normal – but COVID-19 has affected not only us, but everyone, and it shows. We are extremely pleased with how the 2020 Winter School came together and have it be a success. There was a lot of extra work done by the Schools Committee and the Board to ensure the suc-

cess of this school. We did receive a lot of positive feedback from those who attended, and we thank you for that. We want to thank each and every one of you for attending! A Huge Thank You to the vendors who came and those who sponsored our lunches, breaks, dinners and provided door prizes. This was a small step forward in trying to get back to doing business as normal. Again, “Thank You” for attending the school and supporting your Association We greatly appreciate it! We hope we are on the down side of COVID-19 so we can continue to provide all our normal schools to you, as well as the one-day trainings we are putting on. Please check out the ISSDA website for information and the one-day traveling training. Thank you all for your support!



New sheriffs’ training at the rescheduled 2020 Winter School in March.

NAMI South Central Iowa Presents Appanoose Co. Sheriff Gary Anderson “Compassion in Crisis Intervention Award”

Dec. 22, 2020. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) South Central Iowa chapter presented their 2020 “Compassion in Crisis Intervention Award” to Appanoose County Sheriff Gary Anderson.

NAMI affiliates around the country host annual events to honor the work of law enforcement officers and emergency personnel who demonstrate compassion and understanding when dealing with individuals in mental health crisis.

This Award to Sheriff Anderson is believed to be the first one given in Iowa, according to NAMI South Central President-Dewey McConville.

“NAMI values the opportunity to say ‘thank you’ and raise the profile of successful crisis-intervention trained officers, like this law enforcement office in Appanoose County,” McConville said. “Sheriff Anderson was the overwhelming choice for the inaugural award, as he has for many years treated our citizens with dignity and respect, seeking treatment options first if



possible, rather than incarceration for persons in mental health crisis.

Due to the excellent example provided by Sheriff Anderson and his insistence that all deputies take the 40-hour crisis intervention training, Appanoose County

citizens are very fortunate to have a police force that shows our citizens respect and compassion at a time of crisis.”

The NAMI South Central Iowa regional chapter serves Appanoose, Wapello, Davis, and Mahaska Counties.

Hancock County Sheriff’s Office Reunion

Hancock County sheriffs (left to right): Sheriff-elect Robert Gerdes Jr. was a Hancock County deputy sheriff from 2005-2020; Sheriff Scott Dodd served as Hancock County Sheriff from 2005-2020 and a Hancock County deputy sheriff from 1979-2005. Retired Sheriff Robert Gerdes served as Hancock County Sheriff from 1999-2005, and was a Hancock Co. deputy sheriff from 1976-1999. Retired Hancock County Sheriff Dave Michel served as sheriff from 1976-1998 and as a Hancock Co. deputy sheriff from 1973-1976.



Clinton County S.O. Updates

Bill Greenwalt began his 4-year term as the Sheriff of Clinton County on Jan. 2, 2021. Sheriff Greenwalt previously served as Deputy Chief at the City of Clinton Police Department, where he served for 29 years.

Part-time **Bailiff Matthew Walker** has been hired.

Deputy Kolton Steward graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy 295th Basic Training Class on Dec. 18, 2020.



Retired U.S. Marshal Doug Strike Donates 1930 Ford Model A “Paddy Wagon” to ISSDA/ Squirrel Cage Jail Museum

By Sgt. J.W. LeMaster

Pottawattamie County Sheriff’s Office

Thanks to a generous donation, and a few local historians, there will be a piece of law enforcement history that will soon be on display at the Squirrel Cage Jail Museum (ISSDA West Museum) in Council Bluffs.

This 1930 Ford Model A ‘Inmate Transport’ or ‘Paddy Wagon’ was donated to the Squirrel Cage Jail and will add to the mystery and uniqueness of the museum. It will help continue to tell the story of law enforcement and, of course, the Iowa State Sheriffs’ and Deputies’ Association.

Not only is this donation beautiful to look at, it also tells a story of years gone by. We will be able to explain to visitors how inmates were handled and transported back then and we will be able to show a comparison of how new ‘Transport Vans’ have changed in the last 90+ years of when it was used.

This donation was made possible because of two key people: Bill Sage and Doug Strike.

Bill Sage, as we all know, has been involved in law enforcement for many years and, unbeknownst to most of us, is somewhat a historian himself. Thank you Bill!

Doug Strike’s career is amazing in and of itself. He was Chief of Police in Iowa Falls from 2001 to 2006 and served with the Chickasaw County Sheriff’s Office from 1977 to 2001, including 20 years as Chief Deputy. He is a past president of the

Iowa State Sheriffs’ and Deputies’ Association. Most recently, Doug retired as U.S. Marshal of the Northern District of Iowa.

Doug’s love of law enforcement, and honestly in public safety as a whole, is evident when you meet with him and talk with him. I personally was proud of myself as a self-taught historian in the public safety field, but it was evident when I met with Doug in his home that I have much more to learn. Doug’s collection of artifacts and his eagerness to teach and explain things was awe-inspiring.

Doug, we can’t thank you enough for this donation and can’t wait to start showing it off. I am excited to not only show it off locally, but we would love to have it on display at a future State Fair so that more of the public can see and appreciate its beauty. We are already working out details for upcoming events that will highlight the ISSDA from the past to the present, and to wherever the future may lead.

Retired U.S. Marshal Doug Strike talked about his paddy wagon: “I purchased the rig in 2011. It came out of New Jersey and it was known as a ‘husker truck’



used for delivering fruits and veggies. It soon started to take on the look of a paddy wagon with the help of my son-in-law, Andy Toomer. He is a top notch welder and made the cage for it. Also helping was my son, Andy Strike. The chase was on to locate a period correct siren, red light and spot light.

When this was done, it was off to parades and car shows. Also helped several sheriffs’ campaigns for re-election. Now it has a new home and I am happy that it will get more exposure than I could give it, having fallen on some health issues. I look forward to seeing it from time to time and I know it was the right thing for me to do.”

Former Black Hawk Helicopter Crewman William Keenan Hired as Monona County Deputy

The Monona County Sheriffs Office’s most recent hire is Deputy William Keenan. Deputy Keenan is the son of Bill and LuAnn Keenan. He grew up in Onawa and attended West Monona High School, graduating with the class of 1997. He served in the United States Armed Forces for 10 years as a Black Hawk crew member and as a Military Police

Officer, with one deployment to Iraq in 2004-05.

Deputy Keenan currently lives in Onawa with his wife, Sara, and their three daughters. He previously worked as a police officer for the City of Onawa since 2016. His first day with the Sheriff’s Office was December 21, 2020, and he looks forward to serving the citizens of this great county.



ISSDA 2021 Jail School Featured Author/ Sheriff Mark Lamb on Safety/ Security Challenges, and SolutionPoint+ on Intervention Training

By Tiffany Mass, M.A., CJM

Pottawattamie County Jail Administrator

The ISSDA Board of Directors and the Jails Committee are pleased at the turnout for the September 2021 ISSDA Jail School. We can no longer call it the “Annual Jail School” because we will be adding a second ISSDA Jail School in February 2022. Efforts are being made to have the February 2022 Jail School mirror the September 2021 so that the same great information can be shared with more jail employees across the state.

In September, we welcomed Sheriff Mark Lamb of Pinal County Arizona and author of *American Sheriff: Traditional Values in a Modern World*. Sheriff Lamb discussed the TV show “60 Days In,” and explained the safety and security challenges that made him want to host the show, what he learned from the show, and some of the safety and security changes that were made as a result. Sheriff Lamb also discussed safety challenges to being a county

on the country’s southern border, including human trafficking and the increasing spread of fentanyl, which we are seeing in Iowa.

Laura Roan, of the Polk County Attorney’s Office, discussed several topics and cases that are current legal challenges for jails. Legal issues for jails are constantly changing, so it is important to keep up on them and learn from what others are doing. As always, with any information presented on legal issues, it is important that your office leadership and/or your local county attorney determine what is best for your individual jail/county.

We also welcomed Joe Smarro and Jesse Trevino of SolutionPoint+, from Houston, Texas. SolutionPoint+ is the premier mental health and wellness training and consulting company in the nation. They specialize in crisis intervention training models that rely on collaborative partnerships within communities and aim for cultural change within law enforcement agencies. Their work focuses on individuals and prioritizes self-awareness,

self-care and introspection as structural components of their program. Both Joe and Jesse are USMC combat veterans and former Mental Health Police Officers.

Joe was featured in the HBO Documentary, “Ernie and Joe: Crisis Cops.” Joe and Jesse love coming to Iowa and look forward to returning in February.

Thank you to all of the sheriffs who attended and allowed staff to attend Jail School, to all the attendees for your participation and attention during training, and thank you to all the participating vendors that continue to help make the ISSDA schools successful.

The February 2022 ISSDA Jail School will be at the Airport Holiday Inn February on 15-18, 2022. Note: this is a Wednesday-Friday class, beginning at 0800 Wednesday, February 16, 2022, and ending no later than 1 p.m. on Friday, February 18, 2022. The evening of February 15 will be similar to what you are used to seeing on Sunday evenings at previous jail schools. Mark your calendars!



Sheriff Mark Lamb



Smarro & Trevino: SolutionPoint+



The ISSDA Jail School Committee at the September 2021 Jail School.

Monroe County Sheriff’s Office Uses Donations from People and Businesses for Two K-9 Teams, Training and Equipment

By the Monroe Co. K-9 Program

The Monroe County Sheriff’s Office would like to recognize the citizens and businesses that made donations to the K-9 fund.

These donations allowed the Sheriff’s Office to send two deputies and K-9s to get training and equipment. The continued work done with this program will help this community in many different ways. Deputy Joe Worth (left photo) trained with his K-9 partner Dexter, a 2.5-year-old German Shepard, trained in explosive detection, tracking, handler protection, article and building searches, and criminal apprehension.

Deputy Josh Farrington (right photo) trained with his K-9 partner Tora, a 2-year-old German Shepard trained in narcotic detection, tracking, handler protection, article and building searches, and criminal apprehension. Both Deputies and their K-9 partners spent a month away from home attending intense training, and their training continues daily. They will recertify every year to verify they have maintained the proper training and required work necessary to meet the qualifications of state and federal laws.



Deputy Worth & K-9 Dexter; Deputy Farrington & K-9 Tora

Rx Abuse Leadership Initiative (RALI) of Iowa Paid for Eight “Prescription Drug Drop Boxes”



Story County Capt. Nicholas Lennie and Sgt. Elizabeth Quinn with the Sheriff’s Office Prescription Drug Drop Box.



Humboldt County Sheriff Dean Kruger with his Office’s drug drop box.



Henry County Sheriff Rich McNamee



Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber



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‘Iowa Take Back’ Drug Drop Off Box Located in Front of (Fayette County Sheriff’s Office) Law Enforcement Center

By Jack Swanson
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Fayette County Sheriff Marty Fisher has made it easier than ever to dispose of expired or no longer in use prescription drugs.

A new “Take Back” drop off box is now located right outside the door at the Fayette County Law Enforcement Center in West Union’s Industrial Park. It is available 24-7 for disposal of drugs that people are trying to dispose of.

“Before, people had to come inside to drop off the drugs for disposal. Now they can just drive up, get out of their car and drop it off. This works a lot better, especially in this time of Covid,” Fisher pointed out.

Fisher said the drop off will be a safe place for the drugs before they are properly disposed of. “If a person needs to clean out their medicine cabinet, instead of dumping the prescription drugs in the trash, they can bring them here.

This is just a better way to help keep drugs out of the hands of those who might abuse them. It also reduces a safety hazard, keeping the drugs away from children,” he pointed out.

According to the Iowa Governor’s Office of Drug Control, prescription drug abuse is a growing concern in Iowa, due to the misuse of prescription painkillers (opioids, anti-depressants, anti-anxiety medicines, stimulants, and others medicines). “When not used as directed, controlled substances can lead to behavioral disorders, addiction and even death. This is also true of heroin, increasingly used by some as a substitute for opioid pain medicine,” a spokesperson said.

The State “Take Back” program endorses the proper disposal of controlled prescription drugs. The program urges monitoring your medicines at home and disposing of them in a safe manner (not flushing, unless so directed by your pharmacist), to prevent the diversion and abuse of prescription drugs and protect Iowa’s water supply.

The Fayette County Law Enforcement Center is now one of about 306 law enforcement centers and community pharmacies that have established permanent Take Back collection boxes.

Items accepted include prescription medications, patches, ointments, medication for pets, and over-the-counter drugs, but items like syringes and inhalers/aero-



Fayette County Sheriff Marty Fisher recently announced that a new “Take Back” prescription drug drop off box is now located near the entrance to the Fayette County Law Enforcement Center in West Union. (From *Union Echo Leader*).

sols are not accepted.

For information on Sharps disposal, go to: https://www.iowadnr.gov/Portals/idnr/uploads/waste_sw_sharps.pdf

Iowa State Patrol Sgt. James K. Smith — 1969 - 2021

James K. Smith, 51, of Independence, Iowa, died Friday, April 9, 2021, from injuries sustained in the line of duty with the Iowa State Patrol.

Jim was born on Dec. 10, 1969, in Cedar Rapids, the son of Everett and Mary (Milder) Smith. He was a 1988 graduate of LaSalle High School in Cedar Rapids. Jim went on to study criminology at Kirkwood Community College and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Northern Iowa in 1992. He worked as a security guard and later as a counselor at Four Oaks in Bertram, Iowa.

On Aug. 14, 1993, Jim married Kathryn J. Glanz at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids. Together, they had two amazing children, Zander and Jazlyn Smith.

On Dec. 10, 1993, Jim graduated with the 19th Basic Department of Public Safety Academy. Jim and Kathy lived in Fairfield for a few years before making their home in Independence in 1996. Jim was stationed with the Iowa State Patrol District #10 out of Oelwein. In 1994, Jim became a member of the Tactical Team for the Iowa State Patrol. He served 26 years with this team and led them for five. His team – brothers and sisters in blue – were a part of his family.

Jim was a member of Jesup Bible Fellowship. He served God on the Elder Board and through lessons to the congregation and youth



groups. He was also a member of the Praise Team, where he played drums to worship the Lord. Jim's devotion led him to spend time studying the Bible daily. Quality time with his family was most important to Jim. He made them laugh every second of every day, and the memories of wheezing until their lungs hurt will be cherished forever.

Jim will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. He upheld justice, and was a loving husband and father, a comedian, a humble man of God, and a superhero. To this day, nobody has seen Batman and Jim in the same room.

Jim is survived by his wife of twenty-seven years, Kathy Smith, Independence; his children, Zander and Jazlyn, mother and stepfather Mary and Tom Akin, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, a brother Jeff Smith, Wylie, Texas, a sister Michelle "Mouse" Suchomel, father-

in-law and mother-in-law, John and Cindy Glanz, two sisters-in-law, Annie (William) Bulta, and Debbie (Andy) Van Ommeran, and several nieces and nephews.

He is also survived by many extended family members, and his brothers and sisters in blue.

He is preceded in death by his father, Everett Smith, and his grandparents, Ralph and Mary "Bert" Milder and John and Elsie Smith.

Visitation was April 15. His funeral service was April 16 at the Independence High School Gym. Pastors Matt Perez, Zane Hall, and Paul Heppner officiated.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider making donations to the Official Iowa State Patrol Sgt. Jim Smith Memorial Fund at BankIowa, 230 1st St. East, Independence, IA 50644. (The family intends to establish a memorial scholarship in remembrance of Sergeant Smith).

This obituary does not fully describe our man of God. Jim Smith lived his life with integrity and morality serving Jesus as his Lord and Savior – he was the "Real Deal!" We are sure that when Jim met God in heaven, he heard a proud, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

To leave an on-line condolence please go to www.reifffamilycenter.com under obituaries.

The Buchanan County Sheriff's Office posted in Facebook on April 10: "We stand in solidarity with the Iowa Department of Public Safety, the Iowa State Patrol and our fellow law enforcement and public safety agencies as we mourn the tragic loss of Sgt. Jim Smith on April 9, 2021. Sgt. Smith was based out of Iowa State Patrol Post 10 (Oelwein) and worked closely with law enforcement agencies in and around Buchanan County. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends and all of the Troopers and staff of the Iowa State Patrol, as well as with all those involved in the incident mitigation and response."

Iowa State Senator Craig Johnson of Independence posted in Facebook on April 10: "Jim Smith will be remembered by me as a friend, loving husband and dad who just adored his children. He was honest and forgiving, and cared for every human life and did so with a seriously funny personality. The last time I spoke with Jim he was sitting down to give blood and was dressed as the Trooper he was. I remember thinking at that moment, what more is this guy willing to give? That is Jim Smith. Thank you for your service and may we all be better for knowing you."

Members of the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association from a number of Iowa counties attended Sgt. James Smith's funeral in Independence, Iowa,



Sgt. James Smith was honored with a standing room only service at Independence High School.





“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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The 2021 ISSDA Board of Directors: Front Row (l to r): 2nd V.P./ Sgt. Shawn Ireland; Past-President/Lt. Chad Cribb; President/ Sheriff Tony Thompson; Secretary/Capt. Randy Rowland; First V.P. /Sheriff Jason Sandholdt.

Back Row: Deputy-At-Large Board Member/ Lt. Matt Hendricks; Sheriff Board Member/ Sheriff Kory Elston; Deputy At-Large Board Member/Sgt. Elizabeth Quinn; Civilian Board Member/ Office Deputy Dawn Disney; Sheriff Board Member/ Sheriff Keith Davis; Sheriff At-Large Board Member/Sheriff Dave McDaniel.