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ISSDA at the 2014 Iowa State Fair



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Your ISSDA Honorary Membership Means Better Training for Us, Better Service for You

As I write this article, I think about my time serving on the Board of Directors of the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association, and what you – the Honorary Members – mean to this Association.

Because of all of you, the Association can provide better training to all of the individuals who work within the Sheriffs' Offices in the State of Iowa.

And because of you, our Honorary Members, we can touch the lives of many individuals in very positive ways.

I am assisting approximately 30 Oskaloosa High School seniors who have been working hard to provide a better Christmas for approximately 70 elementary age students who, through no fault of their own, may not have had any kind of Christmas. These types of programs make us stop and



Deputy Don De Kock, ISSDA President

think about the blessings we have received, and maybe, more importantly, where we have come from and where we are headed.

I have been blessed to work for a Sheriff's Office. I have been blessed to be part

of a great Association that cares about its members and the people we truly work for – you, the public.

So, again, I want to say "Thank You" to each of the Honorary Members who support this Association, and by supporting this Association each of you supports each one of us.

My hope and prayer is that you will have a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

I would like to end this article with the saying I have ended all of the articles I have written for our Gold Star Magazine, and that is simply this:

"Always keep the wind at your back, the salt spray in your face, and never forget whose hand is on the tiller."

Don De Kock

Clayton Co. Dispatcher Bahls Earns Life Saving Commendation



On February 25, Clayton County Sheriff Michael Tschirgi (right) and Chief Deputy Ryan Johnson presented Dispatcher Kathy Bahls a Life Saving Commendation bar and certificate. On February 17, Dispatcher Bahls answered a 911 call on an unresponsive female. Dispatcher Bahls, a 28-year veteran of the Sheriff's Office, calmly instructed the caller through CPR until the local first responders arrived, which resulted in saving the woman's life.

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ISSDA Winter School 2013 Taught

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

The Iowa State Sheriffs' & Deputies' Association 2013 Winter School of Instruction convened at the Embassy Suites in Des Moines from Dec. 8 – Dec. 11.

On Monday morning, a warm welcome was provided by ISSDA outgoing President Jerry Dunbar (Washington County), and host Sheriff William McCarthy (Polk County).

The presentation of the flags was made by the Polk County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard, and the invocation given by Deputy Don De Kock, Mahaska County.

The entire morning session was a presentation on human trafficking with speakers Don DeKock (Mahaska County), Deputy Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller, Iowa Attorney General Investigator Mike Ferjak, Johnson County Lt. Kevin Kinney, DCI Agent Holly Witt, DCI Intern Joe Tafta, and Chrysalis Foundation President Terry Hernandez. The group detailed past cases in Iowa, and the current trends toward an increase.

Following lunch, which was provided this year by WReeves and Associates, the seminar, "Jail Diversion Programs," was presented by Jessica Peckover (Johnson County), Sara Carver (Black Hawk County), and Dave Higdon (Polk County CPC).

The next seminar was on the IOWA Face Program, by the University of Iowa Injury Prevention Research Center. This



Stephen Gower

agency contacts sheriffs' offices for information after work-related fatalities.

Monday afternoon concluded with an update on the "Iowa Broadband for Public Safety" by Sgt. Tom Lampe, with DPS, and Jim Bogner, State-wide Interoperability Coordinator. They discussed the future of our own band for data, video, etc.

On Monday evening, Vendors' Night was held with door prize drawings.

All of Tuesday morning was dedicated to Stephen Gower's seminar, "What Do They See When They See You Coming." Gower has made presentations all over the U.S. and abroad.

During lunch, sponsored by Shive-Hattery, the annual Past Presidents Luncheon was held.

The membership then held their Annual Business Meeting. Just prior to the meeting, a group sheriffs' photo was taken (see



Tackling Human trafficking: DCI's Holly Witt, Chrysalis Foundation's Terry Hernandez, Johnson County's Lt. Kevin Kinney, the Iowa Attorney General's Mike Ferjak, and Mahaska County's Don DeKock held a human trafficking training session.

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Tuesday evening was the President's Banquet with 2013 president, Washington County Sheriff Jerry Dunbar, presenting the gavel for 2014 to Mahaska County Deputy Don De Kock. ISSDA

Gold Star Awards were presented to Iowa Sen. Steve Soddors and Iowa Rep. Chip Baltimore for their work and support of Iowa law enforcement efforts. Entertainment following the banquet was provided by Billy Heller.

On Wednesday morning, Bremer County Detective Dave MacDonald and Fayette County Chief Deputy James Davis reviewed the Maynard bank robbery. This concluded the 2013 Winter School.



Training class speakers: In the left photo are Johnson County Jail Diversion Coordinator Jessica Peckover, Polk County CPC Dave Higdon, and Black Hawk County's Sara Carver; Center: Iowa DPS Sgt. Tom Lampe and Statewide Interoperability Coordinator Jim Bogner; Right photo: Fayette County's James Davis and Bremer County's Dave McDonald.

Human Trafficking, Maynard Heist



The ISSDA Board of Directors for 2014: Sheriff Jerry Dunbar, past-president (Washington County); Office Deputy Dawn Disney, civilian board member (Poweshiek County); Sheriff Brian Gardner, secretary (Linn County); Deputy Bill Ayers, at-large deputy (Cass County); Deputy Don De Kock, president (Mahaska County); Sheriff Gary Launderville, at-large sheriff (Buena Vista County); Major John Godar, first vice-president (Linn County); Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek, second vice-president (Johnson County); Chief Deputy Jared Schneider, second vice-president (Washington County). Not shown: Chief Deputy Ryan Johnson, at-large deputy (Clayton County); Sheriff Wade Harriman, at-large sheriff (Ida County), and Deputy Josh Hammen, deputy board member (Pocahontas County).



Iowa sheriffs who attended the ISSDA Winter School on December 8-11, 2013.

ISSDA's Y-Camp: Overcoming Challenges

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

Ninety-nine campers from all across the State of Iowa came, and enjoyed, all of the fun and relationship-building programs at camp this year.

The campers stayed in cabins 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 a more in-depth instruction in the activities they choose during what are called "Pathways."

Afternoons were spent with 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!"

Y-Camp is a great place for kids to learn more about the outdoors, and experience challenges and programs they hadn't been exposed to before. Through those experiences of overcoming challenge, they grow to become more confident individuals and realize a new sense of accomplishment and self worth. Camp teaches children social skills and fosters 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 they can build friendships and learn new skills. It also allows them to take time away from their busy and stressful lives, and enjoy time in nature, singing 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 nine-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!



Brings Kids Personal Growth (And Fun)



Poweshiek County Sheriff Tom Kriegel with (left to right) Y-Campers Izayah Hooven, Brydon Henning and Lucas Rowland from Montezuma Community School.



Clayton County Law Enforcement Association Names Brent Ostrander “Law Enforcement Officer of the Year”

The Clayton County Law Enforcement Association (CCLEA) has announced Investigator Brent Ostrander of the Clayton County Sheriff’s Office as the 2013 Clayton County Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

The announcement follows the 2012 decision by CCLEA members to establish the annual award. All nominations for the award come from peers who work within Clayton County.

Investigator Ostrander is a veteran of law enforcement with over 11 years of experience. He is currently assigned as an investigator with the Clayton County Sheriff’s Office. Investigator Ostrander has become a staple in training for area law enforcement, and currently holds the elected position of President of the CCLEA.

He has earned several specialized certifications, including instructor of defensive tactics and the ASP baton for the Sheriff’s Office, is an expert in use of force and has been a member of the County’s Special Operations Group. His experience, leadership, and understanding of criminal law has emerged as a huge asset to the Sheriff’s Office, but an even

larger one to the citizens it protects. His expertise in the difficult areas of law enforcement allows other officers to do their jobs with confidence and reason when seeking his advice. As an investigator, he has successfully helped bring a large number of difficult, high-profile and sexual assault cases to justice. Investigator Ostrander is tireless when a case comes across his desk.

For these reasons, the Board members of the CCLEA believe Investigator Brent Ostrander embodies the characteristics of a well-rounded law enforcement officer and is deserving of such an award. Brent is a second-generation peace officer, following in his father’s footsteps. He also has a brother, Jack, in law enforcement.



Left to right: Investigator Brent Ostrander (CCLEA president), Vice President Mitch Seitz, Treasurer Tim Engelhardt, and Sergeant-at-Arms Randy Klein.

Brent, his wife and their two children live in the Elkader, Iowa area. Investigator Ostrander was presented his award during the February 2014 CCLEA business meeting.

Present at the time were approximately 25 Association members from multiple jurisdictions in Clayton County.

ISSDA President Don De Kock Participates in Human Trafficking Bill Signing at Iowa Capitol

On April 24, Iowa State Sheriffs’ and Deputies’ President Don De Kock attended the bill-signing ceremony for Senate File 2311, providing stronger penalties for pimps who traffic underage prostitutes, giving prosecutors more discretion in bringing charges against minors who engage in prostitution and may be human trafficking victims, and establishing an additional fine for offenders of such human trafficking, which goes to a victim fund.

Also signed by the Governor was S.F. 2311, a “social host” law (in the works for nine years) that provides misdemeanor criminal charges for adults who allow underage young people to drink alcohol on property the adult owned, rented or controlled, and makes it illegal for minors to consume alcohol (in addition to previous law prohibiting them from purchasing or possessing alcoholic beverages).



ISSDA Members and Iowa Legislators Got Together to Discuss Priorities during ISSDA Legislative Night



Facing the camera are Iowa Rep. Clel Baudler and Sen. Joe Bolckom. At left facing Baudler is Marshall County Chief Jailer Steve Hoffman, Washington Co. Sheriff Jerry Dunbar, Clay Co. Sheriff Randy Krukow, Black Hawk Co. Sheriff Tony Thompson, and Washington County Chief Deputy Jared Schneider.



From the left are Iowa Sen. Amy Sinclair, Marion County Sheriff Jason Sandholdt, and Worth County Sheriff Jay Langenbau.



From left to right, Muscatine County Chief Deputy C. J. Ryan (at left with back to camera), State Sen. Chris Brace, Muscatine Co. Sheriff Dave White, Lee Co. Chief Deputy Scott Bonar, Sen. Rich Taylor, and Lee Co. Sheriff Jim Sholl.



From left to right are Linn Co. Major John Godar, Iowa Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds, ISSDA Lobbyist Susan Cameron, and ISSDA President Don De Kock.

**Your Iowa State Sheriffs' & Deputies' Association
Honorary Membership renewal application
will be mailed to you in mid-January**

Pottawattamie County L.E. Agencies Selling Law Enforcement Cancer Awareness T-shirts

By Cpl. Jason LeMaster
Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office

Purchase your 2014 Pottawattamie County Law Enforcement cancer awareness tee shirts now at the Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office and the Council Bluffs Police Department.

The law enforcement cancer tee shirts concept started in September 2011, when an idea was brought to Pottawattamie County Sheriff Jefferey Danker to help promote Cancer Awareness by creating and selling a law enforcement version of the popular pink cancer awareness shirt. With his approval, a design was created to include local area law enforcement.

The law enforcement version of the shirt depicted a patrol car and SUV surrounded by Law Enforcement patches representing the Avoca Police Department, Carter Lake Police Department, Council Bluffs Police Department, and Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office.

Of course, the shirt wouldn't have been an awareness shirt without the well-known pink ribbon and the slogan, "Law Enforcement - Care enough to wear pink."

From its original concept, these shirts were designed to promote all cancer awareness with money raised being donated to the Alegent Health Oncology Center at Mercy Hospital in Council Bluffs. The success of this program wouldn't have been possible without the support of each perspective chief of each police department, Sheriff Danker, and the Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors.

The local Law Enforcement Community hopes to continue our



fundraising efforts and raising awareness for cancer research. The 2014 edition of the "Law Enforcement - Cancer Awareness" tee shirt is currently available.

This year's design features a lavender ribbon to bring awareness to All cancers!

Linn County Deputies Alan Bennett (left) and Taylor Buhmeyer Given Life Saving Medals for Stopping Jail Suicide Attempt by Hanging

On January 21, 2014, Deputy Taylor Buhmeyer was conducting an hourly cell check in the administrative segregation unit of the Linn County Jail when he observed the face of the inmate in that unit to be dark purple in color.

Deputy Buhmeyer then observed that the inmate had an unknown item tied around his neck.

Deputy Buhmeyer alerted other staff members over the radio that there was a suicide attempt in the unit.

Deputy Alan Bennett was one of the first responders to arrive to assist. Deputies Buhmeyer and Bennett entered the cell and were able to remove a pair of socks that the

inmate had tightly tied around his neck in an attempt to restrict his airway.

Once removed, the inmate began breathing normally and his normal color was restored. The inmate was transported to the hospital as a precaution, where he was evaluated and subsequently returned to the jail population.

Deputies Taylor Buhmeyer and Alan Bennett were instrumental in saving the life of this inmate, and because of their actions they were awarded the Life Saving Medal by Sheriff Brian Gardner.



Life Saving Awards Given to Deputy Eliason, Nurse Maynard and C.O. Gunzenhauser



Deputy Kevin Eliason, Nurse Christina Maynard, and Correctional Officer Melissa Gunzenhauser received Life Saving Awards.

On Nov. 19, 2013, a male inmate who was being held on charges was placed in a single cell on 3rd floor of the Linn County Correctional Center.

After having just conducted a required cell check, at approximately 1630 hours, Deputy Kevin Eliason returned to the cellblock to pass medications. While there, another inmate directed Deputy

Eliason to look in the cell of the aforementioned inmate. Deputy Eliason went to the cell and observed the inmate on the floor with a piece of sheet wrapped around his neck. Deputy Eliason immediately called for assistance on his portable radio.

Nurse Christina Maynard responded and assisted Deputy Eliason in supporting the inmate's head to relieve tension from the sheet that was wrapped around his neck. Correctional Officer Melissa Gunzenhauser responded to the cellblock with the suicide knife. Deputy Eliason, Nurse Maynard, and Correctional Officer Gunzenhauser were able to cut the tightly tied sheet from the neck of the inmate, allowing him to breathe without obstruction.

The inmate was transported to a local hospital where he received medical treatment and was ultimately returned to the jail the same day.

Although several staff members had responded and assisted in this medical emergency, it was the quick actions of Deputy Eliason, Nurse Maynard, and Correctional Officer Gunzenhauser that were instrumental in saving the life of this inmate.

Because of their actions, Sheriff Brian Gardner awarded Deputy Kevin Eliason, Nurse Christina Maynard, and Correctional Officer Melissa Gunzenhauser with Life Saving Medals for the act of saving a life on November 19, 2013.

Dep. James Dunn Presented Life Saving Award

On January 20, a medical call was dispatched in Hiawatha. A hysterical female caller advised she was in a vehicle in a parking lot with a child who was not breathing.

Deputy James Dunn was in the immediate vicinity and responded to the incident, arriving within one minute after the call was dispatched. Upon his arrival, Deputy Dunn located an unresponsive five-year-old boy in a child safety seat in the rear of the vehicle.

The child appeared extremely cyanotic, almost bluish in color, and his eyes were rolled back into his head, appearing as though he had suffered a seizure. Deputy Dunn was able to extract the boy from the child safety seat and

place him on the trunk of the vehicle, where he was able to open the child's airway. In doing so, the child began to regain consciousness, but with extremely shallow respirations. Rescue personnel arrived on scene shortly thereafter and took over care of the child.

The child was transported to a local hospital where he made a full recovery.

Although Deputy Dunn's actions may have been simplistic in nature, due to the boy's positional asphyxiation they were instrumental in saving the life of this child. Because of his actions, Deputy James Dunn was awarded the Life Saving Medal by Sheriff Brian Gardner.



Deputy James Dunn

Clay County Hires Ash, Ortiz Retires



On Oct. 26, Clay County Deputy Julian N. Ortiz advised he was 10-42 for the final time, retiring after 25 years in law enforcement.

Deputy Ortiz served ten years in the United States Marine Corps, 2nd Force Reconnaissance Company, as a Force Recon Operator, earning the Naval Achievement Medal twice in 1987. Following his service to the Marine Corps, Deputy Ortiz began his law enforcement career in 1990 with the Alta Police Department, and graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy in the 121st Basic class. He was promoted to police chief in 1991 and served until 2001, being

recognized by Gov. Terry Branstad as Iowa's first Hispanic police chief. Deputy Ortiz served the Buena Vista and Clay County Sheriff's Offices as a part-time deputy from 2001 until becoming a full-time deputy for Clay County in 2009. Deputy Ortiz was an excellent public servant to the citizens of Clay County, providing a caring and service-oriented attitude to the end. His presence and leadership will be missed.



The Clay County Sheriff's Office hired Shaun Ash to join their jail staff on November 3.

Ash comes from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He is a recent graduate of Coe College, and is in the process of moving to Spencer, in Clay County.

Ash is quickly learning his duties as a correction officer at the Clay County Jail, and Sheriff Randy Krukow said he looks forward to having him become another quality employee of Clay County.



Lee County and Des Moines County Sheriffs' Offices Announce Kirstin Kramer as Community Transition Coordinator (CTC)

The Lee County and Des Moines County Sheriff's Offices have welcomed Kirstin Kramer to their facilities as Community Transition Coordinator (CTC). Kramer is employed by the Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission (SEIRPC).

She will assist inmates who suffer from mental illness as they transition to the community from our correctional environment.

The CTC position is the result of two years of meeting and planning in an effort to implement a jail diversion program. The county jails can only do what their budgets and the current economic trends can support, so it is hoped Kramer can help reduce recidivism of the mentally ill by arranging appropriate services for them as they return to the community.

Kramer was a three-sport athlete in high

school. She and a teammate also won a state science fair competition, earning them an all-expense paid trip to the International Science Fair in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Atlanta, Georgia. Kramer continued sports participation in college, where she became involved with jail-based research. She is an avid reader.

Kramer holds an M.A. in Clinical Psychology and a B.A. in Forensic Psychology. She interned at the Mental Health Institute in Mt. Pleasant, the Scott County Jail in Davenport, and the Iowa Medical and Classification Center at Coralville.

She loves traveling to her sister's sporting events and visiting college friends, and remains active through weightlifting and yoga. Other free time is spent with family oriented activities.



North Liberty F.D. Life Saver Awards Presented to Johnson Co.'s Deputy Landenberg, Two EMTs

On February 5, the North Liberty Fire Department awarded three Life Saver Certificates of Merit to Deputy Chris Landenberg, of the Johnson County Sheriff's Office, and EMTs Captain Dan Dolezal and Firefighter Lynn Burleson.

First responders were called to a residence in Madison Township on December 31, 2013, for a patient in cardiac arrest.

Deputy Landenberg was first on-scene and used an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) to successfully administer two life-saving shocks to the patient.

Firefighter EMTs Dolezal and Burleson assisted with CPR and established an airway before the arrival of Johnson County Ambulance Service paramedics. The patient was transported by AirCare helicopter to the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics, where he remained in stable condition.

"It was a real team effort from everyone involved," said Deputy Landenberg. Early CPR, a quick response, and the availability of an AED led to the positive outcome.

The general public is encouraged to learn hands-only CPR by contacting the American Heart Association or your local fire department for more information.



Life Saver Certificate recipients (left to right) Johnson County Deputy Chris Landenberg and North Liberty Fire Captain Dan Dolezal received their awards from North Liberty Fire Chief Eric Vandewater. Not pictured is Life Saver Award recipient and North Liberty Firefighter Lynn Burleson.

Wright County S.O. K-9 Ali Places First in Regional USPCA Certification Trials

Deputy Adam Nerlien and K-9 Ali participated in the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) annual Certification Trials on March 19 in Marshalltown.

K-9 Ali was one of 46 K-9s to participate in the annual event.

The seven-year-old Dutch Shepherd and her handler of four years, Deputy Nerlien, brought home 1st Place honors in the Vehicle Search category. K-9 Ali was the only dog to score a perfect 100 percent in the vehicle search for illegal narcotics.

The certification trials are held each year, and certify that the handler and canine have been tested under the standards of the United States Police Canine Association, Inc.

"Deputy Nerlien and Ali are a great team, and we're very pleased with their accomplishments at this year's Certification Trials" said Wright County Sheriff Jason Schluttenhofer.



Linn County Sheriff's Office Receives Army Reserve Exemplary Service Commendation

On April 12, Linn County Sheriff Brian Gardner accepted an exemplary service commendation on behalf of his agency from Colonel Cheryl Hand (left), commander of the 4224th U.S. Army Hospital.

The presentation occurred at the Armed Forces Center in Cedar Rapids. The award featured a certificate with USA flag patch, unit patch, and commander's coin.

The Award was provided to the Sheriff's Office for training that the combat hospital personnel received from Linn County Sheriff's Deputies Sgt. Andy Humphrey, John Schuchmann, Chris Smith, and Jason Loftsgard on February 1 and 2.

The training primarily covered building searches and room clearing, but touched on all related basic tactical operation concepts.



Johnson County S.O. Adds Patrol Boat to Meet Increased Demands of Water-Related Calls

Sgt. Brad Kunkel

For many years the Sheriff's Office's presence on the waterways of Johnson County has been limited to two small boats used for dragging and recovery operations.

Yet during his time in office, Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek has observed an increased demand for deputies to respond to water related calls. The majority of calls come from the Coralville Reservoir, a 5,000 acre federal impoundment and Eastern Iowa boating destination that lies at the center of the County.

With the rising number of calls, an increased focus on combatting intoxicated boat operators, and the need for a boat that was more suitable for flood operations, the Sheriff saw the need for a patrol boat.

"We continued to respond to calls for service that often involved investigations out on the Coralville Reservoir," Sheriff Pulkrabek said. "This patrol boat gives us the opportunity to have a presence on the



lake and to address some of the issues that seem to pop up on a crowded reservoir."

In early 2012, Sheriff Pulkrabek tasked Capt. Gary Kramer with finding a boat suitable for the needs of the Sheriff's Office that was within a reasonable budget.

"The Sheriff asked me to look for a boat that would serve a variety of purposes including patrolling our county's lakes and rivers to address the increasing numbers of calls on our waterways in Johnson County," Kramer said.

The search led to the purchase of a 20-

foot Xpress Explorer series with a 115-hp Yamaha engine from Wild Bill's Boats in Mead, Oklahoma. After the boat was purchased and outfitted with equipment, lights, radio system and a cover for the console, the total cost was approximately \$30,000.

The patrol boat was deployed in June of 2012. Since then, it has frequently patrolled the Coralville Reservoir focusing on BWI enforcement as well as assisting the Department of Natural Resources and the Army Corp of Engineers in keeping the water safe for everyone.

Boone County Sgt. Wingate & K-9 Bandit: Certified USPCA Police Dog II – Exceptional

Meet Sergeant Dallas Wingate and Bandit, the Boone County Sheriff's Office K-9 team.

Bandit is a three-year-old German shepherd from the Czech Republic trained by Sergeant Jeff Hopkins (Ret.) of the Niagara Regional Police Service, Ontario, Canada.

Bandit is a multi-use patrol K-9 trained for the detection of narcotics, officer protection and human scent search. Bandit has been in service with the Boone County Sheriff's Office for 13 months, following his initial 15-week training program, and has been instrumental in the location of \$20,000 in illegal narcotics, successfully tracking 35 people, and directly involved in the arrest of 20 suspects.

Bandit is highly skilled in all of his duties; however, he excels in the area of human scent work and recently was the only K-9 awarded certification as Police Dog II – Exceptional, during regional tracking certification trials held in Marshalltown by the United States Police Canine Association.

Over the last year, Bandit took part in several notable cases including a track of four miles through woods and over snow for a burglary suspect, and a three-mile track of a suspect who fled a car accident cross country through cornfields. He was also employed during the Kathlyn Sheppard abduction case, in southern Webster County, in the hope a track could be located indicating that Kathlyn had also escaped her abductor and might be hiding in the woods.

Bandit was also used to safely locate and apprehend a wanted subject hiding in a residence who had escaped from a correctional facility and barricaded himself inside a relative's home.

"A major focus of our K-9 program is the use of the dog to safely locate and bring suspects to justice that attempt to hide or



conceal themselves or evidence of their illegal activity that otherwise may have eluded our detection or placed our officers in undue danger," says Sheriff Gregg Elsberry.

Osceola Co. Deputy Bos Graduates from WIT Regional Academy

Osceola County Deputy Tyler Bos graduated from the Regional Law Enforcement Academy at Western Iowa Tech Community College on March 28.

Deputy Bos successfully completed the eight-week course, and will be completing his on-the-job training with the Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Bos is a graduate of the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice. Pictured at right with Deputy Bos is his mother, Angie Bos, and his father, Lyon County Deputy Rick Bos.



Pottawattamie County Sgt. Pam Bogardus Retires After 38 Years of Service

The Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office announces the retirement of Sgt. Pam Bogardus.

Sgt. Bogardus started working for the Sheriff's Office as a secretary on October 20, 1975. In 1989, she became a civil deputy and attended the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy in 1990.

Sgt. Bogardus was promoted to the rank of corporal on Dec. 18 2006, and then Sergeant on May 7, 2007. She has been an icon at the Sheriff's Office for 38 years.

Although we will miss Pam, she has worked hard all her career and has earned the opportunity to enjoy more time with her family.

Please join us in wishing Pam all the best in her retirement.



Girl Scouts Make Blankets for Kids Facing Trauma

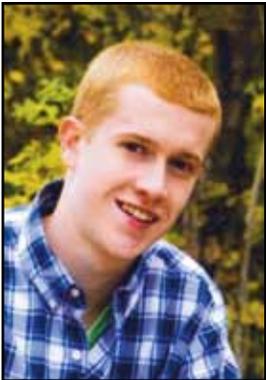


Woodbury County Sheriff's Office Lt. Charlie Hertz is shown with a local Girl Scout troop that took the time to make blankets for small children experiencing traumatic events.

The blankets were bagged and issued to deputies to be kept in their patrol vehicles until needed.



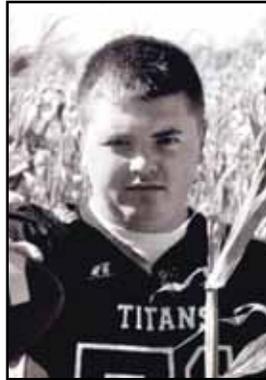
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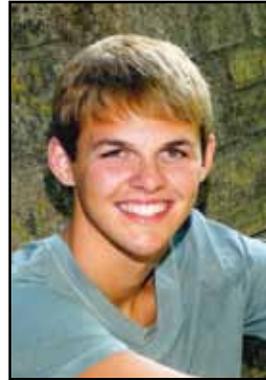
Adam Cain of Goose Lake, Iowa, son of Kevin and Lynn Cain, will attend Kirkwood Community College.



Jordan Drew of Lawton, daughter of David and Jara Drew, will attend the University of Northern Iowa.



Marcus Feldhans of Rockwell City, son of Jeff and Cindy Feldhans, will attend Iowa Central Community College.



Jacob Herbert of Guthrie Center, son of Michael and Nicki Herbert, will attend Des Moines Area Community College.



Gentry Johannes of Bridgewater, daughter of Alan and Linda Johannes, will attend Simpson College.



Levi Pingrey of Carroll, son of Kenneth and Julie Pingrey, will attend Simpson College.



Levi TeBrink of Le Mars, son of Jeff and Mikkel TeBrink, will attend Northwestern College.



Abby Lubeck of Cherokee is the daughter of Jennifer Lubeck.



Zachary Thomas of Ames, son of Barry Thomas and Shelly Bitx, will attend Drury University.



Ali Williams of Danville, daughter of Clint and Susie Williams, will attend Southeastern Community College.

Evelyn Covington Scholarship Award History

About 20 years ago, the Iowa State Sheriffs and Deputies Association (ISSDA) elected at their annual business meeting to support five \$500 scholarships to be called the ISSDA Scholarships.

About 10 years ago, the numbers of scholarships were increased to 10 \$1,000 scholarships. In 2010, the ISSDA board voted to decrease the amount of the scholarship to \$500 due to the downturn in the economy. But in 2014, the ISSDA board

voted to return the amount of the scholarship to \$1,000.00 to the 10 recipients beginning with the 2014 winners.

Applicants must submit an application, an essay of at least 200 words stating any outstanding achievements, extracurricular activities, work experience, etc., that might be helpful to the committee in judging the application; references from three teachers (past or present), and a graduation photograph.

The Scholarship Committee is comprised of ISSDA members who review the applications and make the final determination on scholarship winners at Civil School.

The Scholarship is named after retired Linn Co. Sgt. Evelyn Covington, who was seriously injured and a passenger killed while driving to an ISSDA board meeting in 1991, when her car slid on ice into a median and then was struck by a semi-tractor that lost control on the same ice.

Scott County Sheriff Dennis Conard Receives NSA Traffic Safety Award

At the recent National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) annual conference in Fort Worth, Texas, Scott County Sheriff Dennis Conard received the J. Stannard Baker award for a lifetime achievement in Traffic Safety. The recognition consisted of a large display award and plaque.

Sheriff Conard credits his excellence in traffic safety to good hiring practices that have recruited deputies who have a commitment to traffic safety and holds his officers accountable to practicing traffic enforcement. He implemented hot spot report to dictate increased traffic enforcement areas. Additionally, he uses grant and sheriff budget funds to encourage and orchestrate joint effort; multi-jurisdictional traffic enforcement projects in Scott County and encourages media participation. Sheriff Conard was instrumental in instituting a uniform crash reporting system statewide for analysis, violations, and reporting. He dedicates man hours to youth education programs and seat belt enforcement efforts, alcohol related traffic violations, and is dedicated to Bi-State regional commission on roadway engineering. He also implemented the DDACTS program in Scott County, overlaying crime and crash data for a preemptive approach to traffic issues.

Sponsored by the NSA, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety, and OnStar, the prestigious J. Stannard Baker Award for Highway Safety annually recognizes law enforcement officers



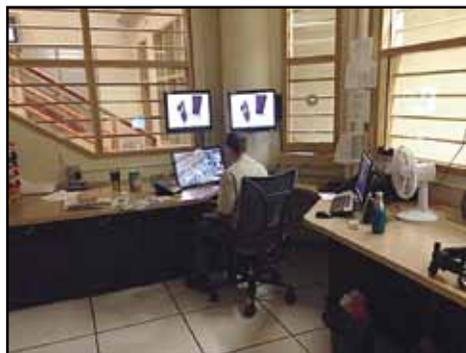
J. Stannard Baker Award Presentation: From Left to Right, Sheriff John Whetsel, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, and Chairman of the Traffic Safety Committee; Mr. George Baker, Global Emergency Services Outreach Manager for OnStar (a sponsor of the award); Sheriff Dennis Conard, Scott County, Iowa; Ms. Joanne Thomka, Program Director, National Traffic Law Center, National District Attorney's Association; Sheriff Michael H. Leidholt, Hughes County South Dakota and 2013-2014 NSA President; and Mr. John W. Marshall, Director, Office of Safety Programs, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

and others who make significant contributions to, or outstanding achievements in, highway safety. The award was named to honor J. Stannard Baker, a former physics professor at Northwestern University who made significant contributions to highway safety. A pioneer in accident reconstruction

investigation, he developed it into a science by applying the laws of physics and developing mathematical equations to assist law enforcement officers in their investigations. The first books on accident reconstruction investigation were written by J. Stannard Baker and are still in use today.

Woodbury County Jail Gets \$1.2 Million in Upgrades and Renovations

The above are photos of the newly renovated Master Control and Booking areas of the Woodbury County Jail. The renovations are a part of \$1.2 million dollar project to upgrade doors and electronics controlling the doors in the jail, increase in the square footage of the existing booking lobby, and 57 new cameras with two years of video retention capability.



Convoy of Hope Sioux City Provided groceries, medical care, hair cuts and more in September

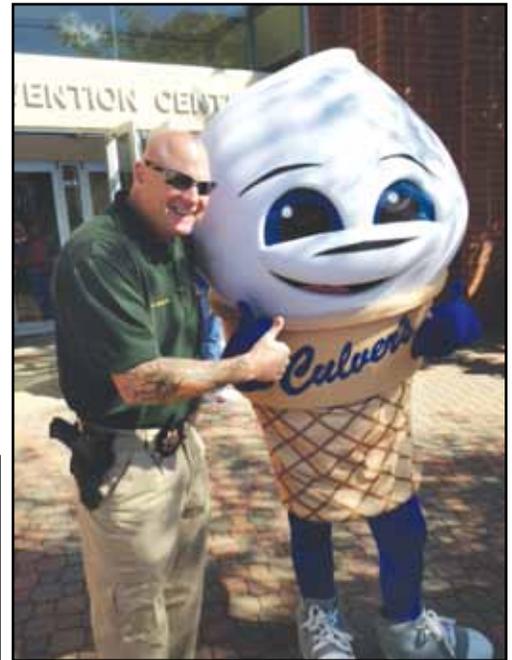
Convoy of Hope is a non-profit organization that has helped more than 67 million people throughout the world by sharing food, water, emergency supplies, agricultural know-how, and opportunities that empower people to live independent lives free from poverty, disease and hunger. Convoy of Hope does this by mobilizing tens of thousands of volunteers each year.

On September 13, Sioux City area businesses, churches and community organizations sponsored a citywide community outreach Convoy of Hope at the Sioux City Convention Center, providing free groceries, medical care, hair cuts and more along with children's activities and live entertainment.

In providing these services, volunteers connect with their community, and guests are shown love and respect regardless of age, race, or physical appearance.



Above is Woodbury County Sheriff Dave Drew, Mayor Bob Scott and reserve deputies at Convoy of Hope Sioux City, held in the Convention Center.



Woodbury County Major Greg Stallman enjoyed the day at the Convoy of Hope Sioux City with the Culvers Ice Cream Guy.

Linn Co. Deputy VanWeelden Presented Life Saving Award

On Saturday, May 17, a female inmate was booked into the Linn County Correctional Center awaiting her court appearance.

The inmate was placed into an administrative segregation cell due to a previous injury that she had on her wrist when she arrived at the jail.

Later that evening, unbeknownst to the jail staff, the female inmate took the gauze from her bandaged wrist and wrapped it around her neck, tied it in a knot and then lay down on the bunk with her head facing away from the door.

Video later verified that one minute later, while completing a required cell check, Deputy Tythe VanWeelden attempted to speak with the inmate through the cell's



observation door and observed that she appeared to be crying. Deputy VanWeelden attempted to get the inmate to sit up and speak with him, but she did not comply.

Deputy VanWeelden immediately called for assistance and he, along with other deputies, entered the cell to check on the inmate's status. When they did so, they heard the inmate gasping for air. They

then observed that the inmate had tied the gauze tightly around her neck, obstructing her airway.

Deputies immediately removed the gauze and due to the swift actions of Deputy VanWeelden and the others, it was determined that the inmate did not need additional medical attention due to this incident.

Although there were several staff members who responded to and assisted in this incident, the actions of Deputy VanWeelden were instrumental in saving the life of this inmate.

Because of his actions, Sheriff Brian Gardner awarded the Life Saving commendation award to Deputy Tythe VanWeelden for the act of saving a life.



“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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This is a photo of the Iowa State Sheriffs’ & Deputies’ Association Honor Guard at the Iowa Department of Public Safety’s Oran Pape State Office Building, taken by Hardin County Sheriff’s Office Jail Administrator Nick Whitmore.