



The Gold Star

4th Quarter 2024 Volume 42, No. 4

Official member publication of the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association (ISSDA)

Sheriffs' and Deputies' Y-Camp 2024: Six Days of Personal Growth and Relationship Building through a Long-Standing Partnership



See Y-Camp Article and more photos on Page 10 of *The Gold Star*

**TRADES
ACCEPTED**

IOWA'S #1 FORD LINCOLN DEALER*

**MUNICIPAL
FINANCE AVAILABLE**

"18 years of State Bid Headquarters"

All new 2024 Ford Utility Interceptor & F150



**Units inbound
NOW for 2024
delivery-reserve yours
today.**

The 2024 Ford Utility Interceptor

choose from 3 engines: Optional-EcoBoost
Standard with Hybrid, Optional-V6 engine
The only Police vehicle with a 75mph rear crash rating.

2024 Ford F150

Standard with EcoBoost Engine
2023 Ford F150 Special Service
Vehicles also available.

SERVICE & PARTS OPEN LATE AND ON SATURDAYS!

View our police interceptor specific website at
www.stiverspoliceinterceptors.com



Rob Long Dalton Geneser

SALES

Contact: Dalton Geneser
dgeneser@stiversfordia.com

Rob long
rlong@stiversfordia.com

1-800-747-2744



ON THE WAUKEE SIDE OF WEST DES MOINES

1-800-747-2744 www.stiversfordia.com

*Sales ranking based on car and truck sales report of the Kansas City Region of Ford Motor Company and Lincoln Motor Company for 2023



STIVERS MIDWEST PRO UPFITTERS



* registered trademarks



STIVERS MIDWEST PRO UPFITTERS



-HONESTY -INTEGRITY -FOLLOW UP

1450 E. HICKMAN ROAD
WAUKEE, IA 50263
STIVERSUPFITTERS.COM

ROB LONG
RLONG@STIVERSFORDIA.COM
(319) 721-5224

PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLE EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION

(319) 721-5224

STIVERSUPFITTERS.COM

Moving to a new address?
 Change your address
 so you don't miss
 the next issues of your
 Iowa State Sheriffs' &
 Deputies' Association (ISSDA)
 membership magazine –
 “The Gold Star.”
 Change your address or other
 information by logging into
 your member account at
issda.org

AMANA
 FURNITURE &
 CLOCK SHOP

**CUSTOM PLAQUES, AWARDS,
 & PERSONALIZED CLOCKS**

For those who deserve the very best

For more information or to place a custom award order,
 contact Amy Krotz at (800) 247-5088 or akrotz@amanas.net

INTEGRATED PUBLIC SAFETY SOLUTIONS



ShieldWare® CAD
Computer Aided Dispatching

ShieldWare® Mobile
Mobile Data Solutions

ShieldWare® RMS
Record Management System

ShieldWare® Civil
Civil Processing Solution

ShieldWare® JMS
Jail Management System

ShieldWare® NCIC
Certified NCIC Interface

SHIELD TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION

13439 Milltown Road Phone: 800.476.5264
 Lovettsville, VA 20180 FAX: 703.935.8282

sales@shieldware.com
support@shieldware.com
www.shieldware.com





The Tablet **Everyone** is Talking About!

— Industry-Leading Tablet Features —



Introducing the Schoolhouse™ Learning Management System with a true Learn2Earn™ Reentry Program / Entertainment Reward Program with the lowest tablet breakage rate in the industry.

Multilingual customizable ticketing and internal communications in 120+ languages.

Video Visitation with Facial Detection & Online Scheduling.

Purple Video Relay Services for Hearing Impaired.

Commissary Ordering and Law Library Interface.

Low Breakage Rate Due to RISE Educational / Entertainment Program.

Phone app with call transcription, keyword alerts, and voice biometrics.

Electronic Document Signing and Video Arraignment.

Advanced Secure Messaging: Keyword Alerts, Attachments, Video Messaging.

For more information visit: www.ncic.com

903-757-4455 | inquiries@ncic.com

The Gold Star

of The Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association

Serving Iowa Since 1882



What's Inside:

Stivers Ford Lincoln Waukee: "New - Stivers Midwest Pro Upfitters" ..	2
Shield Technology Solutions: "Integrated Public Safety Solutions"	3
Amana Furniture & Clock Shop: Custom Plaques, Awards, Personalized Clocks	3
Moving to a new address? Change your address at issda.org	3
NCIC: The Tablet Everyone is Talking About" - "Industry Leading Features"	4
Secretary's Message: ISSDA Members Should Decide "Standard Uniform"	6
IPI: "No Job is Too big or Too Small for IPI's Full-Service Print Shop" ...	7
President's Message: Thank You for the Opportunity to be Your President	8
ISSDA Schools Schedule for 2024, 2025, 2026 2027	8
Fifteen \$1,000 ISSDA Scholarships Awarded to ISSDA Members' Kids...	9
U.S. Rep. Miller-Meeks Honors Former Lee Co. Sheriff David Ireland ...	10
Sheriffs' and Deputies' Y Camp 2024: personal growth, relationship building	10
Iowa Dept. of Health & Human Services: Protect your family from flu	11
Second Annual "Public Safety Day" Held in Monroe County	12
Clinton Co Deputy Rabe and Reserve Deputy Reed Given Life Saving Awards	14
Plymouth County Jail Admin. Jorgensen Announces Retirement	15
Webster Co. S.O. & Thin Blue Line Program Donate to Indoor Arena	15
Linn Co. Deputy Tope Given Life Saving Award for Applying Tourniquet	16
Polk Co. Sheriff's Office Partners with Grimes Fall Festival Event	16
Pottawattamie Co. Hosts ISSDA Honor Guard Training with help	17
Looking Back: Washington County, from 1992 book	18
Looking Back: Boone County, from 1992 book	20
More than 110 Woodbury Co. Staff & Others Moved Over 200 Inmates ..	22

Ad partners in Iowa Law Enforcement magazine:

RACOM: "L3HARRIS™": Nationwide Scale & Local Presence	2
Stew Hansen: "Pursuit of Justice - Dodge Durango & Dodge Charger Pursuit" ..	3
IMPACT IOWA'S HEROES: "Honor, strengthen Iowa's first responder marriages"	4
FIRSTNET AT&T: "Connecting Both Your Worlds. FIRSTNET and Family" ...	4
Your Life Iowa: "See the person, not the addiction"	4
Midwest Counterdrug Training Center: "Upcoming Courses"	7
Iowa Peace Officers Association Training Conference: Feb. 24-25, 2025. 10	
DARE: DARE Officer Training begins April 27th, 2025, at Camp Dodge, Johnston. 12	
Century Laundry: "The Clean you need"	12
SCU Serve Credit Union: "Proud to serve those who serve our families" ..	12
Denver Savings Bank: "Thank you for serving and protecting our families ..	12

ISSDA Board of Directors

President

Sergeant Shawn Ireland, Linn County

Secretary

Sheriff Keith Davis, Wayne County

First Vice President

Sergeant Elizabeth Quinn, Story County

Second Vice President

Sheriff Andy Brown, Pottawattamie County

Immediate Past President

Sheriff Jason Sandholdt, Marion County

Board Members

Sergeant J.W. LeMaster, Pottawattamie County

Lieutenant Brad Shutts, Jasper County

At-Large Board Members

Sheriff Luke Fleener, Webster County

Sheriff Dave McDaniel, Hardin County

Sergeant Steve Erceg, Linn County

Captain Matt Hendricks, Johnson County

Civilian Board Member

Administration Commander Constance Torresdahl

Story County

Permanent ISSDA Address

Jared Schneider, P.O. Box 528,

Wellman IA 52356-0528

jared.schneider@issda.org

The Gold Star Magazine Committee Members

Brian Gardner, Sheriff, Linn County

Brad Kunkel, Sheriff, Johnson County

Dan Marx, Sheriff, Winneshiek County

ISSDA Photographer

Eric Salmon

ISSDA Lobbyists

Tony Phillips, Susan Cameron Daemen

and Jake Highfill

Financial Administrator

Sheriff Jared Schneider, Washington County

www.ISSDA.org

Moving to a new address? Change your address so you don't miss the next issues of your Iowa State Sheriffs' & Deputies' Association (ISSDA) membership magazine, The Gold Star. Change your address or other information by logging into your member account at issda.org.

ISSDA Secretary's Message

The Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association Members Should Decide our Standard Uniform Design

Fall is upon us and with that comes a change in the uniforms that we all wear on a day to day, season to season basis. As this may seem like an easy decision for some, there have been many hours put into the uniforms we wear by the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association Uniform Committee. Over the past couple of years, the Committee has worked to update the standards and to accommodate changes that have occurred as we progress with technology and equipment.

The Uniform Committee is tasked with creating a manual to provide to sheriff's offices across the State of Iowa so we are uniform. The "Standard Uniform" is a section in the Code of Iowa. As I write this today, I just received an email that the DPS is suggesting changes to the code section dealing with "our" uniforms: IAC 7/2/08 Public Safety[661], CHAPTER 3 SHERIFF'S UNIFORMS

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 331.322 and 331.657: [Filed 6/30/75], [Filed 6/7/79, Notice 5/2/79—published 6/27/79, effective 8/2/79], [Filed 4/1/88, Notice 9/23/87—published 4/20/88, effective 5/25/88]

I began my career in law enforcement in the fall of 1986 as a Deputy Sheriff. I remember my first uniform and how proud I was to first put it on. There have been many changes since I first wore that uniform, but the Class "A" uniform basically remains the same. The shirt color has changed as the manufacturer could no longer source the color.

Back then we didn't carry the type of equipment we have today but we still had a duty belt full of equipment. No conducted energy devices, but we all carried batons such as the PR24. We carried speed loaders as I was taught at ILEA, and the revolver was the most reliable form of a firearm. There was always a flashlight that was very heavy and was many times used as a weapon as well. I do not recall body armor back in those days although there were some larger agencies that probably did have body armor. The hats we wore were a cowboy-type hat, with a straw-type for the warmer seasons and a felt-type cowboy hat for colder seasons. There were many Sheriffs that were stringent on their deputies always wearing a hat.

Many of the changes have gradually become just a part of the standard uniform. In the earlier days for me, I wore a Class "A"



Sheriff Keith Davis
Wayne County Sheriff's Office

uniform daily and don't remember ever being in a Class "B." As I have now served as Sheriff for 28 years in Wayne County, I have relaxed my position on uniforms as I have watched them evolve. We now have body armor that has changed from a stiff cumbersome under garment to a well-designed and fitted piece of protective equipment. The outer carriers are more comfortable and still provide protection in a manner that not only the young deputies desire to wear but also look great on a seasoned deputy or sheriff. I am currently in the process of making changes for my agency to what my deputies prefer and maintain a professional appearance.

Many of the fabrics are no longer available for some of the standard uniforms we wear, which has also made it a challenge for our uniform committee. The new manual will have the actual fabric number so that we will have the capability of maintaining uniformity. The manual will also display the proper placement of collar brass and other insignia. With the change of a few of our suppliers, we have noticed badges not being made correctly and quality of materials lacking. Hopefully we will be able to overcome those obstacles with the new and well researched uniform manual.

And now to the final and somewhat controversial side of my article and the standard uniform. During our Sheriff's Breakout Session at the ISSDA Fall Jail School on September 18th, the issue of switching hats from the campaign style hat to the former traditional cowboy hat became a topic of discussion. An informal poll was established on the ISSDA website where members could cast a vote for

their preference. I believe that there were no restrictions on how many times you could vote on the issue. The cowboy hat was winning by a huge margin.

Discussion included why we now have the campaign style hats versus the cowboy hats that were adorned back when I was a deputy in the 1980s. There was a strong feeling that we need to get back to regaining our own identity by wearing the cowboy hats as our official uniform. This is not going to be an easy decision and the last thing I would want to see is a division amongst the members of ISSDA.

The following is from an email that Sgt. Jason LeMaster, Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office and an ISSDA Board member, researched and provided for consideration. I am sharing as I believe it shows the perspective of his proposal:

"ISSDA Board of Directors & ISSDA Uniform Committee:

"I have been a member of ISSDA since 2008 and in law enforcement for the past 26 years. Throughout my years of service I have seen the uniform standards for ALL agencies in the State of Iowa, the change from the standard Class A to Class B, and the more versatile outer carriers that some of our agencies wear today. One thing that has always baffled me was the choice of hat that deputies throughout the State of Iowa wear. I remember the old sheriff's style cowboy hat that was worn from the 80s until the early 2000s until we went to the current Campaign Hat. Traditionally a cap, or cabbie, style has been worn by city officers, a Campaign Hat has been worn by state troopers, and Iowa deputies wear..... a campaign hat?! What happened to our history? With the blessing of Sheriff Andy Brown, I began to look further into the HOW.. the WHY.. and the WHAT IF.. of these hats.

"Over the last several months, I have spoken to a few former sheriffs, scanned through The Gold Star magazine database, and found very little information. I have been told that in the late 90s and early 2000s many sheriffs were former troopers. If accurate, this makes more sense on the 'WHY'. I found that in 2002 / 2003, there was a push to switch to these campaign hats, and the ISSDA voting members requested an official vote. One article I found was an editorial in the January 1st, 2003 issue of The Gold Star written by

then-Sheriff Tim Junker (Butler County). In the article, he spoke about how there would be a vote soon and that although it may be a trivial issue, he believed we would lose our identity as sheriffs and deputies by switching to campaign hats.

"The next article I could find was titled 'Uniform Changes' in the July 1st, 2003 issue of The Gold Star. There were several changes to the uniform code due to the availability of certain colors, guidelines were established, and a simple paragraph read: 'As a result of a vote from the membership over the style of hats, the campaign-style hat carried a majority of the votes over the current sheriff's hat style. The new hats will be forest green in color with a gold braid and acorns, a black strap, and the current hat badge. There will be a straw hat for summer wear and a felt hat for cold weather. After finding this article, in a sense, I found the 'HOW'.

"Now it's time for the 'WHAT IF' ...

"I have been a member of law enforcement for many years. I run the Squirrel Cage Jail Museum (the ISSDA West Museum) in Council Bluffs and am a member of the ISSDA Board of Directors. I have been submitting articles for many years to The Gold Star magazine, most of which are about history. I've been a champion of progress, change,

and thinking outside the box on many occasions. However, I am also a sucker for history and tradition, and that is truly my passion. That being said, while the campaign hat has a long history in law enforcement, it is also very much identified with the Iowa State Patrol. I strongly feel that we, as sheriffs and deputies, need to regain our identity.

"Let's get back to our roots but with a slight tweak to the image.

"I am proposing that an official vote of the ISSDA Voting Members be taken to switch from the campaign-style hat currently worn by Iowa Sheriffs and Deputies to a true cowboy-style hat.

"Respectfully,
"Sgt. JW LeMaster"

There has been lots of discussion in our ISSDA Board of Directors meeting on this suggestion and a proposal for an official survey of members to gather opinions and find out what the majority prefer. The survey may be for Sheriffs only. The Uniform Committee is tasked with getting a manual out as soon as possible, especially with the DPS suggesting changes to the Code of Iowa for the uniforms of Sheriffs and Deputies. This is the Office of the Sheriff, and we should have control over our uniforms and not DPS. With that being

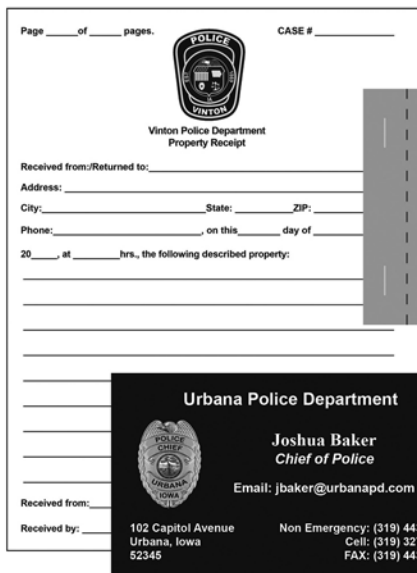
said, I believe DPS is tasked with reviewing the Code and are reaching out to the ISSDA for assistance.

Look for more to come on this subject and know that there will be no decision taken lightly. [Chapter 331.657.pdf \(iowa.gov\)](#) of the Iowa Code addresses our standard uniforms. The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety does have oversight on our designated uniforms after consideration of the recommendations of the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association. For further guidance, [ISSDA Uniform Policy \(memberclicks.net\)](#) will have the updated manual for uniforms. I do believe that the Class "A" uniform should be the same across the state so that when we assemble as a group we are "uniform". Class "B" or less should be up to the options and discretion of the Sheriff. Cowboy hats were approved by the ISSDA Board of Directors for Class B & C uniforms during the September meeting.

I am sure this will be a topic for the next Sheriffs breakout session at upcoming Winter School. Another good reason to attend!

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne County Sheriff D. Keith Davis
ISSDA Secretary

No JOB Is TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL FOR IPI'S FULL-SERVICE PRINT SHOP



Popular Print Services Include:

- Business Cards
- Receipts
- Ticket Books
- Letterhead
- Envelopes
- Forms
- Tickets
- Stickers
- And Much More!

With IPI, you will receive:

- Dedicated, local customer service
- Competitive pricing
- FREE design, layout, and typesetting services

ipicustomerservice@iowa.gov | 800-332-7922
www.iapisonind.com

Purchases from Iowa Prison Industries support our valuable work training programs, allowing Iowa's incarcerated men and women the opportunity for Building Brighter Futures.

ISSDA President's Message

Thank you for the opportunity to be your 2024 Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association (ISSDA) President

Thank you for the opportunity to be your 2024 ISSDA President.

Hello, fellow Iowans. This will be my last article written for the Gold Star Magazine as your 2024 ISSDA President. It has been an honor to serve this association over the past several years on the board of directors leading up to this year as President. Winter School is around the corner, and I will pass the gavel to the 2025 ISSDA President. We have a great tradition in the ISSDA of alternating years of President, where even years are a Deputy, and the odd years are a Sheriff. Many states have a separate Sheriffs' Association and a Deputies' Association. Iowa is fortunate to have a strong State Sheriffs' & Deputies' Association that now allows for membership from anyone who works directly for the office of Sheriff. The ISSDA is led by 11 Sheriff, or Deputy, board members and 1 civilian board member.

As I reflect on my law enforcement career and ascension to President of the ISSDA, I can't help but remember my childhood in Montrose, Iowa, along the Mississippi river in Lee County, where my dad, Dave Ireland, was the Sheriff. Against my mothers wishes, all I wanted to be when I grew up was a Deputy Sheriff. I loved watching western movies and TV shows depicting the heroic Sheriff taming the wild west. I loved watching Andy Griffith and how he was a respected leader of his community. I loved watching my dad wear the uniform, carry a badge and hold onto his gun belt. I often got to ride with him in his patrol car as he led the parades for various small-town events. People love to see the familiar white patrol cars with gold stripes, Sheriff markings and red and blue lights. People love their Sheriff as much as they love their own hometowns. It is a



Sergeant Shawn Ireland
Linn County Sheriff's Office

heavy responsibility to live up to the trust, integrity and expectations of the people who elect you. Sheriffs are different than other law enforcement leaders. The only boss they have is the people that elect them. They have a special relationship with the community they serve. Every good Sheriff takes that responsibility to heart and doesn't take it for granted.

My dad passed away September 17, 2024. Thankfully, he got to see me become the President of the ISSDA. Sadly, he will not be able to read this article. I wish he could have heard the words spoken at his funeral by Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber. It was meaningful, heartfelt, and inspiring. My dad set the tone, standard, and expectations in our family growing up. To me he was just Dad. It was an interesting and unique perspective to hear Sheriff Weber describe him as the seasoned and intimidating "Sheriff Ireland," who also had a high standard of expectations for his deputies. I really appreciate Sheriff Weber for taking the time to appreciate, and pay tribute to, my dad and the Sheriffs and Deputies who

paved the way, and laid the foundation for the rest of us to follow.

Each day, Iowa Deputies and Sheriffs, Jailers and Dispatchers, and all those who work for the office of Sheriff are making a difference in the lives of Iowans. That is the part of the job we should all be most proud of. We often have no idea what a difference we make with every task we do. Sometimes it's the little things that have the biggest impact. While reading the comments on my dad's obituary page from the funeral home, I found a post by a person who said, "Dave and his wife took me to YMCA camp in Boone, Iowa, somewhere around 1972 or 1973. They were wonderful. I've long admired Dave as did my dad. God bless him and his family RIP." I asked my mom if she knew who this person was, and she didn't know or couldn't remember. But she did remember "back in the day" taking a kid from Lee County to the YMCA camp in Boone with my dad in his patrol car. Think about that. How many kids has ISSDA taken to Y-Camp over the years from all over Iowa? What an impact we, as an association, have had in the memories of those youth. I doubt any of them will ever forget their experience of riding in a Sheriff car to camp. So much so that this particular person remembered it, and was grateful for it, 50 years later.

It has been my honor to serve as your 2024 ISSDA President. I'm excited to see what great things we can do in the future together. The ISSDA has a great tradition of improving Iowa Sheriffs' Offices and making Iowa a great place to live, work, and raise a family. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to serve as your 2024 ISSDA President.

ISSDA Schools Schedule

Spring Jail School

Feb. 18-21, 2025

Feb. 24 - 27, 2026

Feb. 23 - 26, 2027

Spring Civil School

April 13-16, 2025

April 12 - 15, 2026

April 18 - 21, 2027

Fall Jail School

Sept. 16 - 19, 2025

Sept. 15 - 18, 2026

Sept. 14 - 17, 2027

Winter Schools

Dec. 03-06, 2024

Dec. 2 - Dec. 5, 2025

Dec. 1- 4, 2026

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



Zoe Dalynn Bucher, daughter of Taylor Co. Chief Deputy Nate and Pam Bucher, plans to study music education with a minor in special education at NW Missouri State University.



Reagan Christensen, daughter of Crawford Co. Deputy Nathan and Stephanie Christensen, will study elementary education at Iowa Western Community College.



Jaclynn Demory, the daughter of Wright County Jailor Dave and Kim Demory, will study psychology at Buena Vista University.



Kierra Dodd, the daughter of Franklin County Sheriff Aaron and Shayna Dodd, will study accounting and agricultural business at Iowa State University.



Robert James Duncan, son of Iowa County Deputy Sheriff Robert and Jaqui Duncan, plans to study biology education.



Alexis Gray, daughter of Taylor County Civil Clerk, Dispatcher and Jailor Dani and Nick Gray, plans to study biology.



Libbie Keith, daughter of Jasper County 911 Dispatcher Craig and Angie Keith, plans to study elementary education at Morningside University.



Mason Maschmann, son of Poweshiek County Deputy Matt Maschmann and Heather Ochs, plans to study environmental science at Iowa State University.



Cassidy Muschick, the daughter of Story County Jail Cook Staci and Brent Muschick, plans to major in health studies.



Riley Ottens, the daughter of Clinton Co. S.O. Secretary Kim Jurgensen and Clinton P.D. Sgt. Dean Ottens, will study English at the University of Northern Iowa.



Remy Pilch, daughter of Polk Co. Chief of Court Services Division Ken and Kathy Pilch, plans to study communication disorders/ pre-speech pathology at UNI.



Jaycee Plath, daughter of Winnebago County Deputy/ K-9 Handler Brian and Jamie Plath, plans to study elementary education at Waldorf University.



Molly Reiss, daughter of Ida Co. Dispatcher Brandi and Kevin Reiss, will study elementary ed. or business at an Iowa Community college.



Brylee Viner, daughter of Mills County Corrections Officer Sadeana and Adam Viner, plans to study at Iowa Western Community College and is undecided on a major.



Brianna Winfield, the daughter of Marshall Co. Deputy Investigator Ian and Kristina Winfield, will study communication disorders at the U of Nebraska.

U.S. Rep. Miller-Meeks Honors Former Lee County Sheriff David Lee Ireland on House Floor; Ireland Passed Away on September 17

September 23, 2024. Washington DC – U.S. Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks honored Mr. David Lee Ireland who died on September 17th, 2024 after a long battle with cancer. He served as Lee County Sheriff for 16 years and was a Scout Master for Troop 30 in Montrose, Iowa.

Rep. Miller-Meeks said: “Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Mr. David Lee Ireland. David died on September 17th following a long battle with cancer. He spent his professional life protecting and serving the people of Iowa as a police officer in the Lee County sheriff’s office, serving as Sheriff



for 16 years. When he was not working, he was collecting antique Model T memorabilia or enjoying the outdoors with his wife, canoe-

ing on the Mississippi River. David was also a lifelong member of the Boy Scouts, achieving the rank of Eagle scout, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts, and eventually seeing both of his sons achieve that same rank. He later served as the Scout Master for Troop 30 in Montrose, Iowa where he proudly taught these young boys essential life values such as hard work and commitment.

He is survived by his wife Rebecca and his two sons Matthew and Shawn. Let us not despair in the loss of this great man, but rather praise God for sending David here to make the world a better place.”

Sheriffs’ and Deputies’ Y Camp 2024: Six Days of Personal Growth and Relationship Building through the Long-Standing Partnership

By Alex Kretzinger
Y Camp Executive Director

On a warm Sunday afternoon in June, dozens of law enforcement personnel from counties across the state of Iowa made the journey to the Des Moines Y Camp, just north of Boone. In the back seats of their trucks, cruis-

ers and vans sat excited and wide-eyed kids bound for a week of camp. They were about to begin a journey of personal growth and relationship building through the long-standing partnership between the Iowa State Sheriffs’ and Deputies’ Association and the Y Camp. For six days they’d join a cabin of peers from all walks of life and build com-

munity where they can find belonging and confidence.

Each day was filled with activities ranging from horseback riding to fishing to climbing the rock wall and more! Each morning they participated in CLAS’s, which were electives campers signed up for on Monday. Through

(Continued on next page)



(Sheriffs' and Deputies' Y Camp, continued)

them, they had an opportunity to go more in depth on things like archery, soccer, nature and drama.

By the afternoon, campers were back with their cabins and venturing around camp to experience all it had to offer. After dinner each day there were evening programs, many focused on character development, which mixed fun songs and skits with more serious stories and discussion of living by the YMCA Core Values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility.

The Trail of Five Fires, Inspiration Point, Aunt Fifi, the Arty Show (Camper Talent Show) and Honor Point were some of the special, traditional camp programs that have been taking place for generations and that campers had an opportunity to participate in this year.

At the end of the week we celebrated their growth in independence and confidence, the new relationships made, the things we'd accomplished and campers who had exemplified the Core Values throughout the Honor Point program. It was an emotional night, filled with tearful goodbyes and finished by candlelight in the quiet shadow of the Y Camp woods. Honor Point is a special program that reflects on and celebrates the week the campers had, and this year there was a lot to celebrate. And by the time Saturday morning came around and campers clambered into their cars with their fragrant bedding and camp clothes, they were exhausted and filled with the empowerment of knowing that at camp they belong and are always welcome.

Spanning more than half a century, the partnership between the two organizations highlights the shared vision of improving our communities by investing in their futures. Building upon the idea of Proverbs 22:6 that if you teach a child how to live with good character and well-being, they will do so as adults, the program emphasizes the value of planting the seeds and knowing that they will bear fruit when the youth of today become the leaders of tomorrow. By establishing a healthy relationship between sheriffs and deputies and the members of the community they serve, the partnership also helps bridge the gap between citizens seeing law enforcement as a badge and seeing it as the people who uphold what it represents. Through it, our kids can see their deputies and sheriffs as the caring, supportive and friendly people they are. We continue to be thankful for the service of our law enforcement and the partnership we share with the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association.



Protect Your Family and You from the Flu!

Influenza (flu) is an illness that infects the **nose, throat and lungs**.

Children younger than 5, people 65 and older, and those with certain chronic conditions are at higher risk of flu complications.

Protect yourself from the flu by washing your hands and avoiding close contact with those who are sick. There are also several flu vaccines available, including **shots and nasal sprays**.



Ask your family's healthcare providers about flu prevention



Second Annual “Public Safety Day” Held in Monroe County on September 22nd

Building better relations with the Community

In 2023, after enduring the loss of several officers of the Albia Police Department, including the chief of police, several new officers were hired, including police chief Jacob Miller.

Chief Miller was formerly an officer of the Ankeny Police Department and new to the community. While transitioning into this new position, he was met with some challenges including how to introduce himself and the new officers to the community. He also faced the challenge of how to improve community relations.

One morning, while expressing this concern in conversation with Monroe County Sheriff’s Office dispatcher Dana Linderman, Chief Miller and dispatcher Linderman developed the idea of holding a public safety event. Quickly the idea grew and staff of both the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office and the Albia Police Department started planning. With just a few short months and no funding, personnel were able to collaborate with the local radio station and newspaper for advertising, the local school for volunteers, other first responder and fire departments in the area to participate, find activities for the kids and donations for these services, and graciously purchased items with their own money for candy and gifts to hand out to the kids.

On October 15th, 2023, the first annual “Monroe County Public Safety Day” was held on the historic Albia town square. Despite being a cold and gloomy day, the event turned out to be a big success. What came from this was a much-needed morale boost for both the community and law enforcement/ first responder personnel. It prospered more positive interaction with citizens both in person and on social media.

This year a committee was put together consisting of representatives from the Albia Police Department, the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office, the Albia Fire Department and the Monroe County Ambulance service.

Meetings were held monthly to discuss ideas and funding. With hard work from all agencies involved and gracious donations from businesses and citizens of the community, we were able to host our 2nd annual Public Safety Day on September 22nd. The event consisted of activities and games for the kids such as bounce houses and obstacle courses, a slime station, cake walk, dunk tank and face painting. There were food vendors, represen-

tatives of the Crisis Center, the CJ3 Foundation for wounded heroes and “Bikers Against Child Abuse” (B.A.C.A.) present.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources brought a wildlife trailer for kids to see and touch different animals and learn about nature. The Albia Police Department provided games and prizes along with police vehicles to display and kids were able to paint their palm prints on one of the police cars in different colors.

The Iowa State Patrol were there talking with people and handing out hats to the kids. The Albia Fire Department, along with other area fire departments, showed equipment and trucks doing demonstrations. The Monroe County Ambulance personnel there with their ambulance giving tours and handing out goodie bags.

Monroe County Sheriff’s Office personnel attended volunteering where they could. Jail personnel fingerprinted children for child safety identification kits. Jail and dispatch staff manned a table handing out goodie bags and making popcorn for visitors while deputies stood by with police vehicles and equipment to show the kids. K-9 Dexter met the kids and took photos with them. Jail administrator Zach Norris, Albia Police Officer Tanner Kellogg, Jailer Mark Seavey, Criminal Secretary Ryan Fullenkamp all volunteered to face the chilly temperatures of the dunk tank. Eventually Chief Miller, Chief Deputy Mathew Scharff and Deputy/Sheriff candidate Joe Worth were persuaded to take their turns in the dunk tank, which turned into one of the most favored highlights of the day. Again, despite temperatures being cooler and rain being in the area earlier in the day, attendance was much bigger than last year.

In the past two years since starting this event, community support has grown. Kids are not as fearful of men and women in uniform and they are starting to understand that the uniform represents “good” and a “safe place for them.” Citizens understand that we are people just like them, living amongst them in the community, experiencing the same issues that they do and working toward a common goal in making our community better and safer. Communication, trust and interaction are steadily growing within the community, which is a NECESSITY for law enforcement to be truly successful.





Deputy Clayton Rabe and Reserve Deputy Riley Reed Presented Life Saving Awards; Four Civilian Correctional Officers Hired

On June 28 at approximately 11:08 p.m., the Clinton County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from a female reporting her husband was having a heart attack. Their car was stopped on the 2500 block of 270th Street and her husband had stopped breathing.

Deputy Clayton Rabe and Reserve Deputy Riley Reed, a two-person patrol unit, were dispatched to the call and arrived on scene within seven minutes.

Upon the deputies' arrival, they located the unresponsive male victim lying on the ground next to the stopped vehicle with his wife administering chest compressions. They immediately took over chest compressions and retrieved the "AED" from their squad car. Immediately after placing the pads on the victim's chest, the unit began an analysis of the situation and administered a shock. Deputy Rabe and Reserve Deputy Reed switched off performing chest compressions on the victim. The two deputies continued with chest compressions and monitoring the "AED" for approximately 7 minutes until Genesis Ambulance arrived and transported the individual to the hospital, where he remained for six days.

The male victim, following his release from the hospital, reported that on the night he suffered the heart attack, two of his arteries were found to have been completely blocked. He truly believed that if not for the quick response and efforts from his wife, Deputy Rabe and Reserve Deputy Reed, he would not have survived the night or be alive today.

Sheriff Bill Greenwalt honored Deputy Clayton Rabe and Reserve Deputy Riley Reed with the Clinton County Sheriff's Life Saving Award. In addition to the Sheriff's Award, Deputies Rabe and Reed were awarded the American Legion (Post 190) Law Enforcement Officer of the year award.

New personnel: James Ashdown was hired as a full-time civilian Correctional Officer in June. Devan Galant was hired as a full-time civilian Correctional Officer in July. Dalles Johnson was hired as a full-time civilian Correctional Officer in August. Kaecee Whitaker was hired as a full-time civilian Correctional Officer in September.



Clinton Co. Sheriff Bill Greenwalt, Deputy Clayton Rabe with his Life Saving Award, Reserve Deputy Riley Reed with his Life Saving Award, Chief Deputy Steve Diesch.



New C.O. James Ashdown



New C.O. Dallas Johnson



New C.O. Devan Galant



New C.O. Kaecee Whitaker

Plymouth County Sheriff's Office Jail Administrator Tami Jorgensen Announces Retirement after 25 Years with S.O.

The Plymouth County Sheriff's Office announces the upcoming retirement of 25-year employee and current Jail Administrator Tami Jorgensen.

Jorgensen has been with the Sheriff's Office since her hire in July of 1999. Only two years after her hire, in July of 2001, Jorgensen was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the Plymouth County Jail.

During Jorgensen's early years she also spent time as a reserve deputy before moving up further in the line of command as her career progressed.

Jorgensen was promoted to Lieutenant in October of 2007 where she found herself in a leadership role in the jail for many years before officially being promoted to

Jail Administrator in July of 2020.

Jorgensen's employees and coworkers reflect on their time working with her. They find Jorgensen to be a knowledgeable leader due to her many years in the position. Jorgensen also is known to be "by-the-book" when it comes to the standards that need to be met in the field, but not without compassion for those she works with and around.

The employees following in the footsteps of Jorgensen will most remember her ability to be humble and willing to help wherever needed on or off duty, while at the same time being a leader with a wealth of experience when problems arose.



Webster County Sheriff's Office and Thin Blue Line Program Make Fourth Donation to Improve Fairgrounds Indoor Arena

By Sheriff Luke Fleener
Webster County Sheriff's Office

In August, Sheriff Luke Fleener and the Webster County Sheriff's Office made their fourth donation to the Webster County Fair Foundation for funds to improve the indoor arena at the fairgrounds.

To date, the Webster County Sheriff's Office and the New Century Fuel/ FS "Fuel the Thin Blue Line" program has donated over \$4,000 dollars to the project to help improve our county fairgrounds and the arena.

"As Sheriff of Webster County, I feel it is extremely important to use the funds to better our community in as many ways possible, and we are thankful for all of our partners who participate in this great program."

Applications to join the Fuel the Thin Blue program can be picked up at the Webster County Sheriff's Office.



Linn County Deputy Tope Given Life Saving Commendation for Applying Tourniquet to Severe Chainsaw Accident Victim's Leg

On Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at approximately 17:13 hours, Deputy Marty Tope responded to a residence in Central City for the report of an individual who had suffered a traumatic injury. It was reported that the man was cutting wood when his chainsaw slipped and cut into his upper leg, just above the knee, causing blood to spurt and pour out of the wound area.

Deputy Tope arrived on scene within five minutes and immediately made his way to the patient who was already surrounded by volunteer fire department personnel. One of the firefighters was trying to remove the bandages that the victim had applied himself so that they could more clearly view the injury. Within one minute of arriving on-scene, Deputy Tope observed that a very large amount of blood was spurting from the wound, and immediately recognized the severity of the injury

and removed a tourniquet from his duty belt and applied it to the victim's upper leg, stopping the profuse bleeding. With the bleeding now under control, Deputy Tope helped cut away the man's pants and other materials, allowing for a better view of the injury which allowed other rescuers to apply a pressure dressing directly over the wound.

Although several emergency responders provided this man with on-scene medical care, if it were not for the quick response and decisive actions of Deputy Tope, this man may not have had such a successful outcome from his injuries.

Because of his quick response, situational awareness, and attentiveness, Sheriff Brian Gardner awarded Deputy Marty Tope with a Life Saving commendation award for the act of saving a life on August 21, 2024.



Polk County Sheriff's Office Partners with Grimes Park and Recreation in an Annual Fall Festival Event for Families

By Sergeant Trevor Martin
Polk County Sheriff's Office

The Polk County Sheriff's Office partners with the City of Grimes Parks and Recreation annually for their Fall Festival. This year's event was held October 12th.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office portion is called the "Candy Crawl" and consists of several booths highlighting different divisions in the Sheriff's Office as well as outside vendors. Each booth has unique items on display for children and families to interact with as well as candy for the kids.

All the kids attending dressed up in their Halloween costumes and interacted with employees/ Deputies of the Polk County Sheriff's Office. Also featured are food trucks, games, bouncy houses and more.

This event is our 2nd biggest of the year with our largest being "National Night Out!"



Pottawattamie County Hosts ISSDA Honor Guard Training with Help from U.S. Air Force, Local Lutheran Church & Funeral Home

By Sgt. JW LeMaster
Pottawattamie Co. Sheriff's Office
ISSDA Deputy Board Member

The Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office played host to the ISSDA Honor Guard for three formal days of training and instruction. During this particular training the Honor Guard members in attendance were able to practice and hone skills related to drill ceremony, firing party detail, casket bearing, flag

folding and presentation, and basic color guard training.

We would like to thank members of the United States Air Force stationed at Offutt Air Force Base (Nebraska), and the Omaha Police Department Honor Guard for their professional guidance and instruction. We would also like to thank Hoy Kilnoski Funeral Home and the Underwood Lutheran Church for use of their facilities for training.

Usually when members get togeth-

er it's for a formal event or a tragedy, so having the opportunity to get together under a "non-stress" situation to practice.. enjoy time together.. and get to know each other is not only encouraged, it's also very much needed at times.

Let's hope their skills are not needed anytime soon, but rest assured, if called upon, they will make us all proud that we wear the same uniform.

Stay safe!



Above: Training in the Pottawattamie County S.O. Training Room. Below: At the Underwood Lutheran Church.



Above and above right: Training at the Underwood Lutheran Church.

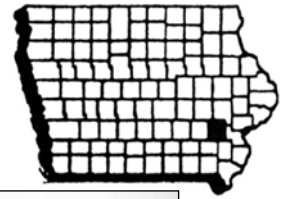


Above: Pottawattamie County Training Room and (below) at the Hoy Kilnoski Funeral Home.



Looking Back: Washington County

County Seat: Washington Population: 19,612 Area: 568 Square Miles



Sheriff Yale H. Jarvis



Washington County Public Safety Center



Chief Deputy Jack L. Dillon



Dispatch Staff: Receptionist Peg Redlinger, Dispatchers Becky Pagan, Sandy Krebs, Asst. Supervisor Cara Sorrells, Supervisor Greg Weber.



Jail Staff: Ira McConnell, Ric Bishop, Chief Jailer Ronald Good, Matt Sturdevant, Dan Dempsey, Michael Stalder, Robert Shepherd.



Front: Sec. Diane Mitchell, Deputy Michael Clark, Sec. Nancy Butterbaugh. Middle Row: Deputies Tom Ulin and Nicholas Hoffman, Sgt. Richard Meeks, Deputy Ray Aitkins. Back Row: Sgt. Gary D. Redlinger, Sgt. Tim Smit, Deputies Randy Tinnes and Carroll Kenney, and Sgt. Beryl Butterbaugh,



Special Deputies: Alan Lowe, Delbert Sypherd, Jerry Dunbar, Robert Johnson, Nicholas Shelman, Mia Walton, Curtis Aller, Alvin Miller, Bill Nation, Kenneth Miller, and Ronald Good.

The first jail in Washington County was built in 1841. It was a 16' by 18' two-story hewn log structure costing \$1,020. The serious offenders were kept in the first floor, the only access being a trap door in the ceiling.

On Aug. 4, 1844, William McCauley, 23, shot Don Ferdinand Coffman, 26, and his 2- or 3 year-old daughter Eliza Jane. Don Coffman died after giving a dying declaration stating McCauley was the guilty person. On a change of venue to Van Buren County, a jury found McCauley guilty and sentenced him to be hung. After a second trial due to an appeal, another guilty verdict was delivered on March 6, 1846. Van Buren County Sheriff Josiah H. Bonney carried out the hanging on April 4. McCauley was buried on county grounds 300 feet west of the graveyard in the north part of Keosauqua.

On August 9, 1848, John C. Herriman, while intoxicated, shot and killed David H. Miller in Marion Township. Herriman was found guilty on Nov. 2, 1848, and sentenced to be hung on November 17. Sheriff Jonathan Wilson built the gallows next to the cemetery south of town, but three hours before the time set for hanging, a messenger arrived with a stay of execution from the State Supreme Court. After a second trial on a change of venue in Fairfield, he was found guilty of manslaughter and was sentenced to eight years.

In August 1868, John McNally of Peru, Illinois, came to Franklin Township to settle a dispute with Thomas King, who McNally believed had an affair with his wife 19 years before. McNally believed himself to be appointed by God to slay King, and stabbed him in the bowels. King died a couple of days later. McNally was indicted for murder and sentenced to life in prison. Later, the State Supreme Court ordered McNally to be given a new trial, at which he was adjudged insane and was sent to a Mental Health Institute.

In April, 1871, a new jail was built consisting of two iron cages in a frame building in the 200 block of West Washington Street.

On May 5, 1876, after suffering much physical abuse, Drusilla Clemons filed for divorce from Ezra (Ed) Clemons, charging him with adultery. Ed filed a cross petition charging her with adultery with John O. Dayton. Clemons was charged with attempted murder in early October, 1875, when he shot at Dayton. Clemons was acquitted on October 13. Then on August 19, 1876, John O. Dayton was playing billiards in a billiard saloon in West Chester when he was shot by an unknown person. Ed Clemons was arrested the next morning, then released for lack of evidence. On August 22, Dayton died and Clemons was again arrested, and again released for lack of evidence. On November 29, 1876, Clemons was indicted for murder. In March of 1877, he was found guilty of murder in the second degree and was sentenced to life imprisonment. After an appeal, a new Washington County jury found Clemons not guilty on March 31, 1880. No one else was ever charged.

On Aug. 29, 1877, Wesley Miller met Lenox Dayton in the road near West Chester. Dayton attempted to assault Miller first with an axe, then with a fence stake. Miller took both items away and hit Dayton over the eye with his fist and kicked him in the stomach. Dayton went to a nearby house where his sons Jeff and Tom picked him up. That evening, Wesley Miller and his wife were going home, when a shot was fired through a brush fence, killing Miller outright. The assassin apparently dropped a paper which had "T Dayton" written on one side. Thomas C. M. Dayton was arrested August 31 by Sheriff Abraham Bunker and Deputy Humston. He was eventually acquitted, and in December of 1880, Tom's brother Jeff was indicted. Jefferson M. P. Dayton was acquitted in November of 1881, and no one else was ever charged.

Oliver Hull was said to have loved his daughter Emma more than any of his other children and refused to allow her to go anywhere without him. However, on January 23, 1879, Emma had an evening school function which was for children, so she and her two younger sisters went without the father. After she returned that night and went to bed, her father killed her while she was asleep by splitting her skull nearly in two with an axe. Then he went to the doorway of his bedroom, said to his wife, "Oh, ma!", then shot himself in the head with a pistol, inflicting a fatal wound.

On July 9, 1885, a contract was let to build a new Courthouse. On January 1, 1886, a new jail was built on the corner of North Avenue B and West Second Street.

On Sept. 24, 1890, Sheriff J. W. Teeter observed an individual go into the Bryson House alley and break out a window to gain entrance into Dr.

Rodman's drug store. Discovering Teeter had detected him, the burglar came out the door. When asked by Teeter to surrender, the man pulled a revolver and shot at Teeter, then ran down the alley with Teeter in pursuit. Shots were exchanged and the chase continued through the alley by the courthouse. Deputy Sheriff Bickford and City Marshal Ragan joined the chase. Finally, Marshal Ragan shot the burglar, partially paralyzing him. Ed McOmber, 38, died Oct. 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the county jail and "His death transfers his trial to a higher court!"

In Sept. of 1914, young Oscar Fetters shot Hugh Dougal Sr. of Washington after apparently being rejected by Dougal's daughter Mary. During a confrontation at the Dougal home, Fetters shot Mary, wounding her in the arm. Mr. Dougal approached Fetters when he was shot twice, one grazed the ribs and the other lodged in his side, just below the heart. Fetters then ran down the street to the jail where he gave himself up. Mr. Dougal died on September 10, two days later. On June 25, 1930, about 4:00 a.m., Sheriff William Fred Sweet, assisted by Washington Marshal Aaron Bailey stopped a car, apparently stolen from Ottumwa and arrested the driver, who submitted peaceably. The officers did not search him at the scene, but took him back to the Sheriffs Office, picking up night watchman William Bailey (no relation to the Marshal) on the way. As William Bailey approached the office, he overheard a scuffle inside. The man had shot Aaron Bailey, then turned the gun on the Sheriff, and shot him three times. After an exchange of gun shots, the murderer ran north from the courthouse and stole a 1923 Ford and headed south, making good his escape. Many rewards were accumulated for the murderer of Sheriff Sweet and Marshal Bailey, among them one from the Iowa Sheriff's Association.

On Jan. 6, 1934, Chicago Police armed with machine guns entered a cottage in a Chicago suburb. When the gunfight was over, several men were dead, including Jack Klutas, a "nationally notorious criminal" who'd been involved in a number of murders and other crimes. His fingerprints matched those taken from the Washington County Courthouse and the stolen car.

On June 26, 1930, when Sheriff Sweet was killed, George M. Struble was appointed to fulfill the term. According to Iowa law, when a sheriff died in office, the county coroner became acting sheriff until the Board of Supervisors could meet to appoint a successor. Therefore, County Coroner Louis Jones was the acting Sheriff for four days - from June 26 until June 30, 1930.

On Jan. 21, 1937, at 3:30 p.m., William Jordan, 38, shot Mabel Sayre, a waitress at the Diamond Inn Cafe. Mabel had left the cafe and started toward the station, with Bill Jordan following her. When she reached the station, she told Dale Denison that Bill had a gun and that she wanted Dale to make him leave her alone. Bill then grabbed Mabel's arm, put the gun against her chest and fired. Then he shot Dale, and went inside the station where he shot Roy White and Danny Goode. Jordan was soon arrested at his apartment in Washington, and fifteen days after the shootings, William H. Jordan was sentenced to life imprisonment.

The Washington County Jail was torn down in 1965, and a new jail was built on the same location. During Sheriff Charles Snyder's term, on May 21, 1966, an open house was held at the new jail. The Sheriffs residence was attached to the east side of the one story brick building. On Jan. 1, 1976, the town of Wellman was the first Washington County community to enter into a contract with the county for law enforcement. The towns of Kalona, Riverside, Brighton and West Chester signed 28E agreements with the county for law enforcement soon after. In each of the towns, the city officers were sworn in as Deputy Sheriffs, and their uniforms and cars were changed to that of the county.

In April of 1976, the Sheriffs residence was remodeled into offices and the Sheriff and his staff moved from one corner of the jail building into the new offices. Full-time dispatchers were then put into place, and in 1981 full-time jailers were hired.

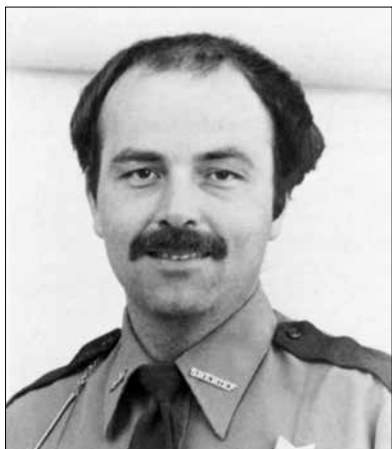
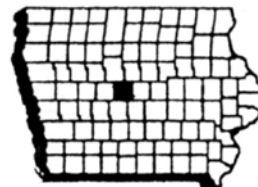
On August 20, 1976, Kalona Mayor Richard Adams shot and killed his wife Judith in the early morning. On February 25, 1977, Adams pled guilty to second degree murder and was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

In June of 1989, an in-house computer system was implemented, and on December 15, 1991, Enhanced 911 was turned on.

Special thanks to Kathy Fisher, author of "A Washington County History," for information used in this article.

Looking Back: Boone County

County Seat: Boone Population: 25,186 Area: 573 Square Miles



Sheriff Ronald D. Fehr



Boone County Courthouse

The first Sheriff of Boone County was Samuel H. Bowers, who was elected in 1851. In addition to Samuel Bowers, 24 other men have served in the capacity of Boone County's Sheriff. The longest serving Sheriff is retired Sheriff Henry N. Wallace (1973-1988). The current office holder is Sheriff Ronald D. Fehr, who has served since 1989.

The first Boone County Jail was built about 1899. It was first condemned in 1939 by a grand jury and was later torn down in the mid 1960s. Since then, Boone County holds its prisoners at the Boone Police Department's facility overnight, and if further incarceration is required after seeing a magistrate, they are taken to the Story County Jail in Nevada, where Boone County contracts for holding prisoners.

Boone County, divided by the Des Moines River basin, has twelve small communities for which the Sheriff's Office provides protection. The three larger towns of Boone, Ogden and Madrid have their own police departments. Boone is the county seat. Boone County is also home of the Des Moines YMCA Camp which is the annual site of the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association kid's camp.

Boone County Sheriff Ronald D. Fehr has 17 employees. There are seven Deputies, which include the Chief Deputy, one Civil Deputy and five Patrol Deputies. There is one office clerk and five Sheriff's dispatchers. The Sheriff also has four Reserve Deputies.

The Communications Center is currently located directly across the hall from the Sheriff's Office on the first floor of the Courthouse. The Center has been in operation since October of 1977. At the time, it was considered one of the most state-of-the-art communications centers in the state. Construction of a new communications center is currently under way to relocate it in the center of the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Fehr and Chief Deputy Randy L. Mitchell considered the move to create better access to the center by the Sheriff's employees and ultimately make its new location more efficient.

The new Communications Center will be self-contained with exterior brick walls, bullet-proof steel doors and bullet-proof, mirrored glass. Enhanced 911 will be on-line in the new center by late spring of 1992. The Boone County Sheriff's Office Communications Center will continue to provide dispatching for all rescue, ambulance and fire agencies in the county as well as for the Ogden and Madrid Police De-

partments. The Sheriff's Office will also provide joint E911 services with the Boone Police Department, with all 911 calls initially coming into the Sheriff's Communications Center.

Since 1989, law enforcement officers in Boone County have been active in the war against drugs with the formation of the Boone County Drug Enforcement Team.

In 1989, the Sheriff's Office acquired its first drug dog, Franklin, a Brittany Spaniel, has been a special addition to the force. He has been successful in search warrants where the detection of drugs has been sought. He has also been the center of many public appearances, and is popular with children and adults alike throughout the county. Franklin's handler, Gary Munson, a nine-year veteran of the force, enjoys working with Franklin and considers him not only his working partner, but a good friend as well.

The first reported crime in Boone County was the theft of \$180 from the house of Richard Greene, who was living south of Boone in December of 1853. It was later discovered that an acquaintance of Mr. Greene, a George Redman, had allegedly taken the money one night when no one was home. George Redman was subsequently arrested and brought to appear before the Justice of the Peace, and was later released due to lack of evidence. George Redman was, however, told to leave the area to avoid further investigation and possible prosecution. Mr. Redman was reportedly never seen in Boone County again.

The first homicide reported in Boone County occurred on September 27, 1923. The victim, Mrs. Eric Rose, 66, died as a result of being bludgeoned to death at her rural home four miles southwest of Boone. The motive appeared to be robbery, and more than one assailant was suspected.

Two men were arrested in connection with this murder and brought to trial by jury in Boone County District Court. Robert Bums and Robert Burris were both convicted of first degree murder in the death of Mrs. Eric Rose. Both were sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labor.

Boone County, to date, has three unsolved murders. The oldest murder case still unsolved dates back to the mid 1940s. The most recent case occurred in 1984.



**Chief Deputy
Randy L. Mitchell**



**Boone County Communications Staff: Front Row is Roxie Plath (l) and Deb Cadle (r).
Back row is Deputy Randy L. Mitchell, Supervisor; Cindy Bennett and Steven Ray.**

In recent years, Boone County, like many Iowa counties, has seen an increase in rural burglary and theft reports. The Sheriff's Office has been doing all it can to help educate possible victims by setting up Neighborhood Watch programs in some of the smaller communities. We try to stress to people that witness suspicious activity the importance of getting vehicle descriptions, license plate numbers, and any other information that can help us pick up a lead for an investigation. The Sheriff's Office is also trying to step up

patrol in areas that get hit the hardest by thieves. Basically, we attempt to have marked units visible at night to hinder any criminal activity. The Sheriff's Office has solved a number of burglaries in the past several years.

We wish to thank Larry Adams, Boone historian, for his help in locating all the historical data that was noted. We also wish to thank Shirley Walrod of the "Boone Today" newspaper for taking the photographs of all the Sheriff's personnel.



The Boone County Sheriff's Office. First Row: Deputy Gary Manson and Franklin; Sheriff Ronald D. Fehr, Deputies Lowell Hurley and Kenneth W. Kendall. Second Row: Deputy James Lukawski; Civil Deputy Karen Knight; Clerk Angela Warrick. Third Row: Chief Deputy Randy Mitchell, Deputies Charles Moore, Charles Pepples and Ken Ely.

More Than 110 Woodbury Co. S.O. Staff & Others Moved Over 200 Inmates to the New Jail at 3701 28th Street in Sioux City, Iowa

By Sheriff Chad Sheehan
Woodbury County Sheriff's Office

The Woodbury County Sheriff's Office has been training and preparing to move inmates into the new Woodbury County Law Enforcement Center for over a year, due to construction delays. The operation of moving over 200 inmates from one facility to another is a high risk and massive undertaking. The new jail has 500 long-term beds and over 50 temporary beds.

The entire staff have been asked to work overtime, take on additional responsibilities and at times adjust their work hours. All this has been done without complaint. Our staff are dedicated professionals committed to public safety and the citizens of Woodbury County should be extremely proud of their efforts; I know I am.

On Friday October 11, 2024, the Woodbury County Jail, 407 7th St. was closed at 8:00 p.m. Then at approximately 9:30 p.m. we met at the new law enforcement center to conduct a briefing on the operation. This operation involved approximately 70 Woodbury County Correctional Officers, 40 Deputies and Reserve Deputies, five nurses, one mental health therapist, two Iowa Department of Corrections prison guards, Woodbury County Emergency Management, Sioux City Fire and Rescue, Sioux City Police Department, WCICC and Woodbury County Building services. Assisting the Sheriff's Office by agreeing to cover calls in the County was the Iowa State Patrol and the Sgt. Bluff Police Department.

The first inmates were moved out of the old jail starting at approximately 11:15 p.m. and transported to the new jail at 3701 28th Street. Over the next seven hours a total of 210 inmates were moved to the new jail without incident. The last inmate was walked into the new jail on Saturday October 12th at approximately 6:15am. The new jail was opened and fully operational by 8:00 a.m. The first new booking took place at approximately 9:50 a.m.

I would like to recognize several individuals who have put in countless hours preparing for this moment:

- Chief Deputy Tony Wingert has been working on this project since the summer of 2018. He has been the hands-on representa-

tive for the Sheriff throughout the entire project. His leadership was integral in the project's overall success.

- Sgt. Jorma Schwedler was tasked with the planning and preparation with all aspects concerning inmates inside each facility. He then planned the training of all correctional staff to efficiently and effectively carry out the plan. The importance of his work on this project could never be overstated.

- Lt. Don Armstrong was tasked with planning the route to safely transport all inmates with minimal disruption to the traveling public. He successfully coordinated with multiple agencies to accomplish this mission.

- Capt. Harlow is the jail administrator and was assisting Chief Deputy Wingert in overseeing the project and managing resources needed for the mission.

- Lt. Uhl and Lt. Blanchard have been the spearheads of getting things accomplished at the new jail. Over the last two months these two have been working 60-80 hour weeks to have the building ready for move in. Their dedication to getting this move completed has been outstanding. Please keep in mind they are salaried and have not received compensation for all the extra hours put into this mission.

- Lt. Feiler is the longest tenured member of the Sheriff's Office with just over 40 years of service. While everyone was focused on the new building, Lt. Feiler was tasked with staying at the old jail and making sure the operations there were being taken care of. Her role, at times may have been overlooked, but this mission does not get completed without her overseeing the old jail and allowing others to focus on the new one.

To every other member of the Sheriff's Office, THANK YOU for all your efforts during this long process. You all do exceptional



Sheriff Chad Sheehan



Chief Deputy Tony Wingert

work in nearly impossible situations daily, and I could not be prouder of each one of you. Thank you also to the family members of our Sheriff's Office staff. Your sacrifice in supporting your loved ones is not forgotten and deeply appreciated.

Thank you to the LEC Authority members, the Board of Supervisors and the Sioux City Council for their roles in seeing this project through. It was not always smooth sailing, but they stayed the course while weathering some storms and we are thankful for them.

Finally, thank you to the citizens of Woodbury County who made this project possible. With out you, the taxpayer, none of this ever happens.

