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Sheriff Davis Needed Help Taking In His Giant Pumpkin



Harvesting the Prize-winning Pumpkin: Davis County Chief Deputy Josh O'Dell (left of pumpkin) helps Sheriff Dave Davis, David Allen Yoder (back right, who helped Sheriff Davis mix the right fertilizer to grow his pumpkin), and Deputy Josh Sinnott to wrestle the giant pumpkin into a harness inside the Sheriff's greenhouse so they could load it into the back of a pickup truck for the trip to the Iowa State Fair. Several friends and family were on hand to witness the removal of the pumpkin that night. Sheriff Davis' 1,235-pound pumpkin won first place in the 2015 Iowa State Fair Giant Pumpkin Contest. (Photo courtesy of Scott Spurgeon, Editor, *The Bloomfield Democrat*).

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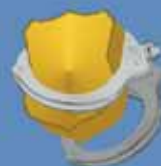
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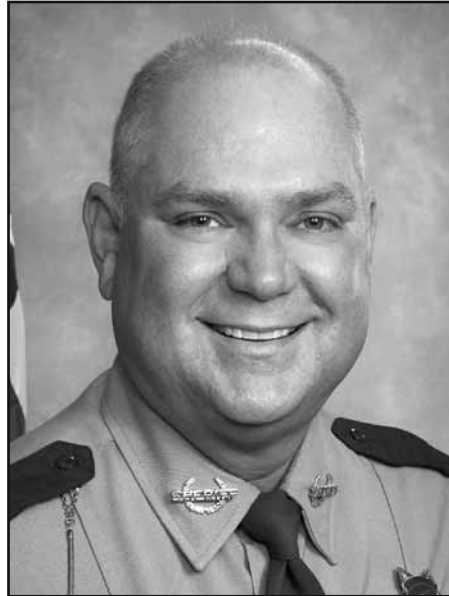
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Board of Director Ballots Are Mailed Out; Please Return Your Voted Ballot by Dec. 1

Greetings, while we're still enjoying the refreshing crispness of fall, the dread of winter's cold is fast approaching. The upside is that winter brings Winter School. This year's Winter School will be held December 6 – 9 at Embassy Suites in downtown Des Moines. The School's Committee has done a great job of putting together another first-rate Winter School for us. The tentative agenda has been posted to the website and appears in this edition of the magazine for your convenience.

Embassy Suites has been our location for Winter School for many years, aside from a brief stay at Prairie Meadows three years ago. But alas, it appears that we may have finally outgrown it. While the recently updated hotel is situated in a great centralized downtown location that provides easy access to many nearby eateries and shopping venues, we find that Embassy Suites currently has too little vendor and classroom space to easily accommodate us. Perhaps once they finish their remodeling of the former Doozie's restaurant location into classroom space, that might change the situation as it would allow us to expand the vendor area into the space currently used for our classroom activities.

In the meantime, based upon the Schools Committee's recommendation, the Board of Directors has contracted with the Des Moines Airport Holiday Inn for all three of our signature events (Civil School,



Sheriff Brian Gardner
Linn County Sheriff's Office

Jail School, and Winter School) for the next three years, starting in 2016. The Airport Holiday Inn has recently completed its convention center remodeling project and continues to upgrade the complex. That provides us with ample room for both our vendor and our classroom needs. If you're one of those overly organized people and wish to mark your calendars, the dates for our schools for the next three years are shown at the bottom of this page.

Ballots for the selection of the 2016

Board of Directors have been mailed out. Please be sure to return your voted ballot by December 1st. Remember: your vote will help determine the course of the Association as we move forward. Regarding the leadership of the ISSDA, I strongly encourage any sheriff's office employee who has contemplated being more involved in the Association to consider running for the Board. The time commitment is not unreasonable, and typically only includes monthly committee assignment and Board meetings in addition to attendance at the Civil, Jail, and Winter Schools. Board members are reimbursed for their hotel stays, meals, and travel expenses, if necessary, and if not otherwise provided or reimbursed by their County.

This year we only have one name appearing on the ballot for the position of Deputy Board Member – a position that requires two members. As such, the deputy sheriff candidate with the highest number of write-in votes will be selected to fill the second position... assuming that he or she accepts. Next year one of those two Deputy Board Members will be elected to ascend to the Second Vice President position. On the ballot we will also be electing two at-large Deputy Board Members for two-year terms, and have another contested race for the position of Second Vice President.

I hope to see you at Winter School... and here's hoping that you all stay safe.

Iowa State Sheriffs' & Deputies' Association Training Schools

Winter Schools

at Des Moines
Airport Holiday Inn

Dec. 4-7, 2016
Dec. 3-6, 2017
Dec. 2-5, 2018

Spring Civil Schools

at Des Moines
Airport Holiday Inn

April 17-20, 2016
April 23-26, 2017
April 15-18, 2018

Jail Schools

at Des Moines
Airport Holiday Inn

Sept. 18-21, 2016
Sept. 17-20, 2017
Sept. 16-19, 2018

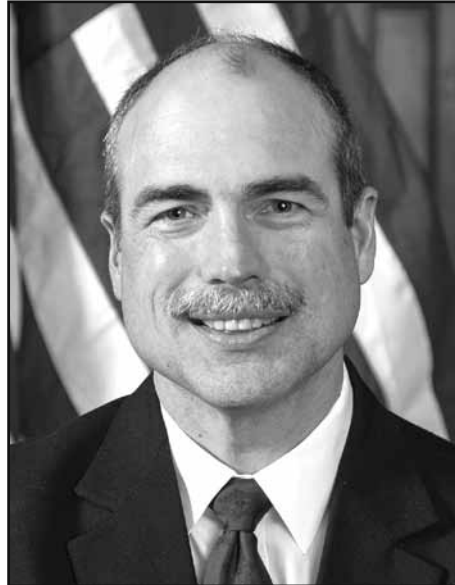
Call to Action: Stay informed on All of Our Legislative Issues, Contact Your Lawmakers

As we approach the 2016 Legislative Session, I would like to call on all of our members to be actively engaged in the legislative process this year and to closely track proposed legislation that will be forthcoming.

Some of this proposed legislation will make it to a vote in the House, Senate or both. However, some important proposals, including issues supported by ISSDA, will not make it out of committee without due diligence. I understand that not every piece of legislation our Association supports will be passed, but it is frustrating when bills designed to enhance public safety die in sub-committee – without ever getting a full chamber vote. Your involvement and help will make ISSDA more effective in this process.

The ISSDA Legislative Committee will again be working hard this year to promote legislation that is best suited to protect the public, deputy sheriffs and the office of Sheriff as a whole. This committee has been responsible for the successful implementation of many pieces of legislation that are very beneficial to us and the public. A few of the main issues they will be working on this year are: distracted driving, monitoring medical marijuana, mental health issues, adding “jailer” to the interference with official acts code section, E911 surcharge and civil fees.

There will be many other issues that our Legislative Committee will be monitoring.



Major John Godar
Linn County Sheriff's Office

The Legislative Committee serves a very important function but, believe me, it is a lot of work and requires a great deal of time and effort from committee members.

In order for ISSDA to be more effective during the legislative process, we need member involvement. Please stay informed on all of our legislative issues this year and contact your lawmakers to educate them on legislative issues as they move through committees.

We will be sending out many newsletters related to the current legislation status, and all of this information will be available

in the Members Section of our website at www.issda.org. Lawmakers value their constituents' opinions, especially when they are experts on the issues. What better experts on law enforcement issues than their local sheriff, deputy sheriffs and office personnel?

Having your family and friends contact their lawmakers is also very important. Their voices matter! Last year a lawmaker actually said that she had not heard from a single voter that thought distracted driving was a problem. This is not a problem isolated to law enforcement. Collectively, our voices matter.

As these issues come around, you can direct your family/friends to find their senators' and/ or representatives' contact information at the Iowa Legislature website: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators>.

Please help put our collective membership to work for us by staying involved and taking the time to contact lawmakers this year. Your involvement and voice will help us continue our mission to promote and protect PUBLIC SAFETY!

Lucas County Sheriff's Office Seizes Marijuana Valued at More than \$40,000 in Derby, Iowa

The Lucas County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant for a property in Derby, Iowa, after an ongoing investigation.

Numerous marijuana plants, and a large quantity of marijuana in various stages of processing, was seized. One arrest for conspiracy to manufacture marijuana was made on September 16, and a warrant was issued for another subject for manufacturing marijuana and 33 counts of failure to

affix tax stamp.

Lucas County Sheriff Brett Tharp is shown in the picture at the right standing next to a plant that was over seven feet tall. This plant had cuttings taken from it previously. The amount of marijuana seized has a potential value of over \$40,000.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted by the South Central Iowa Drug Task Force, Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement and the Chariton Police Department.



2016

Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association Application

Please return this form with payment.

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ISSDA Winter School 2015 Tentative Agenda

Sunday, December 6:

1700-1800 Registration
1900 Banquet: home-style buffet
Entertainment by Hot Rod Lincoln Band

Monday December 7:

0800-0900 Registration
0900-0930 Opening Ceremonies
0930-1030 State Fire Marshall's Office
1030-1100 Break
1100-1200 Iowa Violent Death Reporting System
1200-1300 Italian buffet lunch: WReeves & Assoc.
1300-1430 Safe at Home: Victim Services
1430-1515 Break
1515-1630 Safe at Home: Victim Services
1900 Vendor Hospitality

Tuesday, December 8

0900-1030 Rockwell City Standoff
1030-1100 Break
1100-1200 Rockwell City Standoff
1200-1300 Mexican buffet lunch
1300-1400 Conclusion of Rockwell City Standoff
1400-1600 ISSDA Business Meeting
1700-1800 Hospitality
1800-2030 Banquet: Margarita chicken
2030 Presidential reception

Wednesday, December 9

0830-1000 Ross Loder: Weapons permits
1000-1015 Break
1015-1100 Ross Loder: Weapons permits

New Website Improvements for Members and the Public: More Content, E-Newsletters, Online School Registration

Sgt. Shawn Ireland
Linn County Sheriff's Office

The ISSDA Website Committee is excited to announce major improvements to the website. The updated website has room for more and better content, and is a great way to share information with ISSDA members and the public.

One of the improvements is the E-Newsletters we are able to send out. Members of the public can sign up for E-News and a link is provided on the front page of the website. This will help get our message out to more people – especially when announcing new job postings.

ISSDA members signed up for access to the members-only content of the website will also receive the E-Newsletters. The

members-only area of the website has exclusive content like past issues of The Gold Star Magazine, archived minutes of board meetings, the ISSDA uniform manual, and more. If you are a member of the ISSDA and want access to the members-only page, you can sign up on the login / request access page.

There is also a “contact us” page on the website if you or members of the public have a question, information or news you want to send to the ISSDA. Messages go to the email address issda.mail@gmail.com. Depending on the information or request, it will be forwarded on to the appropriate board member or committee for response.

We are now able to fully process online registrations for schools, except for payment. Each school will have its own event

page, which will have a fillable form to fill out. When you submit that form, you will get an email receipt of your registration with the information you provided.

Check out the Honorary Member's page to find a video of the ISSDA Y-Camp this summer. It is a good example of the kind of content that we can now place on the website to promote the good things sheriffs, deputies and members of the ISSDA are doing. Other pages include; news, training announcements, now hiring, history, about us, board members, sponsors and many others.

If you have questions or suggestions, please email Web Committee Chair Sgt. Shawn Ireland, Deputy Linn County Sheriff, at shawn.ireland@linncounty.org



Sgt. Shawn Ireland

Robert Whitney Appointed Bremer Chief Deputy

On July 28, 2015, Robert Whitney was appointed Chief Deputy of the Bremer County Sheriff's Office.

Robert was sworn in on May 20, 2002, as a Bremer County Deputy Sheriff, and has worked for the Bremer County Sheriff's Office for 13 years.

He was the Chief of Police in Plainfield for four years prior to being hired by the Bremer County Sheriff's Office. Robert has an Associate of Arts degree in police science from

Hawkeye Community College, and graduated from Waverly-Shell Rock Community School District in 1995.

Robert has had a desire to be in law enforcement from a young age, and has been influenced by many people he has looked up to over the years that have also been in law enforcement.

He has had some great role models in his life who have helped shape him into what he is today.



ISSDA at the Iowa



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

State Fair 2015



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

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

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

Sheriff Dennis Hagenson (Hamilton Co.)

Tiffany Mass Replaces Stu De La Castro as Pottawattamie County Jail Administrator

Stu De La Castro resigned as Jail Administrator on June 29 to become director of the Sarpy County, Nebraska, 911 Communication Department.

Mass was promoted from her role as Administrative Detention Manager for the Pottawattamie County Jail, which she'd held for two years. She was also Detention Supervisor for 13 years.

While working at the jail, Mass earned a master's degree in justice administration from the University of Alaska-Fairbanks.

"She's tremendous," said Chief Deputy John Reynolds. "She has had a very long and

very successful career in administration."

Mass will oversee more than 80 jail employees and more than 270 inmates.

"Her role will be to make sure that inmates are treated fairly and ethically," Reynolds said. "We want the jail to be a safe environment."

The county received 16 applications for the position, and interviewed five applicants before choosing Mass. Before being named to the position, Mass interviewed in front of a panel of Reynolds, Sheriff Jeff Danker, Council Bluffs Police Chief Tim Carmody and Pottawattamie County Attorney Matt Wilber.



Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sioux City Gives Woodbury Reserves \$1,000

The Woodbury County Sheriff's Office Reserves received a \$1,000 donation from the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sioux City in thanks for their hard work during the first outdoor summer concert series held in Battery Park this year. Several reserve deputies donated their time to assist with public safety efforts. Hard Rock Hotel director of security Scott Knudson said, "We wanted to keep the concerts enjoyable and safe for attendees and the Reserve really helped us achieve that goal."



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

By Lt. Lynette Phillips
Woodbury County Sheriff's Office

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

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

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

WReeves provided a break for all the attendees during classes.

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

Karl Emergency Vehicles sponsored the Hospitality room for Monday night.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bremer County Det. Dave MacDonald Retires After 33 Years Dedicated to Law Enforcement

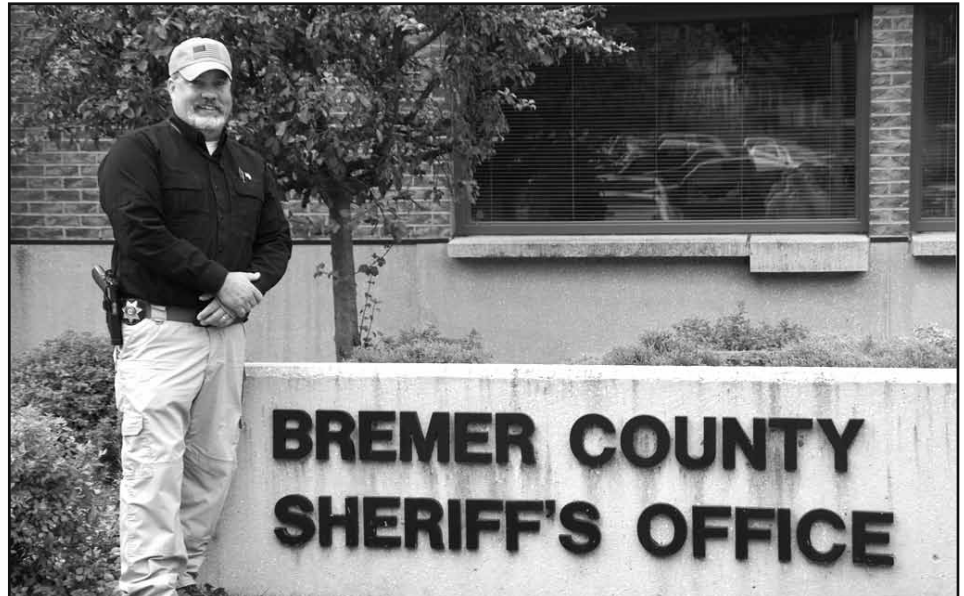
The Bremer County Sheriff's Office announces that Detective Dave MacDonald is retiring after more than 33 years in law enforcement. Det. MacDonald originally worked for the Marshalltown Police Department, but was then hired as a deputy sheriff by Bremer County Sheriff Bill Westendorf in August of 1982. Since that time MacDonald has worked all three shifts as a patrol deputy. He became interested in investigations and crime scene processing and continued to attend schools and training in those areas.

Det. MacDonald began assisting with the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Building Search class for recruits in 1990 and has remained active in that role. He also became an ILEA-certified firearms instructor and was part of a small group of law enforcement instructors who assisted the Iowa National Guard with base security at Camp Dodge on September 11, 2001, after the terrorist attacks that day. He is also currently serving as an adjunct instructor with Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo.

"One of the things I'm most proud of during my career is the number of Iowa law enforcement officers I've been fortunate enough to help train," Det. MacDonald says.

In 2004, Det. MacDonald was assigned as the detective for the Sheriff's Office by Sheriff Dewey Hildebrandt and has been their lead investigator since that time. In May of 2005, Detective MacDonald completed the Law Enforcement Intelligence Networks' Criminal Intelligence Course and became a LEIN member. In 2006, Det. MacDonald received the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award from the Exchange Club and the Bremer County Peace Officer's Association.

In recent years Detective MacDonald has participated in numerous multi-



jurisdictional investigations across Iowa that have included burglaries, bank robberies, kidnappings and homicides. These cases were worked alongside many local agencies, the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. They included his participation in cases such as the Evelyn Miller homicide, the Coach Ed Thomas homicide, the Maynard Bank Robbery and shootings, the Evansdale girls' homicides, and the Dayton, Iowa, abductions and homicide in 2013.

Recently Detective MacDonald was recognized for these efforts by the Law Enforcement Intelligence Network of Iowa by receiving their "Cooperative Spirit" Award in 2012 for his part in a multi-jurisdictional investigation centered on a group of subjects suspected of numerous acts of vandalism, several burglaries of hog confinements and acts of arson. On October 6, 2015, at their 31st Annual Conference, Detective MacDonald received LEIN's highest award for "Excellence Through Cooperation." MacDonald stated that he has been

very fortunate in being able to work with some of the finest investigators in the state.

"I don't think the public realizes how good these folks really are, and how lucky they are to have these people working on these major cases," Det. MacDonald said.

"If I was going to pick a group of investigators to work a case, these would be the ones I would pick. This will be the hardest part to walk away from – being considered to be a part of this group."

His plans for retirement include spending more time with his wife and family, and less time with his cell phone. He hopes to get more time for hunting and fishing; however, he intends to stay active with teaching at Hawkeye Community College.

Bremer County Sheriff Dan Pickett said, "Detective MacDonald will be missed with all the knowledge and dedication he has brought to the Bremer County Sheriff's Office."

The Bremer County Sheriff's Office invites you to attend a reception for Detective MacDonald on Nov. 20 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Waverly Civic Center.

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Iowa State Sheriffs' & Deputies' Assn. website at
www.issda.org**

Polk County Deputy Mohr and K-9 Dameon Win 2 Heartland of America Police Dog Assn. Awards

By Sgt. Brandon Bracelin
Polk County Sheriff's Office

Polk County Sheriff's Deputy Mark Mohr and his K-9 partner, Dameon, took home two awards during the 2015 Heartland of America Police Dog Association certifications.

On October 5 - October 9, 26 law enforcement K-9 teams from all over the state of Iowa and Kansas gathered to participate in this event. Deputy Mohr and K-9 Dameon took 2nd Place in the 2015 Detector Dog category and 3rd place in the 2015 Patrol Dog category.

Although this is significant, Deputy Mohr and K-9 Dameon are not strangers to great accomplishments; previously, they took 3rd place in the 2013 Patrol Dog category, 3rd place in the 2012 Detector Dog category and most notably were awarded the 2011 Patrol Dog Case of the Year for locating an armed barricaded subject with felony warrants. The suspect in this case was hiding in a hole that he had dug through his concrete basement floor, without Dameon's help the suspect would not have been discovered.

Deputy Mohr and K-9 Dameon have



made numerous apprehensions of suspects with felony charges, and have been involved in multiple drug seizures. In April of 2014, Dameon apprehended Kenny Bevard, an inmate who escaped during transport. Both Deputy Mohr and Dameon assisted the U.S. Marshal's Service and the 5th Judicial Probation and Parole Fugitive Unit with Bevard's apprehension, locating him hiding under a residence after fleeing

from officers.

Deputy Mohr has been with the Polk County Sheriff's Office since 1998, and Dameon has been part of the Polk County Sheriff's Office family since July of 2010.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office would like to congratulate Deputy Mohr and K-9 Dameon on a job well done. We are all very proud of your accomplishments and dedicated service to the citizens of Polk County.

Woodbury County Sheriff's Office Provides Security, Kids' Tattoos, and Gives Away Two Bikes at County Fair

At right is Sheriff Dave Drew with some of his younger fans at the Woodbury County Fair. The fair ran from August 5 - 9 and was, again, a huge success for the Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff is pictured applying our very popular badge tattoos on a few of the 2,000-plus children that stopped and asked for them. Each year during the fair, the Sheriff's Office sets up its Mobile Command Vehicle and provides fun and se-



curity at the fair. We also provide informational literature for adults and with the help of Weber Farms, who donate two bicycles

every year, we have a bike drawing where one lucky girl and one lucky boy go home with new bikes.

Clinton County Promotes Stephen Diesch and Hires Clayton Rabe as Deputy Sheriff

By Sheriff Rick Lincoln
Clinton County Sheriff's Office

The Clinton County Sheriff's Office has promoted Stephen Diesch, of Clinton, to sergeant and hired Clayton Rabe as a deputy sheriff. Sergeant Stephen Diesch began his career as a deputy sheriff for Clinton County in July of 1997. He previously had been assigned to the Jail and Patrol and was a Field Training Officer. His promotion was effective August 31, 2015. Sgt. Diesch will be assigned as the Assistant Jail Administrator.

Clayton Rabe, of Camanche, has been hired as a deputy sheriff effective June 23, 2015. Deputy Rabe has been a correctional officer in the Clinton County Jail since February 18, 2014. He is a resident of Camanche, Iowa. Deputy Rabe is currently attending the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy 265th Basic with a tentative graduation date of 12-11-15. Upon graduation, Deputy Rabe's first assignment will be in the jail.



At left is Clinton County Sheriff Rick Lincoln with Sgt. Stephen Diesch, and at right is Sheriff Lincoln with new Deputy Clayton Rabe.

Davis County Bond Issue Passes May 5 on First Try for New Jail/ Law Center, Bloomfield Police & More

By Sheriff Dave Davis
Davis County Sheriff's Office

The Davis County Law Center / Jail bond referendum passed on May 5, 2015, with a 72.45 percent vote.

This was our first attempt to educate the public on the standards and classifications that we struggle to deal with in our current two-story, 10-bed jail.

After the 2014 Iowa State Jail inspection, it was clear we needed to update our facilities. Our current jail is was formerly in a building that was the Bloomfield Municipal Water Works before being converted into the Davis County Jail in 1972. The building was constructed in 1934 and has several structural issues found in the 2014 jail inspection.

Our sheriff's office building is shared with the Bloomfield police department and used to be a Community Hall, for years,

and then also the Bloomfield Fire Station. It was built in 1920 and is also having structural issues as well.

I asked for volunteers from the community to be a part of a jail feasibility committee, and had a good response and the individuals working very hard putting together information that was distributed throughout Davis County before the vote. They learned of the Jail Standards and Classifications that are mandated today in the State of Iowa.

I held community meetings and went to all of the organizations over a three-month period – sometimes more than once to explain the issues we have with our jail structure and our problems with the 10-bed jail. I explained how we are full at times and to do the proper classifications we end up housing inmates out of county at a much higher cost than if we were to house our inmates locally. We also held three open

houses in the jail so that the public could tour it and see the problems for themselves. All three open houses were well attended. The message was well received and I am proud of our citizens in Davis County for taking the time to listen and learn what we have to deal with on a daily basis.

The bond was for \$5.8 million dollars to construct a new jail / law center. Davis County bought ground on the south end of the Bloomfield city limits at the intersection of highways 2 and 63. Office space is also being made available for the Bloomfield Police Department, DOC Probation / Parole, Juvenile Court Officers and Emergency Management. The jail will be a 29-bed facility with holding cells.

This is an exciting time for my office and I feel fortunate to have gotten the bond passed on the first try. We hope to be moving dirt in November, and would like to be moved into the new facility in Nov. 2016.

Sheriff Richtsmeier Details Wish List for Winter School Camp Courageous Drive

By Sheriff Larry Richtsmeier
Franklin County Sheriff's Office

I am happy to say that Camp Courageous fundraising last December from ISSDA members at the Winter School was an overwhelming success with donations exceeding expectations.

Your donations of needed items was more than my Expedition could carry, and we needed a trailer to carry the rest with its 8x12 trailer floor covered.

My goal this year is to fill the same trailer! So I am providing a current wish list in this issue of The Goldstar for all members and vendors prior to winter school.

Camp Courageous is very appreciative of anything that is donated, as the need is great. They had just fewer than 7,000 campers this last year and expect to exceed the 7,000 mark next year! Camp Courageous is a not-for-profit organization and gets no government funding, so it operates entirely on donations.

Please bring your items to the Winter School and I will be there with the little red wagon again by the registration area. Also, I will be collecting through the whole conference, so if you forget or wish to donate more than once we will be there for you!

I am looking forward to making many trips with the red wagon back to the trailer! (Makes the hotel staff look).

P.S. If you have some railroad memorabilia that you could part with, they have extended the rail line for the Camp train, and would appreciate anything for their train station. (I found a rail spike hammer at an auction the other night for them).

Partial Camp Courageous Wish List

(Items in ***Bold italic text*** are urgently needed as of Sept. 29, 2015. **Bold text** items are commonly needed, but all items in the list are needed. The full and most recent version of this list can be found at www.campcourageous.org):

PROGRAM ITEMS NEEDED

Rubbermaid Cart FG564200BLA; Disinfectant wipes to clean helmets; Black Sharpies; Balloons, Life jackets

(all sizes, small or medium preferred); Batteries 9V, AA, AAA, and C; Small rhythm instruments; Water jugs (3- and 5-gallon); Parachutes/ utility cord; Holiday gifts for youth, teens, adults; Bubble Machine; Belts; Inner tubes; Iowa Flag.

Archery Targets and target Stands; Accessible volleyball net; Rubbermaid lawn chairs for pool; New bicycle helmets (L-XXL sizes); Colored duct tape (all colors);

Campbell soup UPC codes from label; Bouncy balls - large with handle;

Dry bags for canoeing (need 2 dozen large bags; Dress-up clothes/ costumes; Spa treatments (lipstick, nail polish, hair ties, polish remover, lotions and perfumes); Sweatpants (XL or larger) and underwear;

Valentine's Day decorations; heavy duty waterproofed canvas tarps; MP3 player/ iPod; Tee for T-ball; Koosh balls; Baseball caps; Box fans; Lava lamps; Cow bells; Puppets; Disco balls; Head lamps; Snowshoes; Rubber kick balls; Pom poms; Beeper balls; Pool toys/ floats; New basketballs; Air cube; Goggles; Air swimmers; Bail pump; Baby food jars; blender; Microwave oven; Carnival games; Bright colored arrows; Pipe cleaners;

OFFICE ITEMS NEEDED

Paper-white or bright colored letter, legal, or ledger sizes; Laser printer cartridges for HP 2300, 600M; 3005X; Stamps in 49-cent, 34-cent, 1-cent and Forever denominations.

Adding machine rolls IN 2-1/4 inch size; Gift cards to office supply stores; Compressed air canisters; Markers (Sharpie fine point); DVD-R/RW and CD-R/RW media; Staples; Labels (Avery #5160); Easels; Scotch Tape (1/2-inch); Manila file folders; White Out (Liquid Paper).

DIETARY ITEMS NEEDED

Any proteins including chicken, turkey, beef, pork and fish; Live hog or steer for butchering; Ziploc sandwich & freezer bags; (quart & gallon); Dish soap; Masking tape; Permanent markers; Instant pudding; Trash bags (13-gallon, 33 and 55 gallon); Muffin cups (all sizes); Fresh Fruits & Veggies, onions, potatoes, canned

foods, shelf-stable foods; Juice, dairy products, peanut butter, jelly, bread (sliced), hotdog buns, hamburger buns, lemonade (powdered), Hi-C, Kool-Aid, Instant coffee; Parchment & wax paper, flour (all-purpose, whole wheat), cornmeal, gluten free flour, sugar (white, brown, powdered), honey, stevia;

Oil (vegetable, canola, olive, sesame), non-stick spray;

Tilt skillet (30- or 40-gallon with manual tilt); Chocolate bars (Hershey's), Cocoa powder, Chocolate chips, Carnation Instant Breakfast; Ensure; Boost;

Special eating utensils; Silverware;

Marshmallows; Pie filling; Jello; Sippy cups; Vegetarian/ vegan items: Allergen-free items (milk, egg, shellfish); Fruit/ Veg squeeze packets; Gatorade/ Powerade; Puffcorn; Sugar-free items; Gluten-free items; Dairy-free items; Gelatin; Prunes; Easy Mac; Blender (Vitamix); Toasters (2- and 4-slot).

PHARMACY ITEMS NEEDED

8-1/2 X 11 card stock paper (100-110-LB) for camper med cards; Miralax; Rubbing alcohol; Eye lubricant; Biofreeze; Small Zip-lock bags for meds (2x3, 3x4), 1" Blue masking tape;

Ketodiatix, Chloroseptic spray; Cough drops;

Contour glucose strips; Glucogen (diabetic emergency); Biscodyl suppositories; Immodium; Benedryl (Oral/ topical); Swimmers Ear Solution; Nasal decongestant; AfterBite treatment; Vicks/Vaseline; Perineal creams; Orgel; Zinc oxide; Calamine; Hydrocortisone.

TRAVEL PROGRAM ITEMS

Armor-All cleaning supplies (soap, sponges, air fresheners, wipes).

Movies (G, PG, PG-13 on DVD).

Fishing vest-style life jackets (7 needed). Air mattresses (singles);

Gift cards (Walmart, Marriott & Choice Hotels); Card games; 2015 Atlas; Dramamine; Fishing poles (seven).

For the full needs Wish List, please go to www.campcourageous.org.

K2 Medical Alerts' "A.S.A.P. Kit" Tells First Responders Special Needs Folks Ride in Car

Kami Olmstead and Karen Holladay of Muscatine met nine years ago when their sons were in the same 1st grade special needs classroom. Both Olmstead and Holladay's sons have severe autism.

They've forged a great relationship over the years, sharing the struggles of autism, working together, organizing special needs events, and most recently starting K2 Medical Alerts.

Last year Olmstead was driving with her non-verbal autistic son when another driver ran a stop sign nearly hitting them on the highway. That moment was forever ingrained in Olmstead's mind. It was that moment that started a conversation with Holladay, and led to the creation of K2.

These mothers wanted to create something that would help law enforcement and EMS care for their sons if they were unable to communicate the special needs of the boys. They began working with SCORE, meeting with first responders, and researching. They found countless stories where people with medical conditions were being mistaken for people under the influence of drugs or alcohol, and being arrested or engaged physically.

"Those are mistakes that law enforcement people don't want to make", says Holladay.

"Our Alert for Special Assistance Program (A.S.A.P.) can help prevent those mistakes, and give people with health problems some peace of mind," Olmstead adds.

The A.S.A.P. kit includes a license plate frame for the rear of the vehicle (Iowa Code compliant), and a horizontal decal placed inside the bottom corner of the drivers side windshield. Both of these will alert law enforcement that someone within the vehicle has a disability or medical condition. Inside the glove box is a packet that attaches itself to the door with an identification card completed by the customer. This ID card includes medical and personal information about that person as well as a photo and self-laminating sleeve to protect the card. In addition, there is a vertical decal for the home that it placed at eye level above the door knob. Inside that door is another adhesive packet with the same information as the car ID kit.

Olmstead and Holladay are building the A.S.A.P. program, and meeting with law enforcement and EMS personnel to



Kami Olmstead (left) holds a sample of the ASAP kit, and Karen Holladay (right) shows their Award from the EntreFest, Iowa's entrepreneur conference, held in Iowa City. In the center is Sheriff C. J. Ryan.

explain how it works. On May 21 at EntreFest in Iowa City, K2 Medical Alerts won a \$5,000 business grant to help spread the word about A.S.A.P. throughout Iowa and nationally.

Sheriff Ryan said, "These two ladies have a passion for helping people with special needs or medical issues. The benefit to law enforcement and first responders is recognizing what they're dealing with and responding appropriately. It's a great help in the civil liability area, and truly helping people, which is our mission."

Hancock County Sheriff's Office Hires Former Britt P.D. Chief Robert Sankey

By Sheriff Scott E. Dodd
Hancock County Sheriff

The Hancock County Sheriff's Office has hired a new full-time deputy sheriff, Robert Sankey, effective July 1. Deputy Sankey had been a part-time deputy with the Sheriff's Office since December 2011. He was previously the chief of the Britt Police Department.

Deputy Sankey graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy in July 2009. He has received an Associate of Science Degree from Iowa Central Community College, and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Kaplan University, both in criminal justice. He is currently involved in the North Central Iowa Narcotics Task Force Special Operations Group.



David Linn Sexton, 68

Retired Sergeant Served 30 years with Dubuque County Sheriff's Office

David Linn Sexton, 68, of St. Cloud, Florida, and formerly of Dubuque, passed away Monday, July 20, 2015, due to injuries related to a motorcycle accident.

Memorial Services were held Monday, August 3, with Masonic Service at Hoffmann Schneider Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 1640 Main St., Dubuque, where the family will greet friends starting at 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home.

He was born June 12, 1947, in Burlington, Iowa, the son of Harold and Anna (Smith) Sexton, and grew up in Waterloo. In 1962, he moved to Dubuque, and graduated from Dubuque Senior High School in 1965. He continued his education at ILEA (Iowa Law Enforcement Academy), graduating in 1971, SEICC (Southeast Iowa Community College) for auto body, graduating in 1970, and NITI (Northeast Iowa Technical Institute) for auto mechanics, graduating in 1978. David married Kathleen Kelly on November 4, 1967, at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Dubuque. They moved to West Burlington, Iowa, in 1968, where he worked at Iowa Army Ammunitions Plant and the West Burlington Police Department.

They returned to Dubuque in 1972. He retired from the Dubuque County Sheriff's Department in 2002 after 30 years of ser-



vice, the last 15 years as sergeant on the day shift. He also worked part time for 17 years for the Dubuque County Conservation Commission, mainly in the Swiss Valley Area. He and his father incorporated Country Haven Properties Inc.

In 2002, he and Kathy moved to Florida to be closer to their kids and grandkids and to get away from the snow and ice. While living in Florida, he was employed for 10 years driving an armored transport in Or-

lando and surrounding communities, first for Brinks, then AT Systems, which became Garda, retiring in 2012. He was a 32nd degree Mason -- Tri-State Lodge 673, Clinton Scottish Rite and Past Monarch of Oxus Grotto of Dubuque. He was also a member of the 389th Engineers Battalion for 6 years and of the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association. David enjoyed riding his Harley, doing woodworking projects and doing volunteer work for Give Kids The World, where he spent many hours at the Orlando International Airport, greeting the arriving families. He loved interacting with each of his grandchildren and doing projects with his daughters.

David is survived by his wife, Kathy; two daughters, Amy (Steve), and their four children, Stephanie, Andrew, David and Elizabeth, of Delray Beach, FL, and Melissa (Andrew), of Orlando, FL; his sister, Joyce (Chuck) Vesey, of Muscatine, IA; his brother, Dennis (Hopun) Sexton, of Herndon, VA; nieces, nephews aunts, cousins and in-laws.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his grandparents; aunts, uncles, cousins and in-laws. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Give Kids the World Village www.gktw.org. Online condolences may be left at www.hskfh.com.

Cherokee County Deputies Scott and Burditt Recognized for Aiding U.S. Marshal Service in Fugitive Capture

United States Marshal Ken Runde (center) met with Cherokee County Deputies Derek Scott and Alex Burditt to present them with a letter of appreciation for their help in apprehending a fugitive by providing information on August 25, and assisting the United States Marshal Service with the fugitive's apprehension.



New equipment gives sheriff an ‘arm up’ on water rescues

By Robin Baumgarn
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Oct. 26, 2015. SIBLEY, Iowa — While not located in the “Land of 10,000 Lakes,” Osceola County features a number of bodies of water — and, unfortunately, accidents do happen.

It’s with that concern in mind that Osceola County Sheriff Doug Weber began researching equipment to aid in water rescues.

“Water safety has always concerned me in the county because it seems we have a lot of bodies of water,” Weber said.

Weber’s research led him to the ARM-LOC, a product sold in Duluth. The device, which looks and operates much like an oversized blood pressure cuff, gives law enforcement, first responders and others the ability to make a rescue while limiting the potential for injury to emergency personnel.

If a victim has fallen through ice or is otherwise drowning in water, the ARM-LOC can be tossed from shore to the victim, who would slide the apparatus on their arm. It can also be slid over the arm of the victim by emergency personnel.

Once placed on the arm, a yellow lanyard is pulled to deploy and hold the ARM-LOC in place by filling the cuff with carbon dioxide. The inflation eliminates the need for the victim to hold onto the rope in order



Osceola County Sheriff Doug Weber models the department’s newest piece of rescue equipment, the ARM-LOC. The device can be used in both water and fire rescues. Robin Baumgarn/Daily Globe

to be pulled ashore, which is beneficial according to Weber.

“If you’re really in a rescue situation, you could be tired and you can’t hang on,” Weber explained. “If they are unconscious, you can slip it on and pull them (the victim) out of harm’s way.”

The item can also serve as a flotation

device if held near the victim’s chest. The ARM-LOC can be deployed in seconds and is reusable.

In addition to water rescues, the ARM-LOC can also be used to pull victims from fires or even from grain bins. Weber said the item can also be used for someone who has fallen in a well, or in any situation where they are not easily accessible by emergency personnel.

With multiple applications and reuses, Weber would like to purchase an ARM-LOC for all eight of the county’s deputies. He said deputies are often the first to respond to an emergency situation, and that the ARM-LOC can help them begin a rescue while waiting for ambulance personnel.

“I’m an outdoor person so I know it (water) can be unforgiving,” Weber said. “We have the pit in town, which is popular with kids, and we’ve had some drownings in the county. I’m not saying this would have saved anyone, but it is another tool we can have.”

With the ARM-LOC’s ability to be used in fires for removing victims, Weber noted that he and Osceola County Emergency Management Director Dan Bechler will be meeting with fire departments around the county to demonstrate the device and encourage them to invest in it as well.

“I’d like to see each fire department in the county get one for their truck,” Weber concluded.

Hardin County Deputy & Fireman Brad Kirkpatrick Retires After 30 Years Service

By Sheriff Dave McDaniel
Hardin County Sheriff’s Office

On September 25, Hardin County Deputy Brad Kirkpatrick decided to “hang up his gun belt” after 30 years of service. Brad started his law enforcement career dispatching for Hardin County and then moved to the road. He

had a real passion for law enforcement and everyone he worked with was part of his extended family.

Brad also had a deep passion for the fire service, serving on the Eldora Fire Department as well as the Hubbard Fire Department. Brad was very popular with the citizens he served and always made time for everyone.

