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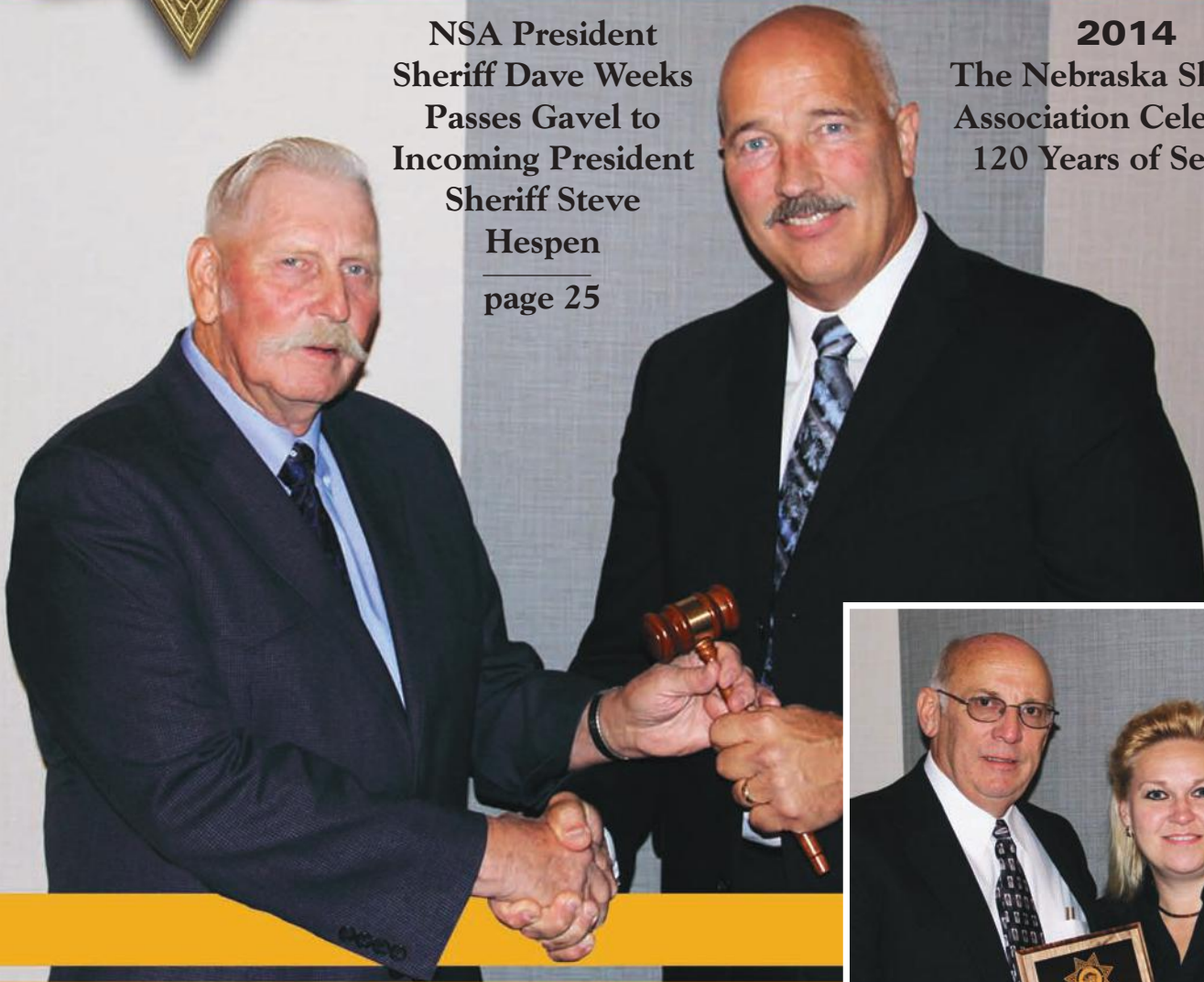
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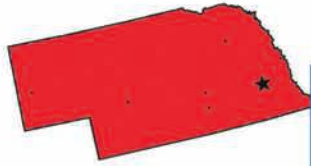
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Not bad for a \$25 membership fee!

So sign up yourself or someone else today by using the form below. You can also find this form online at **www.nesheriffsassoc.org**.

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A Message from 2013 NSA President Sheriff Dave Weeks

Hello again everyone,

This has been a whirlwind year for me and a very enjoyable year working with all of you. The highlights of this year for me were the National Conference and our Nebraska Sheriffs' Conference. Both were extremely informative and very well attended. I thank you all for participating and sharing your time. The training was well implemented and worth a few hours of continuing education. I'm sure you all enjoyed yourselves.

Thanks to all of you for allowing me to serve as your president and to have this experience. Thanks to Amy for all of her time and expertise during the legislative session and for doing such a great job at our NSA/POAN Conference.

NSA membership is a subject we need to address in the coming year. 2014 is the 120th anniversary of the founding of NSA and a great time to boost membership. If you are already a member, thanks. If you know of a prospective member, encourage them to join our association.

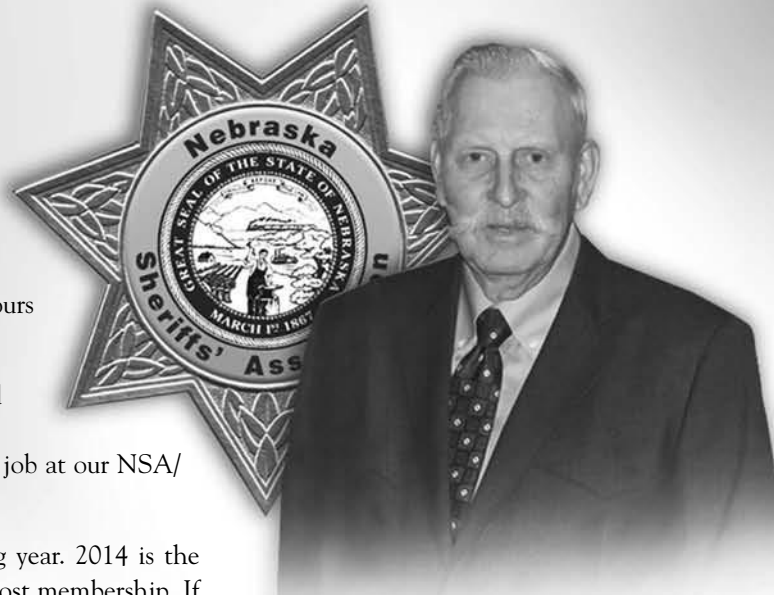
I would like to thank all of our NSA Board members for helping me through this year. I must also say that I had the luxury of having a wonderful ally during my tenure in Andy Backman, President of POAN.

With the new year upon us, please welcome our new president and friend, Sheriff Steve Hesper. He will need all of our support to make this organization survive these trying times.

Thanks, again, to all the Sheriffs, Deputies, Sheriffs' staff, and other law enforcement for making our country the best in the world - the good old USA!

See you soon and may God bless you all,

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From the NSA Executive Director

By Amy Prenda, J.D.

“All relationships either add to or subtract from a person’s life.”

– John Maxwell –

Devin Henderson, a professional magician and motivational speaker, sent me his book, *Share Your Magic*, that challenges the reader to see themselves as a magician with a bag of tricks. “Your magic is the thing you are good at – the thing or things that people remember you for. Your magic is anything you possess that can be used to add value to others.” He goes on to say that in all of our relationships we are either a “pickpocket” or a “magician,” or, if you reread the quote by John Maxwell, we are either givers or takers. Only when we abandon the pickpocket mentality will we find success, because we will be looking out for the interest of others instead of just pursuing our own personal success.

This year, Kathi, Kylie, Tiffany and Joni of Advanced Association Management (AAM) have shared their magic with the Nebraska Sheriffs’ Association. While I have enjoyed being the only “employee” of the NSA, it was difficult to be the only one in the office managing the day-to-day administration of the office. It was also concerning that if something would have happened to me there wouldn’t be anyone available to manage the Association. I needed to find an opportunity that would allow me to continue to do what I love to do, manage the day-to-day administration of the NSA, but also help me take the NSA to the next level.

The transition to AAM happened only a couple of months ago, but even in such a short time I greatly appreciate having the extra support of AAM. That being said, however, the real magic of joining AAM has been the value AAM has added to the NSA. AAM offers association management, event management, communications, database development, marketing, and financial management — so many tools in the toolbox for us to use to build and grow the association.

The magic has been if I can dream it, they can make it happen. Success comes to those who share their magic, so I would like to thank AAM for sharing its magic with NSA!



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Death Under the KKK Sun

Written by Sgt. Winston Cavendish
Sun, LA, Police Department (retired)

What happens to your community when a major hate crime occurs? How does a small police department deal with worldwide press looking for sensational news? How do you deal with it?

The following story shook our small village of Sun, LA, on Sunday morning November 9, 2008. Ms. Cynthia Lynch (46), from Tulsa, OK, was murdered by the Sons of the Dixie Brotherhood, a branch of the Ku Klux Klan (Wizard Raymond Foster). Ms. Lynch arrived by bus in Slidell, LA on November 5, 2008 to join the Bogalusa, LA, Klan. She had been searching online for such an organization. She eventually wanted to start her own Klan in Tulsa.

You might ask why she had so much hate inside her? According to her family, she had been assaulted numerous times by blacks in her community and nothing was done about it, so she wanted to take the law into her own hands. That's when Raymond Foster invited her to become a member of the Klan.

Sunday, November 9, 2008 was a typical, quiet morning at the Sun Police Department. For several weeks, a white car with Louisiana plates had been parked on the side of Lock 3 Road, just about three hundred yards away from the police station. Earlier that morning, I had checked out the vehicle and found it was registered to a person in Bogalusa. There was nothing outstanding on the vehicle or its driver. Still, I had that feeling law enforcement often gets that something was wrong, but couldn't put my finger on it.

I had seen deer hunters in camouflage suits coming and going out of the woods near this vehicle for several days. But, today a white woman in her late 40s, with two white men on both sides of her, were walking into the swamp. I felt something was wrong but dismissed the thought, probably because there was no sign she was in distress. (The longer you are a cop the more you think the worst of your fellow man, it comes with the territory.)

My partner, John Scruma, had just finished his shift and taken his unit to the local Circle K convenience store north of Sun for gas. John called me on the car radio and told me two men were soaked in blood at the filling station, covered head to toe. They had asked the clerk how to best get rid of catfish blood on clothing. John said the men were very nervous when he walked into the station. I advised him to call the Washington Parish Sheriff's dispatch and tell them his suspicions of a possible major crime.

The dispatch promptly sent a deputy to find out what was going on. (It was not in our jurisdiction.) It was then the men confessed

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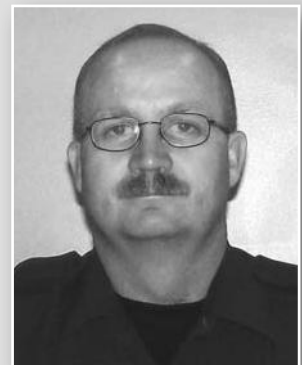
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**1880s Brown County, Nebraska:
 City of Long Pine Stage Line and Tragic Death**

In the fall of 1881, Long Pine in Brown County, NE, was a hustling little frontier town only a few weeks old. It was headquarters for Berry Brothers stage line and all freight and supplies for Fort Niobrara and surrounding country.

There was lots of talk and excitement about the possibilities of the new country farther on when the road was built west in the spring. A number of businessmen who established themselves at Long Pine that year, later came to Valentine, then on to Chadron. Doctor Alfred Lewis was Long Pines' first physician; in 1883 he came to Valentine and was the first physician to locate here. Thomas Moore was a pioneer businessman of Long Pine who later moved his flour and feed store to Valentine.

Mr. O'Leary was a discharged soldier from the regular army but everyone still called him Sergeant O'Leary. He had filed on a homestead on the canyon and built an attractive little house built of red cedar logs that was situated near the Seven Springs. Some people thought the water in the springs contained medicinal properties and should be developed and the town called Seven Springs instead of Long Pine.

Tragedy Strikes the Kane Family

A tragic death occurred on the street at Long Pine that first fall. Bartley Kane, a young homesteader from Atkinson, had been working for Berry Brothers. There was some dispute over his wages. Kane was very angry and made some disparaging remarks about Berry Brothers to which Jesse Crawford, a stage driver for Berry Brothers, took exception and he struck Kane with a piece of 2 x 4 and killed him.

It was a very sad affair for Mr. Kane had a young widowed sister with two small children who had come out from some place in the east to settle a homestead joining his at Atkinson. She was expecting him home to build her house and help her get ready for a winter on her claim.

Indian Uprising?

Spotted Tail was killed by Crow Dog that year and many rumors of an Indian outbreak grapevined through the country but we felt very safe in Long Pine canyon because we were near the railroad.

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<http://www.memoriallibrary.com/NE/Brown/memories.htm>

He Got Away Very S-L-O-W-L-Y (<http://www.reddit.com/r/AskReddit>)

We didn't have animal control on our base, so the MP's and the DoD police were the ones who dealt with strays and such. One day one of the busiest roads on the base was completely blocked because a huge snapping turtle took up residence in the middle of the road and refused to move for anyone. One of the DoD police officers used his night stick to push the turtle off the road. Just as they got to the grass, this HUGE snapping turtle shoots his neck out at lightning speed and grabs the night stick out of the DoD cop's hand and starts waddling off into the woods. 2 seconds later I hear my squad leader key up the microphone: "1-1, be advised, suspect is now armed and attempting to flee."

Prescription Drug Identification and Submission

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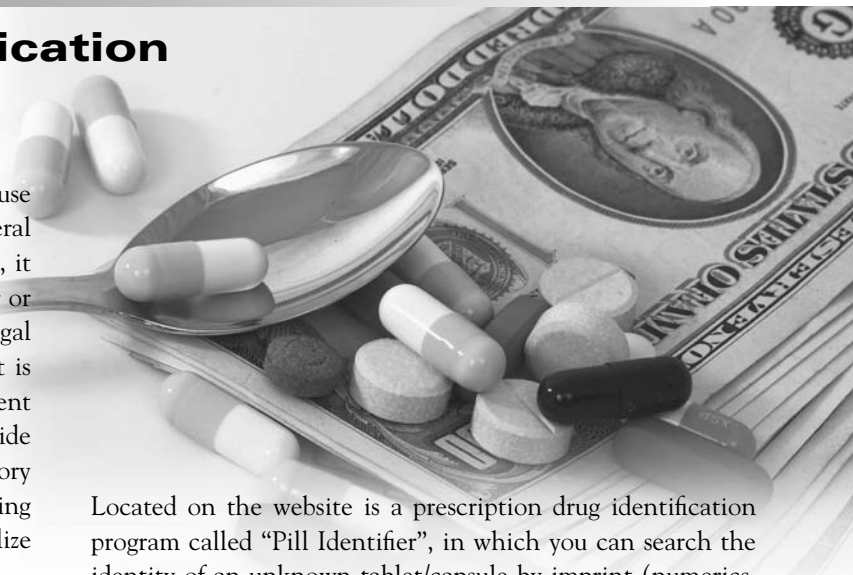
National trends have shown a marked increase in the abuse and illegal sale of prescription drugs over the past several years. Without access to the proper resources in the field, it is often difficult for officers on a scene to identify whether or not a capsule/tablet without descriptive packaging is a legal drug to possess (e.g. over-the-counter medication) or if it is considered an illegal controlled substance and should be sent to the crime lab for testing. In an effort to continue to provide the best, most timely results, the NSP Crime Laboratory Controlled Substances section has provided the following helpful identification and submission tips for officers to utilize while out in the field.

Prescription Drug Identification in the Field

Check the tablet/capsule markings in an attempt to identify the drug prior to submission. After identification is made, only submit those tablets/capsules that are defined as controlled substances (not over-the-counter or drugs in which the suspect has a valid prescription).

- Over-the-counter tablets/capsules are NOT controlled and can be obtained with-out a prescription.
- Many prescription medications (e.g. Antibiotics) are not controlled - they require a prescription, but are not listed in Nebraska Statutes under 28-105 schedule of controlled substances.

Drugs.com is a comprehensive and up-to-date source of drug information online. This resource provides FREE, peer-reviewed, accurate and independent data on more than 24,000 prescription drugs, over-the-counter medicines, and natural products.



Located on the website is a prescription drug identification program called “Pill Identifier”, in which you can search the identity of an unknown tablet/capsule by imprint (numerics, alpha characters, or symbols), color, and/or shape.

- The submitting officer should note on the NSP Crime Laboratory evidence submittal form (750) what the prescription drug marking check indicated as to the possible identity of the submitted substance.
- Prior to submitting tablets/capsules for testing, officers should verify that the holder does not have a valid prescription for the drug. The drugs should ONLY be submitted if the holder has NO valid prescription.
- ANY marked tablets/capsules submitted to the lab that are not controlled will NOT be tested in ANY manner. Policies such as this one help us make the most efficient use of our and your time.

More on this topic and “Large Quantity Drug Submission” at <https://statepatrol.nebraska.gov/LabReportNewsletter.aspx>

Download the above article or the entire newsletter at https://statepatrol.nebraska.gov/media/21835/thelabreport_october_2013.pdf

Nebraska State Patrol Crime Lab

Backlog information, services and updates

The Nebraska State Patrol Crime Laboratory services, backlog information, and updates are available on the Nebraska State Patrol website under the “Investigative Services Division”:
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The Crime Laboratory also provides updated information via their quarterly newsletter *The Lab Report*. Current and past issues can be accessed at:

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Please take a look at the information and feel free to contact the Crime Lab with any questions you may have.

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Just One Last Look At Momma

Written by Sgt. Winston Cavendish - Sun, LA, Police Department (retired)

Louisiana is a study of contrast of old and new. There is no place quite like it because our politics and religion go hand and hand. My story is not Voodoo or Hoodoo, but just plain faith of a family. We know that in death there is life if we only look for answers. And sometimes they are closer than you think.

My tale is a true police story. As officers, we are well aware that life on the mean streets can change in seconds - from gladness to sadness. Police memories are strange. A good example is when you are driving through your community you are always reminded of where life ended for someone, by their own hands, by natural causes or violent means. Still, the tough part of the job is telling the next of kin the bad news, and wondering why you took such a crummy job.

During the dog days of summer in Mandeville, Louisiana on Sunday August 17, 1978 at 3:38 a.m. this officer was wishing he was sitting on an ice flow somewhere in Arctic, instead of sweltering in a unit with no air conditioning. The night dragged on like a stuck record. The only break from the boredom was two false alarms, one home and the other business.

At 4:01 a.m. I was dispatched to a medical emergency on Lamarque Street. When I arrived on the scene it was a shotgun house set back in the woods. I entered the run down home where an elderly black man was sitting on the front porch. His head was in his hands and he was sobbing his eyes out. His three large daughters were screaming and weeping with grief. They ushered me into a small bedroom where a large woman was laying in an iron bed. Her glassy eyes were transfixed on the ceiling with no signs of life present. I tried, never the less, to revive the woman until the paramedics showed up. The woman fell off the bed when we moved her. The town doctor arrived on the scene and pronounced her dead. He gave the daughters a strong sedative to relax them.

We struggled along the walk back to the ambulance, dragging, pushing, and carrying the gurney through a sea of mud from the rain storm of the night before. As I opened the back door of the ambulance, one of the daughters told me, "I only wish I had photos of my mother."

When I got back into my unit, it dawned on me I had seen that

face somewhere before. Later on that morning, I remembered when one year ago I was patrolling Lamarque Street on a Sunday morning and noticed an elderly woman sitting in a rocking chair on her front porch. The sun's rays seemed to light up the porch, making the woman's hair glow like spun platinum. Her face was lit up with a look of pure love as she held two of her grandchildren on her lap.

That day a year ago, I felt I was seeing something out of the ordinary, so I took several photos, from different angles: close ups, wide angles, and face-on shots of this woman with her grandchildren. You see, I always kept my 35 mm Canon camera on the front seat of my cruiser. It had a 250 mm telephoto lens for catching drug deals going down on the beach.

That same day, I took photos of a fatality accident on the Pontchartrain Causeway bridge - the longest bridge of its kind in the world. We patrolled

half of the bridge and backed up the other bridge police when called upon.

Remembering all this, I went into the photo lab at the station and checked my files looking for the bridge fatality because I remembered the pictures of that woman were on the same film. I couldn't believe my eyes! The photos of this elderly grandmother were the best I had ever take in my life. The expression on her grandchildren's faces were angelic. I knew deep down I didn't take those photos alone - I must have had help from a higher being. I made several copies, put the negatives in a large envelope, and gave the envelope to her husband after her funeral telling him not to open it until I left.

Two hours later Chief Bob Alford called me back to the station. I just knew I was in some kind of trouble. I had written several prominent citizens tickets that day for speeding.

As I turned into the police stations parking lot there was more cars at the station than on court night. I walked into the building and noticed that everyone was well dressed. The chief called me into his office and standing in front of me was the elderly man that just came back from the funeral of his wife. He put his arms around me and told me he finally had "one last look at Momma" through the photos I had taken. Later that day, Chief Bob, who was a state trooper for 22 years, said that he had "never seen so much caring for a cop" in his life!



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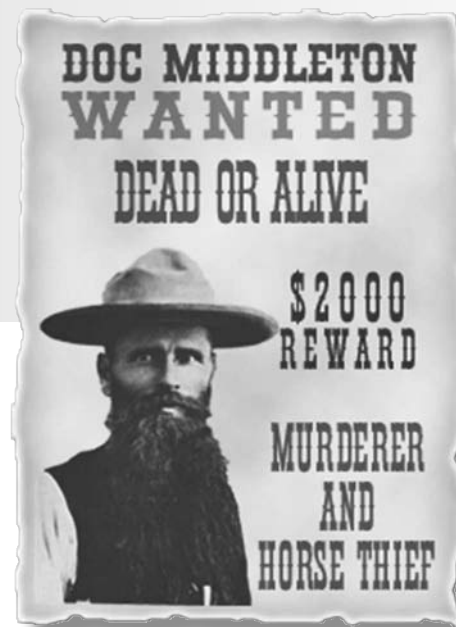
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**From Ogallala to Sidney
 Famous Horse Thief and Murderer
 Doc Middleton Roams Nebraska Plains**

By Kathy Weiser

Born on February 9, 1851 as James M. Riley in Mississippi, he was working as a cowboy in Texas when he grew up. A lifelong horse thief, he was said to have stolen his first steed at the age of 14. In 1870, he was convicted of murder in Texas, but was able to make his escape.

It was probably after this scrape with the law that he began to use the alias David Charles Middleton, but for whatever reasons, was often more familiarly called "Doc." During his "career" as a horse thief, he would also go by the name of Jack Lyons, and was also known as "Texas Jack," "Gold-Tooth Jack," "Gold-Tooth Charley," and others.

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Jesse James Had Nebraska Connections

Omaha World-Herald Story, Monday, June 1, 1998 by Fred Thomas, World-Herald Correspondent

At the south edge of Franklin, Nebraska, between the railroad tracks and the Republican River is a piece of farmland immersed in the lore of Jesse James. The Franklin land is one of many connections Jesse James and his brother Frank had with Nebraska.

In late 1881, weary from hiding, Jesse, living under the name Thomas Howard, talked of ending his outlaw ways and settling down to farm in Nebraska.

He answered a Lincoln Journal advertisement for 160 acres, with a creek running through it, for sale at Franklin, saying: "I want to purchase a farm of that size - I will not buy a farm unless the soil is No. 1."

He apparently visited the land in 1882, but was killed before moving ahead with the purchase.

Plattsmouth, Nebraska researcher Emmett Hocter said the James Gang visited Nebraska at least 20 times.

Folklorist Roger Welsch said Jesse James "is perhaps the most beloved of American outlaws." He robbed banks and railroads - institutions hated by many people in the 1800s - and reportedly gave some of the loot to the poor.

Jesse James frequently visited a friend in Nebraska City. A resident recalled that Jesse, "with a price on his head, used to ride boldly down Central Avenue in Nebraska City." One of the best photographs of Jesse was made in a studio in Nebraska City.

Otoe County also is the supposed setting for a popular tale about the James Gang. The gang reportedly rode to a widow's farm home one evening and asked for a meal. As she fed them, she began crying. The gang leader asked why. She said a banker was coming the next day to foreclose on the mortgage and she didn't have money to pay him.

The gang leader assured her things might work out. As she cleaned up after the men left, she found under the table a leather bag that contained enough gold to pay off the banker. The next day, as he rode in his carriage back to town after collecting the money, the banker was robbed by a gang of masked men. He said they looked like the James Gang.

Jim Potter, state historian, said he has not found verification of the story. "It sounds too good to be true," he said.

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Murder in Sidney, Nebraska

He made his way north on a cattle drive to Ogallala, Nebraska in 1876. In January, 1877, he killed a soldier named James Keefe in a Sidney, Nebraska saloon.

Though arrested, he was able to escape again and made his way to Wyoming, where he began to organize a gang of outlaws called the "Pony Boys." The men quickly began to steal horses, primarily from Indians but sometimes from the government as well. Operating in Nebraska, Iowa, the Dakotas, and as far south as Texas, they were responsible for stealing thousands of horses.

The Indians became angry at losing the horses and began to retaliate by taking the mounts of ranchers. Within no time, nearly every stolen horse was blamed on the Pony Boys and a \$1,000 reward was placed on Middleton's head.

Middleton Captured in Niobrara Valley in Nebraska

After the gang stole some 40 head of horses in 1878, Wyoming Stock Grower's Association detective Billy Lykins gathered a posse and began to pursue the bandits. Catching up with the outlaws near Julesburg, Colorado, Middleton was captured after a shoot out and the stolen horses retrieved. That night; however, Middleton was once again able to escape, but the detective was determined.

Soon, Lykins joined efforts with the Union Pacific Railroad and Department of Justice Special Agent, William Llewellyn. They tracked Middleton to the Niobrara Valley in Nebraska, where, after a shoot-out, in which Middleton was struck in the stomach, he was finally captured.

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Five Years in a Nebraska Prison

He was first taken to Sidney, Nebraska, and later transferred to Cheyenne, Wyoming to stand trial. There, he pleaded guilty to horse stealing and received a five year sentence. He was placed in a Nebraska prison on September 18, 1879 and released on June, 18 1883.

Served as Deputy Sheriff in Gordon, Nebraska

After his release, the members of his old gang had either been captured or killed and Middleton worked at a variety of occupations.

He made his way to Gordon, Nebraska where he lived for several years, making his way as a bartender, a gambler, a deputy sheriff, and for a few months, even worked in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show.

During the 1890s, he relocated to Edgemont, South Dakota, where he operated a saloon for several years. In 1893, he entered the famed Chadron, Nebraska, to Chicago horse race, when the Columbian Exposition was being held in Chicago. Though he finished, he didn't win.

Later, he opened a saloon at Ardmore, Nebraska and was involved in bootlegging to the Sioux Indians on the Pine Ridge Reservation. After Fort Robinson soldiers wrecked his saloon, he moved again to Orin Junction, near Douglas, Wyoming, where he operated an illegal saloon.

Described as "a likeable man"

During this time, a knife fight occurred in the saloon, in which Doc was stabbed in the stomach. Doc was arrested and held in the county jail. Infection developed just days later and he died on December 13, 1913. He is buried in the Douglas Cemetery in Douglas, Wyoming.

Despite his horse-thieving ways, Doc Middleton was described as a likeable man, good tempered, sober and industrious.

He was never known to drink or gamble and made a number of friends among the frontier, including Bill Cody, Jim Cook, Print Olive, and several ranchers in the areas in which he was known to steal horses.

He was described by the Cheyenne Daily Sun as a "golden-toothed lover of other folks' cattle and horseflesh."

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How Probation Officers Can Assist Law Enforcement with In-State and Out-of-State Runaways

By Theresa Goley, Juvenile Intake & Detention Alternative Specialist; and Kari Rumbaugh, ICJ Commissioner, ICAOS Deputy Compact Administrator, RISE Program Director, Compliance Officer for the Office of Probation Administration

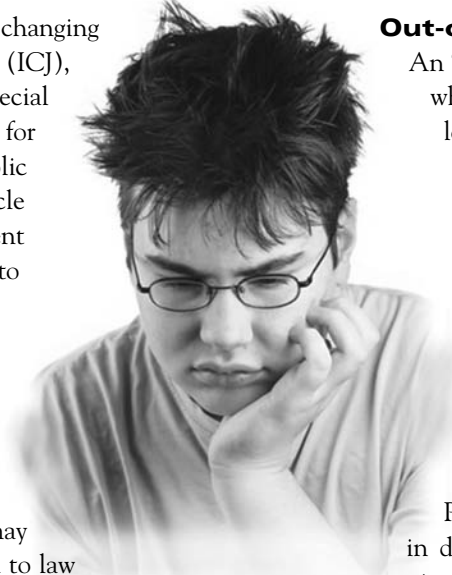
Due to the passing of LB 561 and the ever changing rules of the Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ), runaways have come into focus as a special population. This is due to the high risk for continued run behavior, concern for public safety and safety of the runaway. This article will serve the purpose of clarifying the different processes when law enforcement comes into contact with in-state and out-of-state runaways.

In-State Runaways:

An “in-state runaway” is defined as a youth with no court involvement, not a state ward, not currently on probation and has not been cited with a law violation. This youth may or may not have a “missing person” reported to law enforcement. When law enforcement determines they need assistance with an in-state runaway they have the option of contacting the local probation office or Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to assist. Probation intake will not conduct a formal detention screen because detainment is not an option for a runaway (reference Neb. Rev. Stat. § 43-248 and § 43-250). The probation officer may assist law enforcement with contacting parent/guardian and returning the youth to his/her home.

If placement of the youth is needed because a parent/guardian cannot be located, probation will then explore options such as relatives, close friends, etc. If an extreme case arises where there are not alternative options, law enforcement will then work with their local DHHS for placement as they will need to take temporary custody of the youth. In these extreme cases probation may need to assist law enforcement and DHHS in locating a more formal placement such as a shelter or emergency foster care. It is important to note that statute states the youth remains in the custody of law enforcement. Therefore, it is the responsibility of law enforcement to transport the youth to the selected placement if a parent/guardian is unable to transport.

All of the situations involving an “in-state runaway” will be unique in some way. The better communication and collaboration all parties involved have in these situations, the better the outcome will be for the youth and family involved.



Out-of-State Runaways:

An “out-of-state runaway” is defined as a youth who has run from their home state and is located in another state. These youth can include runaways, delinquents, escapees and absconders. When law enforcement contacts an out-of-state runaway they should immediately call the local probation intake number for assistance (reference Neb. Rev. Stat. § 43-1011). The probation officer will conduct a formal detention screening because out-of-state runaways are a recognized exception to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJJPA) and can be placed in detention. Although, if a parent/guardian can arrive within 24 hours, a runaway with no law violations can be released without involving the Interstate Compact office.

If an out-of-state runaway is placed in detention, the Interstate Compact Office will work closely with the local probation office to expedite a safe return to the home state. The Interstate Compact Office will assist with possible airport supervision, accompanied returns when necessary and close communication with the home state. All costs associated with returning out-of-state runaways is the responsibility of the county as detailed in state statute (reference Neb. Rev. Stat. § 43-1005). Law enforcement may be requested per court order to assist with the return, either by transporting to local airports or going to another state to pick up and return a Nebraska runaway.

The Interstate Compact Office is available to support all aspects of out-of-state runaways. Additionally, probation staff are trained regarding this process and should be considered a resource for law enforcement to assist with all runaway returns.

Local Contact Point:

If law enforcement officials have questions regarding runaways please visit probation administration’s website for contact information and additional resources:

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to the Washington Parish detectives that they had been part of a murder - that of Cynthia Lynch. They stated they had held Ms. Lynch while Foster shot her in the neck with a 44 magnum. This is why they were covered with blood. They didn't want to be charged with murder, so they confessed to their part in the crime. All together eight klansmen were arrested by both Sheriffs' offices, along with Foster's son, Shane.

After these initial arrests, it was learned that Foster had rented a nearby fishing camp from a detective from the Washington Parish Sheriff's Office and was barricaded in the camp. The detective went to talk to him, and after several hours, Foster gave up without a fight.

Ms. Lynch's body was discovered when a deputy found her hand pointing upward out of a shallow grave mere yards from the Sun Police Station. I found out later that the white car belonged to one of the Klansman.

Talk about a "near death experience." As I was returning to the police station that morning to wash my unit, I passed

several hunters talking near the white car. It seemed to me that something was wrong. (This was before the incident was reported.) Later I would find out from one of the men arrested, that if I would have stopped to talk to these men, I would have been killed. They were burying the body of Ms. Lynch at the time, just 50 yards from the road!

So, what reason did Foster have to murder Ms. Lynch? One reason only: she was sworn into the Klan but then decided not to become a member after all. Later, sheriff's deputies would find weapons, KKK uniforms, flags, tents, and hate maps that showed all the locations of hate groups through the United States. A local campsite was on the bank of the Pearl River where the murder took place.

In the aftermath of this tragic event, our small village had so many reporters from national and international newspapers, and television and radio stations from all over the country. They kept asking me so many questions about the crime.

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During the 1960's there were so many hate crime and civil rights cold cases. But this was a case of one Klansman killing another this time. We were being accused of being stupid, southern police like those out of the movie "Mississippi Burning" or "The Heat Of The Night" just because of our accents and mannerism. Sad to say, when the press wants to sell papers and build up their television and radio ratings, bad news is good news for them.

Not all reporters believe in yellow journalism but they are out there. One must just give the facts and hope they don't color them in a negative way. I don't think some journalists really care about the facts, as long as they sell papers and get great ratings.

When the media-zoo left the village of Sun, the world knew we were all living in "Deliverance Country," on the banks of the Pearl River. Now that's real hate!



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PASSING THE GAVEL: Dave Weeks Honored with NSA Past Presidents Award

The gavel was passed from the current Nebraska Sheriffs' Association President, Sheriff Dave Weeks, Greeley County, to the incoming (2014) President Sheriff Steve Hesper, Dodge County. The symbolic transfer took place at the October 8 banquet held during this year's NSA/POAN Conference in Kearney (October 7-9). Sheriff Hesper will assume his presidential duties January 1.

During the awards portion of the banquet, Sheriff Weeks was presented with the Past Presidents Award and thanked for his dedication and service during this past year.



Russ Zeeb Inducted into Hall of Fame

Inducted into the Nebraska Sheriffs' Association "Hall of Fame" during the banquet was recently retired Lt. Russ Zeeb, Sarpy County Sheriff's Office. Zeeb's family was on hand to see him honored.

Past NSA President Sheriff Bill Burgess, Fillmore County, introduced Zeeb with these remarks:

"Russ Zeeb has been active in the Nebraska Sheriffs' Association for many years and has served on the NSA/POAN conference committee as well as numerous other committees. He was the driving force behind the completion of the Law Enforcement Memorial in Grand Island.

Russ began his career in Law Enforcement at the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office in January 1974, working for Sheriff Pat Thomas. He worked his way through the ranks to that of Lieutenant. Russ finished out his career under Sheriff Jeff Davis. Both Sheriffs Thomas and Davis think very highly of Lt. Zeeb.

I have personally known Russ for many years and have worked with him on Sheriffs' Association committees and events. I attended Russ's retirement dinner in Papillion, March 15, and was amazed by the outpouring of support that Russ (Sheriff's Lieutenant and Volunteer Fireman) received, not only from his fellow law enforcement officers and firefighters, but also from the school system, Offutt, MADD, and the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety.

Lt. Zeeb was appointed by Governor Dave Heineman to the Nebraska Jail Standards Board. First Lady Sally Ganem presented Lt. Russ Zeeb with his Admiralship to the Great State of Nebraska for all of Russ's work with MADD, the Nebraska Legislature, the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety, and the Jail Standards Board. Attorney General Jon Bruning spoke at Russ's retirement and lauded Russ for his years of service to Law Enforcement."

Congratulations, Russ. Thanks for all you have done!

TOP: Current NSA President Sheriff Dave Weeks, Greeley County passes the gavel to 2014 President Steve Hesper, Dodge County.

BOTTOM: Lt. Russ Zeeb, Sarpy County (ret.) and his wife, Shellie, proudly display the NSA "Hall of Fame" award.

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Lincoln County in south central Nebraska had outdated equipment that limited their radio coverage, created background static and dead spots. They faced the challenge of purchasing new two-way radios as well as funding and supporting more infrastructure. Like many other counties in Nebraska, they could not afford to do both.

By joining the SRS and leveraging its infrastructure, Lincoln County greatly reduced their initial investment expense and gained clear radio communications throughout their coverage area and better interoperability with State Patrol troopers.



Statewide Radio System Elevates Communications for Nebraska's Agencies, Big and Small

By Scott Schoepel, Vice President, Midwest Territory and MSSl, Motorola Solutions

Belt tightening isn't temporary for public and private agencies; it's the new normal. As government agencies strive to increase services and safety, they are being pressed to do so with fewer dollars. State CIOs agree, saying that "budget and cost control" is one of their key initiatives for the coming year. They believe that one of the ways to accomplish this is by sharing services, resources and infrastructure – a Top 10 priority they've outlined for 2014.

State's Shared Investment Pays Big Dividends

Nebraska is already ahead of the curve with its Statewide Radio System (SRS). This collective partnership between the State of Nebraska and the Nebraska Public Power District jointly saved over \$20 million at the very outset. The statewide system uses the proven Project 25 (P25) digital radio standard which is relied on by agencies worldwide and is an approved standard of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

For Nebraska public safety agencies and service providers who protect and serve over 1.8 million citizens across nearly 78,000 square miles, coordinating and exchanging information can present unique challenges. Fortunately, the SRS can provide big dividends for many different agencies by providing cost-effective, mission critical, interoperable communications.

Developed for all public power, federal, state and local public safety agencies, the SRS is a Motorola VHF ASTRO® 25 digital trunked system covering more than 50 antenna sites across the state. The system is designed to deliver secure communications whenever and wherever they are needed. When they join the SRS, agencies choose whatever P25 equipment fits their needs or simply re-use their existing compatible equipment.

The statewide system has opened up new levels of cooperation and capabilities across agencies -- for day-to-day operations, special events and mutual aid emergencies. Because the SRS is a trunked radio system, it means agencies can program and create their own talk groups and stay connected using interoperable communications throughout Nebraska.

Digital Trunking Radio Delivers What Analog Conventional Can't

Over three dozen states, from Alaska to Virginia, have deployed Motorola's statewide digital radio networks for their mission critical communications. They've experienced firsthand what a dramatic difference a digital radio system can make – whether it's immediate improvements in coverage and interoperability or the flexibility and cost-efficiency to expand the network as more users come on board.

The Nebraska SRS from Motorola Solutions is no exception. It delivers improved voice quality to the very ends of the coverage area, better coverage in fringe areas, clearer audio, better privacy and security, as well as seamless integration with mission critical data applications. Now a deputy can talk to a dispatcher 450 miles away and it sounds like the officer is standing right next to him due to the quality and clarity of the digital radio transmission.

And with the added potential for data applications, dispatchers will be able to track personnel in the field with GPS, relay driving directions, send text message alerts to radios, and enhance safety in the field with emergency activation features.

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Interoperability is helping the Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) respond to outages and meet the expectations of a public often intolerant of downtime. Since NPPD can communicate directly with other agencies, they can work more efficiently and safely; for example, where a downed power line requires police to close a road or utility crews need assistance from the closest fire department.

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Five Important Ways the SRS Digital Trunking System Can Help Your Agency

1. Drive Down Costs and Get More for Your Dollars

For agencies that are under pressure to lower costs, sharing infrastructure is a real boon for their budgets. With the SRS, not only do users share costs and create purchasing power, they can participate in a statewide digital, IP, land mobile radio system with minimal infrastructure investment. Because P25 integrates

with legacy systems, agencies can quickly take advantage of truly interoperable communications while re-using their current radio networks, consoles and two-way radios.

Too often, agencies must achieve interoperability by giving their personnel two or more radios: one for their agency and additional ones to communicate with other radio systems. Agencies on the SRS eliminate the costs of duplicating radios, accessories, administration and maintenance. Personnel have one radio that works across the state and no longer have to juggle multiple radios. What's more, since their radios will work on the SRS as they always have, the transition is seamless with minimal training required.

Sharing extends far beyond costs. Once agencies join and no longer operate as "communication islands," they can pool their knowledge and best practices to mutual advantage. This includes long-term benefits like lifecycle management which provides a predictable year-after-year budget and optimizes Capital expenditures (CAPEX) and Operational expenditures (OPEX). Now agencies can keep current with system upgrades, software refreshes and advancements in technology rather than being tethered to an aging system while they wait for funding.


2. Gain Total Interoperability and Secure Communications

When you join the SRS, your agency can talk to any other agency, anywhere in the state, on a highly secure network. By joining a shared, common and standards-based system, organizations of all sizes can communicate securely, effectively and affordably on the same network.

This vital interoperability frees you to do so much more than if you operated independently. Because the SRS connects public power, federal, state and local public safety entities, you can interact instantly and coordinate easily with your neighbors. You can program regional talk groups that share

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Just one month after activating the SRS, the State of Nebraska put the network's Dynamic System Resilience (DSR) to the test. The State was upgrading its uninterrupted power supply technology in the Lincoln data center and didn't want to risk an outage that might take it down.

Using DSR, service was rolled over to another master site in Kearney, 140 miles away. The transfer went off without a hitch. When the upgrade was complete, it was rolled right back to Lincoln.



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the same channel and mission critical communications. Instead of standing by as another agency's patrol car or fire apparatus races to an incident, responders can switch over to a mutual aid channel or check in with a dispatcher who can navigate them to a talk group to assist those in need.

A digital network provides greater control, too. Radio authentication ensures that only authorized radios are able to access the network, preserving the security of your information and the integrity of your communications. Imagine if a worker's vehicle is stolen or a radio is misplaced. With the stun/kill capabilities, you can quickly disable radios in the field and prevent eavesdropping and unauthorized access.

3. Your Agency Retains Local Control

Your agency has long-established policies that work for you. With the SRS, you maintain your autonomy while taking advantage of integrated communications, enhanced safety, consolidated resources and reduced costs. You benefit from the network's interoperability, but have the complete ability to control, monitor and manage your own equipment and system.

4. Enhance the Safety and Productivity of Personnel

When everyone can easily exchange information, closely coordinate activities and work as one, your agency and your community benefits. The SRS enables your agency to use the latest technology to enhance safety and improve productivity.

When a worker needs immediate assistance, being able to send help directly to the exact spot is invaluable. An emergency alert on the Motorola APX™ two-way radio, for example, sends the location to dispatch and automatically opens the microphone so they hear what is going on. As an added layer of safety, if an individual is unable to initiate the emergency alert, man-down sensors on the radio trigger an alert if the radio is motionless or horizontal for a configured period of time.

Loud environments with sirens, power equipment and fire apparatus make it difficult to hear and be heard. The high-power speakers and enhanced audio on APX radios aggressively cancel

out background noise to ensure that voice communications are loud, clear and understandable.

Whether you want to divert crews to a downed power line or dispatch the closest available unit to an incident, the digital data capabilities of two-way radios – like GPS location tracking – put them all within easy reach. Data applications, such as Programming Over Project 25 (POP25), let you manage talk groups right in the field so you don't have to pull personnel off the street, saving time and resources.

Do you want to confirm a work order or check for warrants with a state, local or federal agency? With Advanced Messaging, you don't need a laptop or tablet or have to wait for airtime to access real-time information. Simply run FBI Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS)-compliant queries and local database lookups from your Motorola data-enabled radio. You can also send text messages to any Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP)-enabled device such as smartphones and computers. Whether it is radio to radio, patrol car to commander or dispatcher to the field.

5. Provide New Levels of Preparedness and Redundancy

Maintaining interoperable communications is absolutely essential across the often remote and rural expanse of Nebraska. Harsh weather, unforeseen disasters and power outages can take down a system and personnel. Fortunately, the SRS network provides an invaluable level of redundancy with Dynamic System Resilience, redundant sites, console and dispatch back-up.

Now if your communications center experiences an outage, a neighboring agency can act as a failover point and maintain continuity of operations. Additionally, because the SRS is a managed system, you have a better view to system diagnostics, better metrics and better tools to run systems smoothly.

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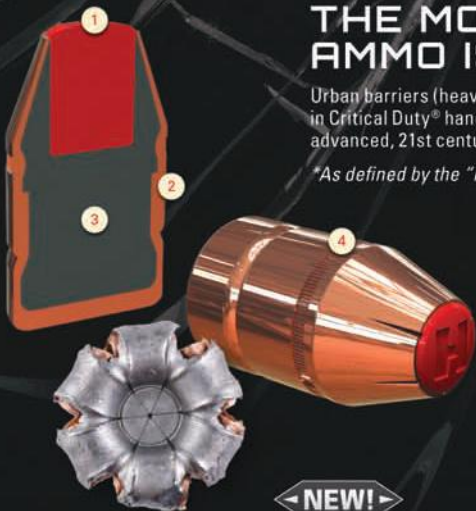
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Prescription for Reducing Health Care Spending in Nebraska Correctional Facilities

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Due to the decreasing availability of qualified medical specialists, increasing prison populations, and aging prison populations, the need to reduce health care spending in County Jails has never been greater. One solution to this is to design and implement effective telehealth services.

Last year, there were over 4,700 prisoners under jurisdiction of state correctional authorities in Nebraska; over 1.5M nationwide. There are over 2,200 inmates confined in Nebraska county jails alone. Expanding telehealth can greatly assist Nebraska Correction facility administrators to identify and meet the health needs of today's inmates. Professionals can diagnose mental health, provide proper screening, ensure timely access to appropriate levels of care, and properly administer medications in a far more cost efficient manner than ever before.

In October 2013, the PEW Charitable Trust reported prison health care spending increased substantially from fiscal 2001 to 2008 with median growth of 52 percent. This significant growth reflects, in part, the rise in prison populations nationally. In a dozen states, prison health expenditures grew 90 percent or more.

In 2008 alone, Nebraska sustained a 43% increase; an average expenditure of \$6,155 per inmate. On top of that, studies indicate inmates with severe mental health issues can triple these costs. The Legislative Analyst's office in California reported that medically related guarding and transportation costs for one inmate can exceed \$2,000 per day.

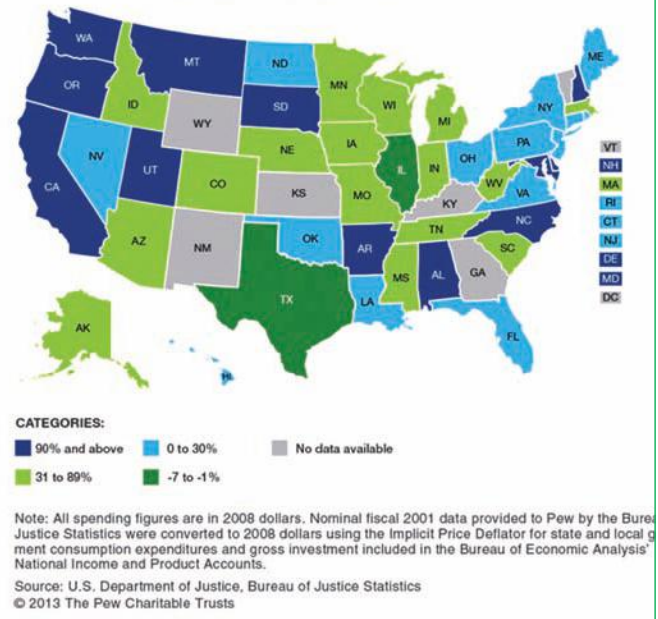
In comparison, PEW reported that in 2012 Georgia saved about \$9M or approximately \$500 per telehealth encounter in corrections officer pay and transportations costs utilizing telehealth services. In California, the savings are approximately four times that amount per encounter. Texas reported saving \$780M from 1994 – 2008 by implementing telehealth services.

The National Institute of Justice reports that the implementation of telehealth services was directly responsible for better care for inmates by expanding the types of medical specialists available and reducing the time between referrals.

Higher per-inmate expenses and the expanding size of corrections budgets devoted to health care suggest that other factors are also

Spending on Inmate Health Care Rose in 42 of the 44 States, With Median Growth of 52 Percent Over 7 Years

Correctional health care spending change by state, 2001-08



pushing costs up, including:

- Aging inmate populations.
- Prevalence of infectious and chronic diseases, mental illness, and substance abuse among inmates, many of whom enter prison with these problems.
- Challenges inherent in delivering health care in prisons, such as distance from hospitals and other providers.

PEW reports that inmates, as a population group, have a higher incidence of mental illness and chronic and infectious diseases than the overall general population. The U.S. Department of Justice reports 64% of jail inmates suffer at least one form of mental health problem with 24% reporting at least one psychiatric disorder. A recent study by Dr. Henry Steadman reports that the rates of jail inmates with serious mental health issues were 17.1% for men and 34.3% for women. Unfortunately, behavioral health crises can overtly challenge the capabilities of even the most experienced and professional law enforcement officials.

Strategies to address these challenges - A Nebraska Case Study

In 2010, 26 of 44 states surveyed by the American Correctional Association were using telehealth in some fashion to deliver medical services to inmates. The same has been true for Nebraska. Rather than transporting inmates out in the community in

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handcuffs and shackles, Buffalo County, NE officials realized there was a better way to provide critical behavioral health services to inmates without leaving the jail.

Keeping appointments in-house using telemedicine, eliminates unnecessary risks transporting inmates outside of the secure jail environment; significantly decreases costs for the Buffalo County residents; and effectively provides quality health care to inmates. When asked about the impact that telehealth services has had, **Buffalo County Sheriff Neil Miller** (who implemented telehealth care services beginning in 2011, to aide with these challenges) said, “Over the years, we’ve definitely seen an increase in the number of inmates dealing with behavioral health issues. They also seem to be much sicker, partly due to increased drug usage, which has forced a change in the way we provide health care to our inmates.”

Beth Barton, nurse at the Buffalo County Jail, has experienced first-hand the benefits of utilizing telehealth services.

“The ability to quickly and efficiently accomplish tele-video appointments, while the prisoner remains in custody, allows



us to be able to reduce the unnecessary risk and expense of transporting them outside the facility. And convenient access to Mandy Meyer, a Licensed Drug and Alcohol Counselor and Licensed Mental Health Practitioner, means serious issues can timely be assessed using tele-video,” relays Barton.

Tension intensifies when behavioral health providers are not readily available. Throughout Nebraska, access to behavioral health providers is limited or simply not available. Historically, when behavioral health-related events occurred, Buffalo County inmates were transported to the nearest hospital emergency room. Evaluating whether therapy or medication management is needed remains a challenge for law enforcement to determine as their training, if any, is typically limited. Professional behavioral health expertise is essential to provide quality patient care.

Mandy Meyer adds, “Implementing telehealth allows me to initially assess the situation and effectively schedule a tele-psych evaluation with a Nebraska licensed psychiatrist to avert a potentially harmful situation within the jail.”

Veteran Telehealth Success - A Model That's Working In Nebraska Today

Today, The Department of Veterans Affairs Nebraska and Western Iowa Health Care Services (NWIHCS) successfully provides greater access to health care through the use of telecommunications and videoconferencing. Veterans residing in remote areas of Nebraska and Western Iowa are offered tele-behavioral health (e-therapy) and telemedicine (primary care, medical specialty and sub-specialty, tele-pharmacy, tele-dietary) services in an effort to greatly improve access to quality health care services.

Rozone Development International, LLC, a small business located in Omaha, NE, partnered with the NWIHCS throughout the past four years to assist in building, implementing, staffing, and smoothing the day-to-day telehealth operations between NWIHCS's eight health care service locations.

As a result, Veteran telehealth satisfaction is extremely high

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- over 95% of 3,400 NWIHCS veterans surveyed would use telehealth again and would recommend telehealth to other veterans. Additionally, implementation of telehealth services has significantly decreased patient hospitalization utilization. A 4-year study published in 2012 involving 98,609 VA mental health patients showed that after initiation of telehealth services, patient hospitalization utilization decreased by 25%.



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The Time Is Now!

Accessible and affordable technology means that County Jails can easily and effectively implement a variety of telehealth services. The accessibility and convenience of telehealth offers far more than just savings to taxpayers. Establishing a telehealth program today will result in thousands of dollars of savings in prisoner transportation costs, not to mention the risk involved in transporting a sick or mentally ill inmate. Risks to both the inmates and the corrections officers are not only reduced, they are eliminated entirely.

An effective telehealth program provides almost instant access to all levels of patient care as-well-as medication management and does so in a timelier and more cost effective manner than was ever possible before.

Pictured: Dr. Hugo Gonzalez demonstrates the telehealth technology used to provide mental health services through Richard H. Young Hospital for Buffalo County.

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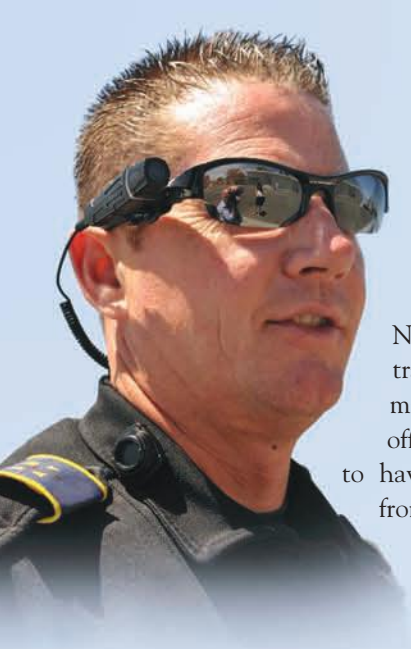
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BODY CAMS: An Instant Replay for Law Enforcement

By Laura Cooper - Nebraska writer of crime fiction, speculative fiction, and a wide range of short stories, plus "Pursuit of Justice" blog at LauraCooper.com

Now that the media and the public travel everywhere with cameras, it may be time for law enforcement officers and other first responders to have that same capability. Video from cruiser cameras has been used as evidence in traffic court cases and in use of force incidents.

However, dash cams can only capture whatever happens in front of the vehicle. In contrast, body cameras go everywhere an officer goes.

They are "designed to be the eyes and ears during police encounters," www.CBSNews.com. Deputies in Orange County California will run a trial with a few body cameras provided free by the manufacturer. "Unlike a dash camera, the body cameras will capture everything that happens once a deputy gets out of his or her vehicle and approaches a suspect or victim with full video and sound," www.WFTV.com

BODY CAMS: Shirts or Lapels, Eyeglasses, Helmets

Sometimes called Point-of-View cameras, these high tech devices give the officer's perspective during use of force incidents and record statements made during drug, DUI, or domestic violence cases. Both advantages and concerns have been expressed over the use of body cams in law enforcement.

CONCERNS/WATCHING THE COPS

"A federal judge ordered New York city's police department to begin testing the devices after ruling that its stop, question, and frisk policy was unconstitutional," www.PoliceOne.com. Mayor Bloomberg argued that the body cams are not the answer. He asserted that it would provide fodder to further question police actions and motives. He thought that an officer who failed to record something might be accused of intentionally looking a different direction to avoid proof of the incident.

A helmet camera recorded the response to a plane crash in which a fire rig ran over a survivor at San Francisco International Airport on July 6, 2013, www.SFGate.com. Afterwards, the San Francisco fire chief banned firefighters from using personal cameras until a policy on their use is resolved. Chief Joanne Hayes-White stated that a concern for the privacy rights of firefighters and victims drove the decision. Cameras have also been banned in Houston and Baltimore, www.SFGate.com.

SUPPORT/DOCUMENTING THE INCIDENT

While some departments have concerns about officers being forced to wear body cams, others see it as a way to verify the claims of good officers doing good work. Chief James Brooks of the Laurel, Maryland, Police Department had a video of a traffic stop at his department go viral. Brooks said, "It shows that these guys were actually doing exactly what they were trained and how they were trained to do it...It was flawless," CNN.com.

Some cameras have a feature in which they capture 10 to 30 seconds of video that took place prior to an officer hitting record. This helps to document the unexpected. Officers can play the video when writing reports to accurately log statements and actions. "I think the biggest benefit is to be able to record a crime scene and the people and exactly how they're telling you the information," said Lt. Bob Wood of the Bellevue, Nebraska, Police Department, www.KETV.com.

Departments can also use videotaped incidents for training. Some of what is preserved will not be flattering. "The camera doesn't lie - it just shows what happened," said Arin Pace, a lieutenant with the Jacksonville, Florida, Fire Department, www.SFGate.com.

MOTORCYCLE OFFICERS

In Salt Lake City, Police Chief Chris Burbank praises the evidentiary value of helmet-mounted cameras for his motorcycle officers. A speeder may claim that obstructions affected the radar or that the officer was threatening until a video of the violation and interaction is shown in court. "Well, you see very clearly that that car is the only vehicle on the overpass. You now have the radar gun and the digital readout on the radar gun visible in the camera, the car in the background, and you've got a pretty good accounting of what that officer did," www.DeseretNews.com.

Chief Jack Baldwin, Pigeon Forge Police in Tennessee, also wants personal cameras for his motorcycle officers. "If you're wearing the camera, you've got your audio and video no matter where you are," www.TheMountainPress.com.

DRUG RAIDS

After a series of questionable drug raids, the San Francisco Police Department began equipping plain clothes supervisors with \$1,000 chest cams.

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The allegations of officer misconduct stemmed from security video footage. "We can have a recording of the conversation at the door with regard to consent on consensual entries or the announcement on search warrant entries," Police Chief Greg Suhr said. "The main goal is to capture for purpose of evidence preservation the conversation at the threshold," www.PoliceOne.com.

USE OF FORCE

Chief Burbank of Salt Lake City also argues that video can be crucial in use of force cases. "You see the proximity of what's going on. You see the interplay that takes place and really what the officer's processing," www.DeseretNews.com. It can also be useful in domestic violence cases. The cameras can capture statements and allow officers to accurately transcribe them into reports.

See Laura's list of RESOURCES at <http://www.lauralcooper.com/1/post/2013/10/body-cams-an-instant-replay-for-law-enforcement.html>

CONCLUSION

It may be that officers conscious of wearing a camera are more disciplined in their use of language and use of force. The San Francisco Chronicle reported that when police wore personal video cameras in Rialto, California, it "led to an 88 percent drop in complaints against officers and a 60 percent drop in the use of force in a one-year period," www.DeseretNews.com.

More than 400 police departments across the U.S. use high tech body cams. Whether worn on a lapel, eyeglasses, or a helmet, body cameras go wherever law enforcement officers go. Those in favor of body cams claim they will protect citizens and law enforcement officers. Others fear they are another means of monitoring officers and raising liability concerns for agencies.

"I think you are going to find out that once this equipment is out there that our officers are performing in a professional manner and have been all along," said Martin Halloran, President of the San Francisco Police Officers Association, www.DeseretNews.com.

Like their predecessors, the dash cams, body cams are likely to grow in popularity across the country.

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Stanton County Sheriff's Office Receives Hometown Hero Award

At Stanton Telecom's annual appreciation barbecue last Thursday, members of the Stanton County Sheriff's Office were recognized with the Hometown Hero Award. Bob and Colleen Paden of Stanton Telecom, presented the award and congratulated each of the sheriff's office staff present.

For nearly 150 years, there has been a sheriff's office in Stanton County. Currently serving as Sheriff is Mike Unger. He and his deputies provide county-wide, 24-hour law enforcement coverage to more than 430 square miles of Stanton County, including Stanton, Pilger and Woodland Park. The members of the sheriff's office not only provide law enforcement services ranging from traffic enforcement to criminal investigation, but are also responsible for all civil process services and back tax collection in the county, as well as housing and transportation of all county prisoners.

Unger, who has been sheriff for more than 20 years and a law enforcement officer for more than 32 years, is assisted by a staff of six full-time deputies and several part-time deputies who are all fully certified and highly trained.

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Above: Members of the Stanton County Sheriff's Office are shown with Bob and Colleen Paden (far left) as they receive the Hometown Hero award, given annually at Stanton Telecom's annual customer appreciation barbecue. Pictured with Padens are: (back from left) Kirk Van Pelt, Josh Bennett, Jeremy Goeken, Michael Petersen; (front) Fred Wiebelhaus, Sheriff Mike Unger, Josh Bailey, Todd Jochum, Jan Meyer and Pascal Vantilborgh.

Every law enforcement officer is required to complete annual training in firearms and other training updates in the ever-changing law enforcement field. Jan Meyer serves as the office secretary.

Many of the deputies are dually trained as emergency medical technicians, as is Sheriff Unger, who is the Stanton Rescue Squad captain. This training and certification allows officers, who are often the first on the scene of many types of emergencies, to also provide medical care until additional help arrives.

Each sworn member of the Stanton County Sheriff's Office is equipped with a take-home patrol unit and up-to-date equipment to help them in their efforts to keep the peace, and effectively patrol all of Stanton County.

Members of the Stanton County Sheriff's Office strive to make their agency proactive, from preventing crimes and tragedy before it happens, to serving and protecting all the citizens and visitors of Stanton County.

Unger said he and the other members of the Stanton County Sheriff's Office appreciate the support that they have gotten, and continue to get from everyone in the county, especially the Stanton community.

THE JAILHOUSE BLUES

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By Scott Lundberg
Architect, Jail Designer
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County jail populations across Nebraska continue to rise, despite declining rural populations throughout the state. To make matters worse, two segments of this rising population - namely female and mentally ill inmates - seem to be growing faster than the rest, creating a number of classification headaches for Sheriffs and jail administrators.

- **More women** are being incarcerated today than ever before, even in rural counties, requiring sight and sound separation from the male population.
- In addition, the number of **mentally ill inmates** being detained in county jails has increased dramatically over the last few years, straining jails already overburdened in their capacity to isolate and supervise this type of prisoner.

In fact, the inability to properly classify inmates is the number one issue many of Nebraska's county jails face, followed closely by the inability to adequately monitor inmates from a central control post.

Both of these problems can be attributed to the linear jail layouts found in facilities built before the Nebraska Jail Standards came into effect in August of 1980. Most of these units consist of a series of multi-person steel-barred cells that jail staff can supervise only by making the rounds at various intervals, leaving inmates time in between to create problems. These jails continue their troubled existence only because they are "grandfathered" in, giving Sheriffs and Jail Administrators little choice but to sing the jailhouse blues.

Are there hidden expenses with old, non-compliant jails?

Having an old, non-compliant jail doesn't bother the constituents of most counties. The less you spend on jails, the better, they think. What they don't realize is that they may actually be spending more of their well-earned money by doing nothing. If a county jail is running near capacity or has difficulty classifying its prisoners, there is a good chance they are transporting a percentage of their inmate population to other counties. After factoring in housing, gas, and overtime to run these inmates all over the countryside, it's not long before county boards begin to see these expenses grow into significant sums of money.

Meanwhile, the public, happily oblivious to these hidden expenses, fails to realize that their county board, left with no other choice, is cutting back on county services - the very services that benefit the constituents, themselves - to pay for these transporting expenses.

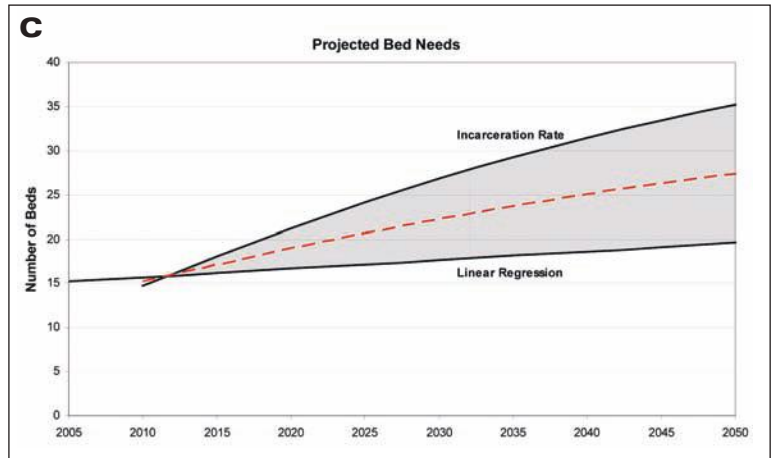
Other potential expenses are lurking out there, as well.

Counties are liable for the inmates that reside in their jails, and non-compliant jails only increase that liability, multiplying the chances of lawsuits from things such as inmate suicides, or worker compensation claims. While the large payouts resulting from these lawsuits are bad enough to deal with, there are cases (inmate suicides, for instance), that have led to jail closings, forcing counties to transport all of their prisoners to other counties.

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IMAGES

- A:** A view of the Cherry County Justice Center, Valentine, Nebraska.
- B:** Rusty Osburn (second from left), Cherry County Sheriff, stands in front of the open control center, along with several of his colleagues.
- C:** A typical bed projection chart found in a Needs Assessment document.
- D:** A Floor Plan from the Preliminary Planning Phase.



How do you know if it makes financial sense to build a new jail in your county?

A Needs Assessment is the best place to start. This is a document that ultimately shows the number of beds the County will require in its new jail facility to be compliant with Nebraska Jail Standards. It will include a functional program listing all of the spaces required in the facility, a breakdown of the specific housing units required to meet your inmate population, a construction budget for the new facility, and an operations budget and staffing projection. Armed with this information, the county would then be able to explore a number of options, in the end settling on the one that makes the most fiscal sense.

How do you convince the public?

Having the data in hand is only half the battle, unfortunately. The public is still out there waiting to be convinced that a new jail is the best option available. So how do you go about convincing them? **It's pretty simple, really: include them in the process.**

The Sheriff and his/her staff are central in the decision-making process when it comes to developing solid, workable options. But it's important to also include the County Board and members of the public in the process, as well. In the end, an option will emerge that can be recommended to the full County Board. After they vote to proceed, they are left with one final decision: how to fund the project.

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ROBOCOP IN REAL LIFE? Crime Fighting Robots Coming to New Jersey

By Eric Walkuski

A childhood fantasy (or fear?) - seeing an officer of the law who is part man/part machine may be coming true soon, thanks to researchers at Florida International University's Discovery Lab and a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Reserves. These folks are working to build "telepresence robots," which would patrol the streets while being controlled by disabled police officers and military vets. Let's pause to allow the awesomeness sink in.

Thanks to a press release issued by the university (via CNet), we learn that these robotic coppers would essentially be remote controlled, with the human operating these wheeled telepresent robots into a variety of situations, from the menial (writing parking tickets) to jobs of the utmost importance (responding to 911 calls). And where would these robots fight crime? New Jersey, of course.

At the head of this initiative is Lieutenant Commander Jeremy Robins, whose dream it is to put disabled vets and officers back into action with this innovative concept (sound familiar 'RoboCop' fans?). The patrol bot prototypes are based on military-grade robots from the Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition, which has lent Robins and Florida

International University two of their 'bots for this Urban Warrior Robot program.

Robins said in a statement:

"We want to use telebots to give disabled military and police veterans an opportunity to serve in law enforcement. With telebots, a disabled police officer will be capable of performing many, if not most, of the functions of a normal patrol officer[r] — interacting with the community, patrolling, responding to 911 calls."

As CNet points out, it remains to be seen if the telepresence robots would ultimately function with the same directives as their human counterparts (would they actually be able to make arrests?), or if they'd be closer to mobile security cameras. One thing is certain: If this does eventually go into effect, we'll be one step closer to the robot uprising. Your move, creeps.

You can read more about this move toward the future on the Discovery Lab's official site:

<http://news.fiu.edu/2012/09/fiu-discovery-lab-telebots-could-help-disabled-officers-veterans/42804>

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1880s Holt County, Nebraska: Corrupt County Treasurer's Death Big News

A San Francisco newspaper, *The Morning Call*, printed the following in their Monday, January 21, 1895 edition:

"The body of Barrett Scott, Holt County's defaulting Treasurer, who was lynched December 31, was found in the Niobrara River at midnight. There was a rope around the neck. He had been hanged.

The Coroner's jury found that Scott had been hanged, and that George Mullihan, Moses Elliott and Mert Roy, those now under arrest, and other Holt County citizens composed the mob. The ice in the river was cut where the trail of the lynchers had been followed yesterday, and today 100 men were on the scene, dragging the river. The body was lying in several feet of water and only a short distance from the bank.

The body bore evidence that the victim was dead when cast into the water. Around his neck was a piece of rope about three feet long, a noose in true hangman's style. The other end bore evidence of having been cut, showing that Scott had

been hanged until he was dead and then cut down and cast into the river. The body was minus a coat, but his watch and chain and other jewelry, which was on his person the night of the tragedy, were still there.

The face of the deceased confirmed the truth of the story told by Mrs. Scott, to the effect that in the fusillade which preceded her husband's capture he was slightly wounded on the side of the face.

The crime for which Barrett Scott paid with his life on last New Year's night was the embezzlement of \$70,000 of the funds of Holt County, NE, and the subsequent wrecking of the Holt County Bank, practically impoverishing nearly all the farmers and business men in Holt County. The amounts stolen from those confiding people are variously estimated at an aggregate of \$160,000."

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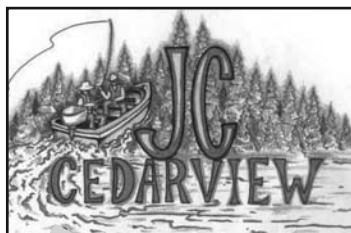
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Interesting details:

- One lucky Sheriff - Brad Boyum - won a gun, AGAIN!
- One winner won 3 guns off of the same ticket number!

As you will see from the list, winners came from all over Nebraska and Iowa. Thank you all for making this such a success.

See a list of winners on pages 45, 50 and 51 of this magazine.

You may also view the complete list at
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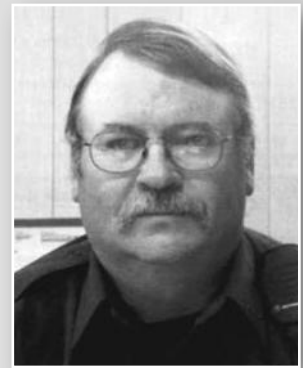
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4	Sig Sauer 1911-22 Black	128	Rich Berggren	Omaha, Ne
5	Tikka T3 243 Blued Synthetic	1279	Dennis Chambers	Alta Vista, Ia
6	Beretta M9 9Mm	1454	Jesse Bleidt	Lewellen, Ne
7	Savage111 Hunter Xp270	891	Richard Mosier	Spalding, Ne
8	Ruger Sr22 Adj. Sights/Threaded Barrel	662	Derek Kavan	Fremont, Ne
9	Remington 887 Nitro Tactical 12Ga 3.5	516	Tyler Specht	Laurel, Ne
10	Howa 223 Black Synthetic 22"	1411	Travis O'gorman	
11	Savage Axis 30-06 Black 22"	353	Chris Williby	Royal, Ne
12	Remington 597 W/Scope 22Lr	259	Mike Cuka	Omaha, Ne
13	Remington 1911 R1ss 45	1023	Darrin Kremer	Ainsworth, Ne
14	Tikka T3 270 Blued Synthetic	440	Angelo Casarez	Lincoln, Ne
15	Cz 720 20/26 3" Auto Wood	691	Casey Pospichal	
16	Glock 26 Gen 3	681	Don Kruger	North Bend, Ne
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18	Heritage 22Lr Revolver 4.75 Barrel	231	Dave Sattler	Geneva, Ne
19	Marlin Xt-17V 17Hmr 22" Walnut	208	Stacia Nelson	Wahoo, Ne
20	Cz Mallard Over/Under 12/28"	895	Evan Allen	Wolbach, Ne

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Wellness Fair Takes Advantage of NSA Driving Simulator

According to Jeannie Sands, Wellness Coordinator for Lincoln Surgical Hospital, Eye Surgical Associates and Sutton/Ryan Dermatology, over 160 people attended the Annual Health Fair on October 8, 2013. Seventeen vendors were present including Smart Chicken, VVS Vending, Nebraska Heart Institute, Community Blood Bank, Verizon and Sprint, as well as 2 masseuses offering free 10-minute chair massages.

Lancaster County Sheriff's Deputy Billy Ziemer helped with NSA's driving simulator and made it fun and educational for employees and other visitors to see the dangerous effects of distracted and impaired driving!



In 2012, Deputy Ziemer was cited for coordinating various community functions including the Law Enforcement Torch Run and Polar Plunge for Special Olympics. Sheriff Terry Wagner said Ziemer is the department's "go-to-guy" for mental health training and issues on patrol. Sands thanked Wagner and Ziemer for his participation. **Photo courtesy Jeannie Sands**

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Human Trafficking Infects Nebraska by Laura L. Cooper

A former police officer, Laura L. Cooper now seeks justice with words. She is a member of the Nebraska Writers Guild, Sisters in Crime, and the Guppies Chapter of Sisters in Crime.

See her website at <http://www.lauralcooper.com>

Like a disease that no one wants to discuss, human trafficking is spreading throughout Nebraska as it is throughout the world. Incidents occur at truck stops, inside hotel rooms, in farm fields, and on factory floors. It travels along I-80 or moves in with large sporting events like the College World Series. "Getting people to believe the situation is real is our biggest problem," State Sen. Mark Christensen told a group in McCook two years ago, (www.mccoogazett.com). Our communities must acknowledge the reality of human sex and labor trafficking if we are to fight against it.

Defining Human Trafficking

According to the Homeland Security website, "Human trafficking...involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to exploit human beings for some type of labor or commercial sex purpose." This form of modern-day slavery is also known as Trafficking in Persons (TIP). The victims of human trafficking may be lured with the promise of a good job but find themselves forced into a life consumed with sexual exploitation or forced labor. Immigrants, especially undocumented immigrants, are susceptible to labor traffickers in agricultural states. Young runaways may gravitate toward the sex industry as one of few ways to make money as a 12- or 13-year-old on the street.

While some people refer to prostitution as a "victimless crime," when a pimp uses force, fraud, or coercion, it is human trafficking (www.officer.com). The rules are different when juveniles are involved. "If a minor has been induced to perform commercial sex in any way, that minor is a victim of human trafficking," (www.polarisproject.org).

Prostitution vs. Human Trafficking

There is a line between those who participate in the sex industry by choice versus those who have been coerced. "I never met any prostitute who said, 'This was my ultimate goal in life,'" Sgt. Craig Friesen, head of the vice unit in Anaheim, California, says. "They've been exploited by someone." However, to determine the crime of trafficking, officers must document signs of coercion. In addition to looking for signs of physical abuse, "they might ask a hotel clerk if the prostitute was not allowed to speak, or seemed frightened, when checking into a room," (www.officer.com).

Criminal Laws

Human trafficking was first addressed at the federal level by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, which has been reauthorized since then. In June 2013, the Nebraska legislature passed an anti-sex trafficking bill, and Governor Dave Heineman signed it into law, effective October 1, 2013. It strengthens penalties against sex traffickers of juvenile victims and allows those under age 18, who are arrested for sex crimes, to be referred to juvenile courts and treatment programs. The criminal codes include N.R.S. 28-830 to 28-832, and 28-1354 to 28-1355 (www.nebraskalegislature.gov).

Scope of the Problem

A report by the Polaris Project states, "We have identified potential cases of human trafficking in every state in the nation," (www.polarisproject.org). Over the five-year study, 72,000 contacts were made with the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline. Most of the cases involved male traffickers who were U.S. citizens pimping young adult or minor female citizens. The most common form of labor trafficking involved domestic work; the majority of the victims of those crimes were from other countries.

Worldwide, human trafficking is a multi-billion dollar industry. "An estimated 27 million people are victims of modern-day slavery," (www.fremonttribune.com). The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children estimates that 100,000 U.S. children may be exploited in the commercial sex trade each year. There has been no systematic way of keeping track of sex trafficking crimes in Nebraska, and labor trafficking is just beginning to be studied.

Nebraska Cases

In July 2013, the Governor's Task Force on Human Trafficking reported "a flourishing sex trade in Nebraska," (www.ncc.ne.gov). The demand for additional sex workers means that things are likely to get worse. On November 25, 2013, Omaha station FOX42 reported, "There is evidence that hundreds of girls, some in their early teens, are being sold as sex slaves in truck stops in our area." (www.kptm.com).

Over five years ago on a downtown Lincoln street, an undercover Lincoln police officer was approached by a man. Their casual conversation quickly changed. The man told her that she would work for him now and go with him to other states, or he would beat her. He quickly set her up with a customer and arrests were made. "It's crazy," the officer said. "It's a lot of money and a lot of victims," (www.dailynebraskan.com, March 4, 2012).

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The Saga of Andy the Footless Goose

In the late 1980s a gosling was born in Harvard, Nebraska. Although this is a relatively common occurrence, this little hatchling was different, as he was born with stumps for feet. So began the saga of Andy, the Footless Goose. Andy's eventual owner fashioned shoes for him and taught him to walk. The sneaker-wearing goose became something of a local celebrity and delighted children throughout the area during public appearances.

Andy's fame became national when he was featured in this 1989 People Magazine article. He was also a "guest" on The Tonight Show that same year.

Sadly, Andy was kidnapped and murdered in 1991. His body was eventually found and his shoes were still on. Andy's fans contributed \$10,000 in reward money, but his murderer was never located.

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“I Care Cab Fare” was designed by The Sarpy County Sheriff's Office and The Nebraska office of Highway Safety in conjunction with Happy, Yellow, Checker, Cornhusker, and Safeway Cab Companies.

The goal of the program is to keep drunk drivers off the streets. Officers hope the program will help cut down on the number of accidents due to impaired driving, especially with bad weather ahead. This program will help keep people safe when they've had too much to drink or just simply need transportation in Omaha, Bellevue, Papillion, LaVista, Gretna, and Elkhorn.

“I Care Cab Fare” cards have been purchased for college students to ensure your young adult will always be safe, and

frequent night life goers who want to ensure they have enough money for the ride home.

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Anyone interested in the program can purchase an “I Care Cab Fare” card over the counter at any SAC Federal Credit Union locations in the area. They are also available online at most area cab company websites.

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FBI Special Agent Anna Brewer transferred from Nevada to Nebraska in 2009. A fellow agent told her the sex trafficking cases she'd worked elsewhere did not happen in Nebraska. She quickly learned that wasn't true. Brewer conducted a sting operation involving an Omaha couple who prostituted women, including a 15-year-old girl (www.mccookgazette.com).

In Bellevue, an 18-year-old student was extorted after sexting with a man from Friend, Nebraska, who had posed as a woman on Craigslist. That man was charged with human trafficking in Sarpy County (www.wowt.com).

A woman from Upland, Nebraska, population 143, was sentenced for felony conspiracy to commit first-degree sexual assault of a child and two counts of felony possession of child pornography in Buffalo County. The victims were her 14- and 7-year-old daughters. The woman will also serve time for prostituting a daughter in Furnace and Franklin Counties (www.kearneyhub.com). She was sentenced prior to stiffer laws against prostituting children. It is now treated like a form of child abuse. As you can see, these horrible crimes can happen anywhere, in a community of any size.

Covert Crimes

Even as our state takes note of human trafficking within its borders, these crimes are difficult to stop. Many offenders enter our state via I-80 and may move to new communities before they are identified. Sellers and buyers may sell sex on street corners or from vehicle to vehicle. They may communicate in code on Citizens Band radio. Social networking sites on the

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Internet come and go quickly and allow for transient offenders to advertise their wares. Beyond the major search engines, the "Darknet" and the software that allows users to participate anonymously provide a place for pedophiles and human traffickers to share tips and swap humans like merchandise.

Red Flags

Watch for questionable situations like one man traveling with a group of young women and teens of various ethnicities. Look for the red flags that may indicate a person is a possible victim of covert human trafficking as described by Homeland Security's Blue Campaign.

Possible Signs of Human Trafficking

- Don't possess their own identification or travel documents
- Threatened with physical harm, deportation, or arrest
- Someone else speaks for him/her
- Shows signs of physical abuse or restraint
- Lack freedom of movement
- Owes a large debt
- Works excessive or unusual hours
- Unable to socialize

- Appears malnourished
- Limited English proficiency
- Lack of medical treatment
- Little money or few possessions
- Is fearful, anxious, depressed
- Avoids eye contact
- Unfamiliar with whereabouts
- Cannot explain why they are here
- Inconsistent story
- Any juvenile engaged in commercial sex

These and additional indicators are described at this link: <http://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/law-enforcement>. Those victims will need access to counseling and other support services, which may be hard to find in small jurisdictions.

Multi-Agency Approach

These are complex cases. One agency may not be able to handle the case alone, according to Lt. John Vanek (ret.), who managed the San Jose Police Department Human Trafficking Task Force from 2006-2011.

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“Cases can involve both local and federal law enforcement agencies, local (or state) and federal prosecutors, immigration and civil attorneys, and several victim services providers who each provide for the various needs of the victims” (www.policione.com).

You may need to find someone in your area, who has worked a similar case. By calling the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 888-373-7888, you can find out if there is a federal task force or other resources near you. If your case involves a foreign-national, contact Immigration and Customs Enforcement - Homeland Security Investigations: 866-DHS-2-ICE.

In July 2013, The FBI, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and many other law enforcement partners conducted Operation Cross Country VII to combat child sex trafficking in the U.S. The 76-city, 3-day operation

rescued 105 children (aged 13 to 17) and arrested 152 pimps, including one pimp in the FBI's Omaha Division. “This operation serves as a reminder that these abhorrent crimes can happen anywhere,” said Ron Hosko, assistant director of the FBI's Criminal Investigative Division (www.fbi.gov).

Conclusion

Human trafficking is growing rapidly around the world. The Honorable Deborah R. Gilg, U.S. Attorney for Nebraska, told the Governor's Task Force on Human Trafficking, “There is no question that human trafficking is present in Nebraska. We have actively investigated cases involving adults, minors and immigrants,” (www.ncc.ne.gov). Hopefully Nebraskans are beginning to see that human trafficking is a problem in our own state. That is the first step to develop laws and resources to support enforcement efforts.

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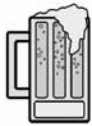
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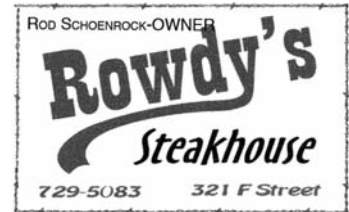
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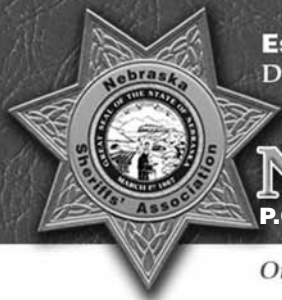
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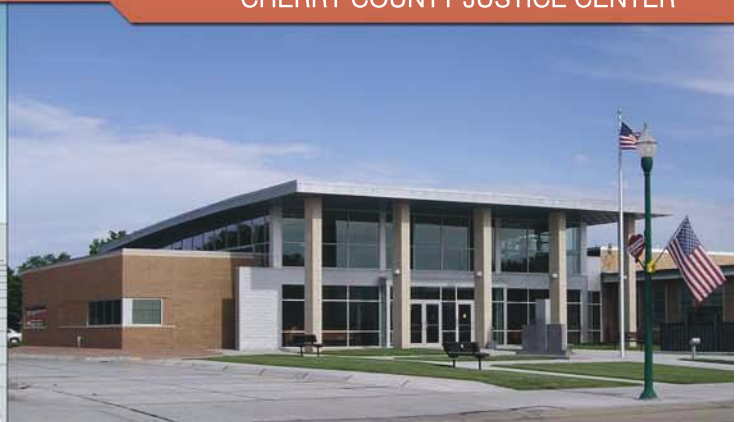


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