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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

2016 Is Shaping Up To Be a Year of Changes and Challenges!

*by Cass County Sheriff Bill Brueggemann
2016 NSA President*

Pictured: 2015 NSA President Shawn Hebbert (former Grant County Sheriff - current Keith County Chief Deputy) hands the gravel to 2016 NSA President Bill Brueggemann (Cass County Sheriff) at the NSA/POAN Conference banquet last October.

As an Association, we reflect back over 2015 and these few weeks of the new year as our thoughts and prayers continue for all deceased law enforcement officers and their families. We know they will truly be missed by their loved ones and the counties, cities and states that they so faithfully served. May they rest in peace.

2016: A Year of Changes

Amy Prenda, our Executive Director since 2010, has resigned her position and taken a new job with the Justice Reinvestment Implementation Committee. Amy will serve as the coordinator for the implementation stage of LB 605 passed last year. We thank Amy for her years of service and wish her all the best.

Advanced Association Management (AAM) will continue with their contract as executive support for NSA. A new contract will be voted on in October for them to continue in that role.

We're also pleased to announce that NSA has approved a 5 year contract with AAM to set up training and solicit vendors for the October conference. We are looking forward to working with them on this event.

NSA will vote in October for the continuation of the contract with Nowka and Edwards as our lobbyists with the Nebraska Legislature.

2016: A Year of Challenges

I believe that the biggest challenge we face in our NSA leadership roles - as pertains to our peers - is the extremely negative way the media has portrayed law enforcement throughout the country. It is important that we remind, not only ourselves, but our citizens and the news media, that we are NOT the villains they make us out to be. We are people with families just like theirs, working hard to protect the lives and properties of those we serve. We continuously and without fail, strive to enforce the laws of our cities, counties, state, and country without prejudice.

Two other challenges we might face in 2016 is the new federal regulation regarding the Military 1033 Program and the high cost of supplying our officers with body cameras. Both of these new requirements will place an immense and ongoing financial burden on our counties.

There are also new phone system regulations that might go into effect this year. The revenue generated from prisoner phone calls in our jails helps pay for the benefits and supplies for inmates. Blocking our ability to collect these funds will also place an unnecessary drain on our budgets.

2016: NSA/POAN Conference

The NSA/POAN Conference is coming together thanks to the efforts of the Conference Committee, Past President Shawn Hebbert (formerly Sheriff of Grant County and currently Chief Deputy of Keith County), myself and, (2017 NSA President) Jerome Kramer, Sheriff of Lincoln County.

One confirmed keynote speaker is Phil Chalmers. His topic will be "Generation Death: How America Creates Teenage Killers and Mass Murderers."

Also confirmed are representatives from the Southern Poverty Law Center speaking on the topic of "Lone Wolf Terrorists and Hate Groups in the United States."

The Conference Committee is diligently working on more speakers and will keep all of you updated as information becomes available.

I am excited to serve as your president for the year ahead. We, as sheriffs, understand that we will wake up each morning with new challenges to face and that we need to stay unified. Together we will persevere.

See page 5 for a story about Sheriff Brueggemann hitting the 10,000 mile mark traveling to national sheriffs' conventions.



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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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Our Sheriffs' Offices Help Make Nebraska Great! ... by Amy E. Prenda, J.D.

Law enforcement is a fundamental part of the community. The definition of fundamental is "forming a necessary base or core," "of central importance," or "forming or relating to the most important part of something." This is the sheriffs' offices of our 93 counties. This is the sheriff, the deputies, jail administrative staff, and support staff. This is you. There is no community without the work you do every day with few, if any, days off each year.

On Sunday, January 10, 2016, the *Lincoln Journal Star* highlighted Sheriff Wynn Wiens of Hooker County, because the county has been 47 months without a felony, only misdemeanors. Other counties have also been felony free this past year (Keya Paha) or nearly felony free (Sioux County, just one). Yes, these are less populated counties than the larger populated counties of our state, but the core principle of Hooker, Keya Paha and Sioux Counties is the same – taking the time to know your community in an effort to stay close to those who you protect and serve.

While I recognize zero felonies in many of your counties is an impossible goal to achieve, I also recognize knowing your community is not a panacea to addressing all of the problems your office faces each day. But law enforcement officers who are involved in their communities and value community issues as a personal responsibility improve relationships in the community and enhances law enforcement's capabilities. They understand arresting criminals is a small part of their job and understand the time spent diffusing issues versus reacting to issues results in a community with a better quality of life.

What makes Nebraska great? The quality of life, and you are the cornerstone to our quality of life. Thank you!



Amy Prenda, J.D.

Amy Prenda was the Executive Director of the Nebraska Sheriffs' Association from 2010 until January of 2016.

She worked closely with the NSA board and on their behalf with the Nebraska Legislature.

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IT PAYS TO BE A MEMBER!

Nebraska Sheriffs' Association President is Quite the "Travelin' Man"

Photo and story from the November/December 2015 issue of the National Sheriff's Association magazine, Sheriff



This year, Nebraska Sheriffs' Association President Sheriff William C. Brueggemann from Cass County, Nebraska, was able to exceed the 10,000-mile mark while riding his motorcycle to the National Sheriffs' Association Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. The 2,503 mile round trip to the Baltimore conference slightly edged him over the 10,000 total miles that he's ridden his 2010 Kawasaki to the last five NSA Conferences.

Taking the scenic routes instead of interstates to the NSA Conferences in St. Louis, Nashville, Fort Worth, and now Baltimore, has allowed him to enjoy some of the most beautiful scenery this country has to offer.

Accompanied by his sidekick, Deputy Randy Wilkins, the two have traveled through heat, cold, heavy rain, and absolutely gorgeous weather. When asked why he rides instead of taking a plane, he smiles and says, "It's my excuse for not being able to take my wife to conferences."

Brueggemann, who chairs the NSA Small/Rural Sheriff's Committee, plans on continuing his motorcycle adventures to future conferences, and is even considering a suggestion from NSA Director Jonathon Thompson, who said he should turn the motorcycle trips into a fundraiser.

The Gaps in Bite-Mark Analysis . . . by Laura L. Cooper

Attacks on bite-mark testimony have led to exonerations and a reexamination of the field of forensics. Some insist that bite-mark evidence is of no value; however, the more accurate charge is that it has not been proven statistically valid. National criticism of bite-mark evidence has not been aimed at the methods investigators use to collect the data. The argument is that the analysis methods and conclusions of dental experts have no scientific foundation.

Odontology – Forensic Dentistry

The field of forensic odontology applies the science of dentistry to matters of law including identifying human remains and making bite mark comparisons. Dentists evaluate the dentition--the arrangement, type, number, and characteristics of teeth. Bite-mark evidence began being accepted in courts in the 1970's and was spotlighted in 1979 when it was used in the televised prosecution of Ted Bundy.

If a known suspect is accused of biting a victim, a forensic odontologist can attempt to match a dental impression of the suspect's teeth to the bite mark. Although expert testimony has compared bite-mark matches to DNA in terms of accuracy, a person's dentition has not been scientifically proven to be unique.

In 2009, a National Academy of Sciences (NAS) report criticized the lack of scientific foundation for most forensic disciplines, except DNA. Bite-mark analysis received the harshest criticism. While dental experts have since worked to establish flow charts and proficiency tests, big questions remain:

- To what degree is human dentition unique?
- Is human skin capable of accurately recording bite marks?
- What are the best techniques to analyze bite mark evidence?
- How can examiner bias be overcome?

The NAS report stated that the discipline of bite-mark analysis had "no evidence of an existing scientific basis for identifying an individual to the exclusion of all others."

Bite marks generally result from violent crimes, and those bites are usually left in human flesh. Between the movement of the victim and the attacker, there may be a great deal of distortion in the bruises and abrasions left behind. The malleability and irregular surface of human skin, as well as subsequent swelling and infection, may grossly impact the reliability of bite-mark evidence. Currently, no body of research supports claims of bite-mark matches.

Convictions Overturned

Many convictions which relied solely on bite-mark testimony are being reviewed. Since 2000, more than two dozen men held on bite-mark evidence have been exonerated by DNA evidence or recanted testimony.

The Associated Press reported that, in separate Mississippi cases, two men were convicted of raping and murdering young girls based, in part, on bite-mark evidence. Later, the marks were determined to have been caused by crawfish and insects.

Repeatedly, pairs of odontologists have referenced the same case evidence and come up with conflicting findings. Suspects have sat in jail for weeks, based on bite-mark evidence, only to be freed when DNA testing of saliva from the bite mark excluded them. Some expert testimony has been based only on a photo but resulted in the defendant being identified as the biter.

In a 1993 California murder case, two dentists testified that a bruise on the hand of a murdered woman was consistent with the lower teeth of her husband, William Richards. The mark, which had initially been dismissed, was never swabbed for DNA. The prosecution's expert definitively matched the bruise to a rare abnormality in the husband's dental pattern, a pattern supposedly common to only two percent of the population. Yet, during an evidentiary hearing in 2008, that dentist changed his mind.

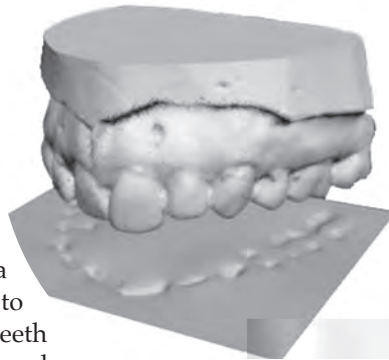
Odontologist Dr. Norman "Skip" Sperber, a founder of the American Board of Forensic Odontology, had based his original findings on an autopsy photo that had distortions which were later corrected. Then Dr. Sperber said Richards could not have made the bite marks, and the bite may not have been human.

The recanted bite-mark testimony along with DNA evidence that matched an unknown male called the conviction into question. However, Richards remains in prison while his case is waiting to be heard for the second time by the California Supreme Court.

Despite a lack of scientific or statistical support, experts have testified about bite-mark matches using terms like these:

- "Virtually certain."
- "As good as a fingerprint."
- "Reasonable medical and dental certainty."
- "Everyone's bite mark is different."
- "No question in my mind."
- "Could only have come from DEFENDANT."

In a 1977 Arizona case, a dentist went so far as to use statistics even though no research had been conducted. According to the Innocence Project, he said, "The probability factor of two sets of teeth being identical in a case similar to this is, approximately, eight in one million, or one in 125,000 people." Such inflated conclusions are not accepted by the scientific community.



Why Document Bite Marks

Bite mark testimony is being questioned, but it is still admissible in all 50 states...so far. Injuries must be documented. Investigating officers should always mention and photograph bruises on an assault victim regardless of their type. Apparent bite marks should be photographed, swabbed for DNA, and possibly cast. Even if they cannot positively identify the attacker, they do document the nature of the crime.

So the current controversy should not preclude law enforcement agencies from gathering all evidence. However, the way bite-mark evidence is presented and the types of conclusions that can be supported are likely to change.

The 2009 NAS report made this declaration: "Although the methods of collection of bite mark evidence are relatively noncontroversial, there is considerable dispute about the value and reliability of the collected data for interpretation."

Moving Forward with Pattern Evidence

In response to the lack of scientific standards in forensics, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) awarded Iowa State University (ISU) a grant to establish a Forensic Science Center of Excellence.

According to the ISU News Service: "Its primary goal will be to build a statistically sound and scientifically solid foundation under two branches of forensics, pattern evidence (including fingerprints and bullet marks) and digital evidence (including data from cell phones and computers)."

Some states may not wait for national efforts. A Texas commission has been charged with evaluating the reliability of bite-mark matching and determining whether or not it should have a place in the courtroom.

Re-evaluating Forensic Disciplines

Bite-mark analysis is not the only forensic discipline being scrutinized. In 2014, the National Commission on Forensic Science was created to find ways of "Strengthening the validity and reliability of the forensic sciences." The commission is charged with assessing and making recommendations to improve the forensic science community in the following ways:

- Determine resource needs
- Explore best technologies and techniques
- Identify potential scientific advances
- Increase the number of qualified forensic scientists
- Disseminate best practice guidelines
- Examine the role of the field in regard to homeland security
- Examine the Automated Fingerprint Information Systems
- Identify and examine additional issues

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) developed a project that will reassess all techniques and methods related to forensic science and report findings to the national commission. The following disciplines will be analyzed:

- Bloodstain pattern analysis
- Digital evidence
- Fire investigation (underway)
- Firearms and toolmarks/ballistics (underway)
- Footwear and tire tracks
- Forensic odontology--bite-mark analysis
- Latent fingerprints (underway)
- Trace evidence--fibers
- Trace evidence--hair
- Trace evidence--paint & other coatings

According to the AAAS, the results will improve the confidence of the evidence to convict the guilty and exonerate the innocent. It will evaluate current literature and recommend additional research to validate the practices in the forensics field.

While some demand the discipline of bite-mark analysis be eradicated, others call for it to be researched to ensure that procedures and testimony be restricted to the parameters that are reliable and verifiable. It is time for forensics to find its scientific footing. Standards must be set to certify examiners if they are to be allowed to testify in the future. The results of further analysis and research are likely to transform the criminal justice system in the United States.

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DRIVING SIMULATORS AVAILABLE FROM NSA

Thanks to the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety, AAA, and the Cornhusker Motor Club Foundation, the Nebraska Sheriff's Association's arsenal of education and training tools includes two **VirtualDriver Interactive Simulator** units which are available to law enforcement agencies for fairs, school/community events, and safety/health conferences.



Photos courtesy Sheriff Wagner and the Lancaster Sheriff's Office

EQUITABLE SHARING OF FORFEITED ASSETS OR LEGALIZED THEFT . . . By Sheriff Terry T. Wagner, Lancaster County, NE

"Two former directors of the civil forfeiture program...wrote in an op-ed column in the Washington Post that "the tactic has turned into an evil itself, with corruption it engendered among government and law enforcement coming to clearly outweigh the benefits." When it's become that difficult to distinguish the cops from the crooks, it's time to change policy and practice." - Lincoln (Nebraska) Journal Star Editorial comments 2/5/2015

The editorial above appeared in our local paper one day after I sent letters to the Nebraska Congressional Delegation, urging them to oppose any legislation that would statutorily limit federal adoption of cash seizures by state and local law enforcement. These were sent one week after the U.S. Attorney for the District of Nebraska informed law enforcement leaders of the change in policy of the U.S. Department of Justice, Policy Directive 15-1, issued at Attorney General Eric Holder's direction.

This change has been prompted in part by law enforcement agencies seizing large quantities of cash without conducting in depth investigations linking the cash as an instrumentality of criminal activity and failing to follow the Forfeited Assets Guidelines with regard to what the money can be spent for. Coupled with stories like a judge returning \$1 million in cash to a woman who claimed she was a lifelong exotic dancer and the money was her life's earnings or the man who had \$45,000 seized by law enforcement and appealed, claiming the money was seed money to start a restaurant. The entrepreneur was only able to get back \$30,000 after two years of litigation.

It is indeed a sad commentary when the local newspaper announces to their readers there is no difference between

the cops and crooks. Nationwide, especially in 2014, law enforcement's reputation and credibility has suffered; incidents like those described above have only helped erode the public's faith in our profession. It is up to each of us as law enforcement leaders to change that image.

As those of you who have Interstate 80 traversing your county know, it has become a pipeline for illegal activity to cross this nation, especially with regard to narcotics trafficking. As states west of us have legalized medicinal marijuana, and Colorado legalized recreational marijuana, Nebraska has seen a dramatic increase in drug activity on its highways. We have a team of deputy sheriffs in my office trained in narcotics detection. In the past two years (Jan 1, 2013 to date), these deputies have seized \$4.7 million in 51 traffic stops, of which \$2.9 million would be equitably shared with Lancaster County. In addition, over seven hundred pounds of marijuana, over 30,000 hash oil pills, heroin, methamphetamine, cocaine, marijuana edibles and 4 firearms have been seized, and 79 persons have been arrested, one of which had been wanted on a Federal warrant since 1981.



The investigations that started with the traffic stops in Nebraska have led to additional search warrants and arrests in other states. 1,636 actively growing marijuana plants were seized by other states that would have yielded 13,088 lbs. of processed marijuana. I can assure you the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office does not simply seize a person's cash because the driver can't prove where it came from, rather, we work to prove the cash is an instrumentality of criminal activity. The bottom line is, if we can't establish that nexus between the money and a criminal enterprise, the driver and his money go on their way.

The United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska held a meeting in January to explain to local law enforcement the changes the DOJ Memo would require. The end result of this shift in policy is there may be situations arise in the future where a person is arrested, their assets seized, they get convicted for their crimes and the government gives them back their assets; be that vehicles, cash or other items after court disposition. After it has been proven the cash or other assets are the fruits of/or the furtherance of a crime, it is simply wrong to give the very assets used to commit or gained from the crime back to the criminal. It would be no different than seizing a crowbar from a burglar, introduce it as evidence at trial and then giving the crowbar back to the burglar after he has served his sentence because it could not be proven where the defendant got the crowbar prior to the burglary. Most states can use their state courts to prosecute these offenses and process the seizures.

Nebraska is different. In 1999, the Nebraska Supreme Court ruled the language in Nebraska Statutes created double jeopardy; i.e. to prosecute a person and seize their assets in a civil forfeiture. So we can either prosecute the crime, or seize the assets, but not both in state court. We currently file criminal charges in state court and forfeiture of assets in Federal Court. I believe it is unethical to seize one's criminal assets and routinely not prosecute them for their crimes and vice versa. It saddens me some agencies seize cash without taking the investigative steps necessary to establish a clear nexus to illegal activity or charging the individual involved

which prompts newspapers to raise the flag of mistrust, tarnishing the public image of the entire Law Enforcement profession. Using the Federal Asset forfeiture provisions are our only avenue in Nebraska to prosecute the defendant and seize the cash.

As an example, on January 14, 2014, a 29 year old California man was stopped for a traffic violation on I-80 in Lancaster County. A subsequent search of the vehicle, with his consent, revealed two bags containing \$934,722 in U.S. currency that was banded and in heat sealed bags. No drugs were found, but evidence was developed to link the currency to a grow operation in California. The suspect was arrested on state charges of possessing money with intent to violate the Uniform Controlled Substance Act. The forfeited assets were adopted by a federal agency under the Equitable Sharing program. Extensive criminal investigative follow-up resulted in multiple search warrants being served in California on residences, storage units and a vehicle. Marijuana grow equipment and 18 pressed hash bricks were seized.

Suspects have also been developed on the East Coast with ties to a storage facility where the marijuana that was supposed to have been purchased with the cash was to have been delivered. This case was eventually prosecuted in Federal Court where the Nebraska defendant was found guilty, sentenced to one year and a day in Federal Prison, fined \$6,000 and 3 years of supervised release following his incarceration. This case is typical of the seizure cases investigated by Lancaster County Deputy Sheriffs. We are constantly working with agencies where the narcotics were to have been obtained and where the drugs were to have been delivered.

There are people who are professional couriers of money and/or narcotics from one end of the nation to the other. Gibbs Bully, a 46 year old Virgin Islander was stopped on Interstate 80, August 4, 2014, and a consensual search revealed approximately 5 ½ lbs. of marijuana in the spare tire compartment. Bully was being paid several hundred

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dollars to deliver this Colorado marijuana to an individual in Virginia.

In addition to the marijuana, a Kansas Highway Patrol Asset Forfeiture form was located, indicating Gibbs had been stopped on Interstate 70, July 31, 2014, and \$13,000 in U.S. currency was seized. The \$13,000 was supposed to have purchased the 5 ½ lbs. Bully was currently in possession of. It was then determined he had been arrested in March, 2014, by the Kansas Highway Patrol for being in possession of approximately 50 lbs. of marijuana while driving on Interstate 70. Bully just began serving his 2-4 year prison term in September, 2015.

I know this topic is being discussed in Congress, especially after the 5-part expose in the Washington Post. While I recognize the need for oversight into this entire process; simply eliminating the adoptive Federal Asset Forfeiture provisions for local law enforcement is not the answer. Below are several possible solutions to this issue:

- The DOJ could instruct each United States Attorney to ensure any local cases adopted by a Federal Agency have a clear nexus to illegal activity.
- Sanction those agencies not using Forfeited Assets according to the Asset Forfeiture guidelines.
- Have DOJ provide training to emphasize sufficient follow-up investigation to gather evidence identifying the source of the narcotics and the money.
- Emphasize coordination with local, state and Federal agencies to assist in the investigation of cases stemming from the evidence obtained in your county.
- Allow individual United States Attorneys to decline adoptive forfeiture cases if the agency has a history of not following Federal guidelines.

I believe, and can demonstrate for you, the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office is investigating these cases as the crimes they are. The end result is convicting those individuals transporting drugs across Nebraska, or transporting money to further the drug trade. Our goal is to arrest drug traffickers and deny them the fruits of their criminal enterprise. It is up to us as leaders in law enforcement to demonstrate this program is being used for the purposes it was intended, through investigations clearly linking the assets to the crime, and holding individuals accountable for their role in narcotics trafficking.

Please Take Action!

I am asking you to contact our Congressional Delegation for help in convincing the Department of Justice to reverse Policy Directive 15-1 and to oppose any Federal legislation prohibiting the seizure of assets. We need to assure our senators and congressmen we have used the Asset Forfeiture program as a proper tool in the investigation of narcotics cases and not simply legalized theft.



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I checked the driver's license and all looked good until I noticed his rear plates were expired. I told the driver that the vehicle would have to be towed and the plates confiscated. I asked him to have a seat in the rear of my police car so that I could write a ticket for expired plates. He complied and got into my car.

My supervisor showed up to keep an eye on the other people in the car. I got into my police car, directly in front of the driver, who was seated in back of me. I began explaining to him how to get his car out of impound and the hairs on the back of my neck stood up. Police officers learn to pay attention to that! I suddenly felt something or someone, push me out the driver door, and it definitely wasn't the subject in the back seat. It was something unseen, like an entity!

At that same time, this "entity" told me to get my gun out right away, pushing me out of the vehicle, and then to confront the man seated in the back of my patrol car.

I immediately pulled open the rear door as instructed, and my mouth dropped open. I saw him raising a 9mm hand gun which had been hidden between his legs. The barrel was still pointed at the back of the front seat right where I was seated! I had gotten out and drew my weapon so fast that it took him by complete surprise. I called my supervisor over, and we wrestled the loaded weapon away from him.

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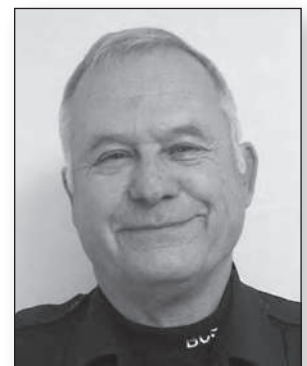
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Excerpts from a book by Tim Dempsey, 30-year Nebraska Law Enforcement Veteran

1870 Dodge County Sheriff in charge of unpleasant task of hanging

Henry Johnson came to Nebraska from Wayne County Indiana in January of 1870, and settled in the town of Ashland, Nebraska where he established a livery stable. In 1877, he decided to try his hand at politics, and in November of that year was elected to the office of Saunders County Sheriff. On April 18, 1879, he was ready to perform one of the more unpleasant tasks of his job. He was all set to hang Dr. George St. Louis. Dr. St. Louis was found guilty in Saunders County District Court after being given a change of venue from Dodge County. The jury convicted the Fremont doctor of murdering his wife. Even though the murder occurred in Dodge County, the change of jurisdiction made Sheriff Johnson Dr. St. Louis's executioner.

Dr. George St. Louis

George St. Louis was born into a large family in Little Chute, Wisconsin in 1839. At age sixteen he decided to become a priest, but he only lasted a year before leaving the seminary. He traveled around the state working at various jobs until at age nineteen he married a young woman named Adele Jessy. Adele died within the first four months of their marriage, which motivated George to begin the study of



GEORGE ST. LOUIS

medicine. He started, which was often done in the times, with the personal mentoring of a doctor in the small town of Appleton, Wisconsin. He subsequently enrolled in McGill Medical College Montreal, but didn't finish the course of study. He left school at the onset of the Civil War and traveled to Chicago and enlisted in the Thirty-Third Illinois Infantry. His medical skills were quickly recognized, and he began functioning as an assistant surgeon helping care for a large number of casualties. In 1864, he was injured in a railway collision and discharged. He was unable to walk on his own for two years and lived with a slight limp.

After the war, he began using the title "Doctor," even though he did not have a medical degree. He moved back to Wisconsin in 1867 and married his second wife, Mary Hoffmeyer. Mary, George, and his first wife, Adele, had been friends since grade school. The couple first tried their hand at publishing "The Star of Bethlehem," a Catholic newspaper in Milwaukee, but after a year's struggle, they returned to Appleton where Dr. St. Louis went into the drug business. In 1874, the couple moved to Fremont, Nebraska where Dr. St. Louis began practicing medicine in partnership with an established physician, Doctor J. H. Crabbs.

After about a year, Dr. Crabbs began questioning St. Louis's abilities as a doctor and subsequently questioned both his credentials and professional morality. The medical partnership ended sometime in 1876, but the rumors of Dr. St. Louis' fraudulent credentials continued to circulate. Dr. St. Louis was branded as a fraud and also tagged as a philanderer based upon rumors of an illicit relationship with a patient's wife. Samuel Bloomer was a paraplegic who began treatments with Dr. St. Louis soon after moving to Fremont with his wife. After about six months, Mr. Bloomer, growing tired of hearing gossip concerning his wife's unfaithfulness, left Fremont, his business, and his wife. It was speculated, but unknown for sure, that his departure was directly related to the acknowledgment of his wife's dalliance. His leaving, for whatever reason, accelerated the



MRS. MARY ST. LOUIS

affair, and Dr. St. Louis overtly began neglecting his wife and two young daughters.

Sometime in the middle of May, 1877, Mary St. Louis became ill and complained of symptoms which indicated she was suffering from some type of digestive disease. Dr. St. Louis gave his wife a powder which he called a "common medicine," and later described it as "magnesia." For a period of two or three days her health seemed to improve, but quickly took a turn for the worse and she seemed to be in constant pain. A different Fremont doctor was called in to treat Mrs. St. Louis as her symptoms worsened. On May 30, 1877, she died of her apparent illness. The fact that Dr. St. Louis spent more time with Mrs. Bloomer than his ailing wife caused many to question the death.



MRS. SAMUEL BLOOMER

An autopsy was ordered. Two Fremont doctors, Abbot and Bruner, conducted a detailed autopsy. Suspecting that there may be poison present in the body of Mary St. Louis, several of her organs were removed and sent to a specialist in Chicago, Illinois for testing. Walter F. Haines, professor of chemistry and toxicology, at Chicago's Rush College conducted the tests.

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Cass County, One of the First Nebraska Sections to Achieve Permanent Organization and a Fixed Population

In 1854, the Territory of Nebraska was created out of the Louisiana purchase, Cass, Burt, Dodge, Douglas, Forney (Nemaha), Pierce (Otoe), Richardson and Washington were named counties. A proclamation of President Pierce on June 24, 1854, opened Nebraska for settlement and many homesteaders who were camped on the eastern side of the Missouri crossed the stream on makeshift rafts to stake out claims along the Weeping Water River, Rock Creek, and other streams where wood and water were handy.

The county bears the name of General Lewis Cass, a New Hampshire native who became a Michigan senator and fought for passage of the Kansas-Nebraska bill.

As early as 1848 Libeas T. Coon operated a hand-propelled ferry over the Missouri two miles south of the Platte. He carried many Mormons across the river, just as he did the gold seekers in 1849. Both their trails followed the south bank of the Platte. Five years later Samuel Martin established a trading post and the next year James O'Neil, Samuel Martin, Lafayette Nuckolls, C. Nuckolls, J. L. Sharp and Manley Green organized the Plattsmouth Town Company.

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About three weeks after the autopsy, Haines sent back his report, which was submitted to the coroner's jury, indicating that there were large quantities of arsenic in both Mrs. St. Louis' stomach and intestines in quantities sufficient to cause her death. The jury issued the cause of death of Mrs. St. Louis as murder by poisoning, and further ruled that her husband, George St. Louis, administered the fatal dose.

On Friday, January 22, 1878, Dr. St. Louis was brought to trial in Dodge County District Court before Judge Post. The first two witnesses for the prosecution were the two Fremont doctors who examined and treated Mrs. St. Louis shortly before her death. Dr. James Borglum testified that he was called in to treat Mrs. St. Louis a few days before her death and gave her an injection of morphine and a solution of arsenic in a small quantity. At that time, it was not uncommon for physicians to treat patients with small doses of arsenic. Dr. E. Elwood testified he was called in to consult with Dr. Borglum and agreed with the treatment. Mrs. Cora Lee testified that she went to visit Mrs. St. Louis on Tuesday before her death and saw Dr. St. Louis administer some medication to his wife from a spoon. Mrs. Fanny Geltzen, Mary St. Louis's sister, testified that she visited her sister often during the two weeks of her illness, and that Mary complained of severe pain and was extremely thirsty. Walter Haines, the Chicago chemist, testified in great detail that he received the specimens and conducted several chemical tests concluding there was a deathly dose of arsenic given to the victim twelve to twenty-four hours before her death. Several other witnesses were called and testified that Dr. St. Louis was often in the company of Mrs. Bloomer before his wife's death.

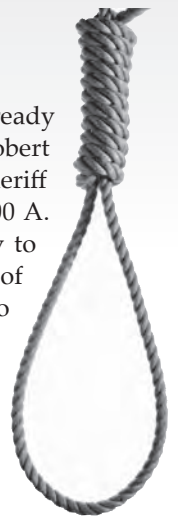
The jury deliberated for eighty-six hours and came back to the judge indicating that they were deadlocked and could not reach a verdict. Nine members were for conviction and three for acquittal. Judge Post declared a mistrial and dismissed the jury. One of the pre-trial motions in the case was a request for a change of venue, which was denied. The Dodge County authorities decided to re-try Dr. St. Louis, and another change of venue motion was presented. This time Judge Post granted the motion. The trial was scheduled to be held in Saunders County. In April of 1878, Dr. St. Louis began his second trial in front of a new jury in Wahoo, Nebraska. The prosecution's evidence in the trial was the same as was the defense. The Saunders County jury returned a verdict of guilty of first degree murder, and Dr. St. Louis was ordered hanged on April 19, 1879.

After being refused a new trial, Dr. St. Louis' case went to the Nebraska Supreme Court. The Court heard a number of arguments and addressed each point. On April 9, 1879, the Court said that Dr. St. Louis received a fair trial and that there was "ample evidence to justify a verdict of guilty." George St. Louis was being held in the Dodge County jail when he got the news from the Supreme Court. He knew that in ten days he would be transported to Saunders County, the place where he was convicted of his crime, and hanged.

Dodge County Sheriff August Koppelkom was prepared to take an early morning trip to Wahoo on the 18th of April, 1879, with the condemned man. He had given instructions to his

deputy working in the jail to have Dr. St. Louis ready to travel. Dodge County Deputy Sheriff Robert Gregg along with Saunders County Deputy Sheriff Mills went to Dr. St. Louis' jail cell around 2:00 A. M., and told him that it was time to get ready to take the trip. St. Louis was sitting on the edge of his bed and asked how long before it was time to leave. Deputy Gregg said they would leave in about an hour, and Deputy Mills asked him if he wanted his boots. As Deputy Mills retrieved St. Louis' boots, Gregg said Dr. St. Louis, "as swift as lightening," produced a Number One Robin Hood revolver and shot himself in the temple. St. Louis lingered for three days before dying. There were several Dodge County residents, during those three days, who urged Sheriff Koppelkom to transport Dr. St. Louis to the gallows and hang him even though it was evident that he would die from his wound.

On April 22, 1879, the day of Dr. St. Louis' funeral, an inquest was held concerning his death. After several persons testified, the coroner's jury ruled that Dr. St. Louis died by his own hand with a pistol that was obtained, "by parties to the jury unknown." There was a strong possibility, according to the testimony, that Dr. St. Louis may have suspected he would eventually hang, and bought the pistol by mail order to use in case such an occasion arose. In the end, there were many who said that Dr. St. Louis cheated the gallows. One thing was sure, he did save Sheriff Johnson one disagreeable task.



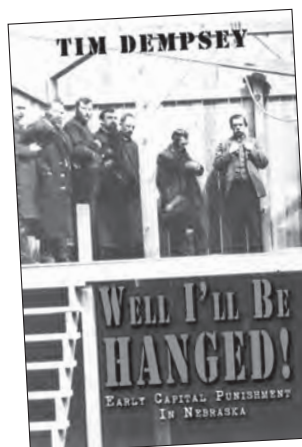
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Nebraska Ag Industries and Local Law Enforcement Join Forces to Reduce the Impact of Animal Activist Presence in Nebraska

By Ansley Mick, Executive Director, We Support Agriculture
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We Support Agriculture (WSA), a coalition comprised of the Nebraska Cattlemen Association, Nebraska State Dairy Association, Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation, Nebraska Pork Producers Association, and Nebraska Poultry Industries, Inc., was formed in 2011 to defend against legislative and ballot initiatives pushed by extremists trying to end animal agriculture.

Earlier this fall, the help of local law enforcement was enlisted in response to animal activist presence around the U.S. Meat Animal Research Center (MARC) in Clay Center, Nebraska. As a result of a possible mandate by Congress, the U.S. Department of Agriculture hosted animal welfare organizations, including the Humane Society of the United States and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, on MARC properties.

News of the meeting raised red flags across the state and prompted Governor Ricketts to write U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack to express his concerns. In a letter dated Nov. 10, 2015, Gov. Ricketts said he did not believe any effort by USDA officials at transparency at MARC would be effective with animal rights organizations.

"The groups selected by USDA have proven previously that they are not open to the type of science-based, factual information that is the goal of the work at MARC. ... I respectfully submit that an open-door effort will be wasted on groups whose main goal is the complete destruction of food animal agriculture," Gov. Ricketts' letter said.

At the same time, local law enforcement was receiving reports of drone and helicopter activity, along with trespassing and increased traffic in south central Nebraska. The flyovers, by both drones and helicopters, occurred over MARC as well as private livestock operations. WSA worked with the Clay County Sheriff's office and Nebraska livestock organizations to get the word out to other producers – reminding them that while it is legal for folks to take pictures and protest from public areas, producers should contact local law enforcement immediately if anyone is trespassing or they feel threatened.



Our coalition recognizes how important it will be to maintain clear lines of communication with law enforcement when it comes to dealing with extremists, who are willing to trespass, destroy property, and risk animal welfare and food safety. We welcome continued collaboration as we work to bring transparency to entities with agendas which ignore science and threaten farm families, global consumers, and Nebraska's economy.

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Washington County Board Creates Citizens Advisory Committee to Assist In Deciding the Future of the Washington County Jail

Written by Jessica Gibbs - Submitted by Mike Wicht, Prochaska & Associates

The Washington County Board of Supervisors is in the process of forming a Citizens Advisory Committee to assist in deciding the future of the county jail.

The committee will review plans recommended by consulting firm Prochaska and Associates to bring the county jail into compliance with Nebraska Jail Standards (NJS) regulations. It will then make a formal recommendation to the board.

"We would encourage as much participation as we can garnish from the community," supervisor Lisa Kramer, District 2-Kennard, said.

The board will begin the selection process at its Feb. 9 meeting and intends to have the committee's membership finalized by March 1. Individuals interested in serving on the advisory committee are encouraged to contact the board.

The board decided at its Nov. 24 meeting that it would begin to form an advisory committee comprised of the board's three jail committee members, a representative from each county municipality and an undetermined number of community members. The sheriff's office — likely Sheriff Mike Robinson and Captain Rob Bellamy — will also participate, Kramer said.

The board sought advisory committee members at a public presentation by Prochaska and Associates. Some community

members signed up for the advisory committee during the presentation, which overviewed potential options to bring the jail to NJS standards. Attendees probed board members for details on the advisory committee member vetting process.

Don Prochaska and Steve Riley, the consultants who led the presentation, said they recommend a committee of this nature have between 12 and 20 members maximum.

Prochaska said it is crucial for committee members to have the right attitude, resources, temperament and a team-player mentality. Riley estimated it could take a committee 60 to 90 days to reach a decision if they met every two to three weeks.

Sheriff Robinson said the county is partway through the process of contacting communities in the county to request they designate a representative for the advisory committee. Blair, Fort Calhoun and Arlington have each nominated a representative. The Village of Washington has been contacted but has not yet designated a committee member. Herman and Kennard will be contacted soon, Robinson said. He stressed that all communities' participation is "absolutely" wanted on the advisory committee.

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Per State Statute (29-4107 (2)) blood samples must be received within 5 working days after being collected and buccal samples must be received within 10 working days after being collected. Therefore, it is important that the new address be used when mailing these samples to the Crime Lab. Most sections of the laboratory are now entirely or at least partially operational. We apologize for any inconvenience and delays this moving process may have caused, but look forward to serving you in our new and greatly improved facility soon.

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Bill Outlines Use of Police Body Cameras

By JoAnne Young - Lincoln Journal Star Jan 15, 2016

journalstar.com/legislature/bill-outlines-use-of-police-body-cameras

With disjointed policies covering the use of body cameras by uniformed law enforcement officers in Nebraska, Omaha Sen. Heath Mello introduced a bill Friday that would outline requirements for their use.

The recordings would not be a matter of public record, much like police dashboard camera recordings are not, Mello said.

Body-worn cameras record both audio and video of interactions between an officer and a member of the public. The bill doesn't cover devices used by undercover officers.

Mello said the bill (LB1000) is based on a compromise between ACLU of Nebraska and law enforcement agencies. It does not require body cameras, but offers a minimum framework to follow for those that have them, he said.

The bill would require any agency that uses the cameras to adopt a written policy. Any agency that begins use of cameras in 2017 would have to have a policy within three months.

Policies would include these requirements:

- The agency would provide training to officers who use the cameras and those who come into contact with the video or audio data obtained from them.
- An officer would notify a supervisor of any problems with the camera.
- A body-worn camera would be worn openly in a prominent place on the body, uniform or clothing in a way that maximizes its ability to capture video footage and audio of the officer's activities.
- As soon as possible, the officer would notify the subject that he or she is being recorded.

The camera would be activated only for law enforcement purposes, and the policy would provide instances in which an officer should not record or may discontinue a recording in progress, considering the need for privacy in certain situations and locations.

It would also cover provisions for storage and access of recordings, which would be retained for a minimum of six months from the date of recording, except when part of a criminal, civil or disciplinary proceeding.



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One of the cowboys ventured within two hundred feet of the glowing debris and immediately fell to the ground with symptoms of radiation poisoning. His face and arms were badly blistered, and he had to be taken to the ranch where it is believed he died within two weeks.

The site continued to glow for another day, and ranchers



from all over the Dundy County came to see it.

On June 7, brand inspector E.W. Rawlins visited the site. After the wreckage cooled, he examined it and found pieces of brasslike metal that were inexplicably light and strong. One three inch thick piece, sixteen inches wide, and forty-two inches long, weighed less than five pounds. Rawlins estimated the cylindrical

craft to be sixty feet long and twelve feet in diameter. Rancher Ellis cancelled his roundup to collect the debris, but no records exist as to what became of it. It was speculated that the wreckage was turned over to agent Rawlins who sent it on to the Smithsonian in Washington D. C.

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Did You Know -

The Hotel DeFair, at NE 2 and Main St. in Hyannis, in Grant County, also known as the Hyannis Hotel, was built in 1898 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It was once considered the best hotel in Nebraska.

The two-and-one-half-story frame structure was built in 1898 by Mrs. Rena Fair in the French Second Empire style. In 1929 the front porch was enclosed, and the entire building was stuccoed.

Hyannis emerged as a "cowtown" of the Sand Hills area in the 1890s, and the hotel catered to the ranchers who brought their herds of cattle to Hyannis for railroad shipment to market. *The National Register of Historic Places.*

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Terrible Toddlers In Adult Bodies

By Wendy Piercy, MS, LPC

Many years ago, I was in the home of a person who was \$200 behind on her phone bill, (Remember this was the early 90s...that was a HUGE phone bill for the times), call the phone company and yelled and screamed at the customer service person on the other end. Her rationale for not paying was absolutely ridiculous. This person was so rude and obnoxious, in the end the customer service person wrote off the bill. As soon as the customer service person gave the person what she wanted, she switched off the witch and resumed her normal tone of voice. I was shocked at this person's behavior.....I was also fresh out of college and believed everyone wanted to change and have a better life. I hope you didn't burn yourself when you spit out your coffee laughing about my naiveté. Now a mere 15ish year later, it doesn't phase me when I overhear or observe an adult behave like a 3 year old who has missed nap time.

We have all seen similar immature behavior by adults. It seems the saying "the customer is always right" has gotten out of hand. Businesses would rather give in than get a bad review or have a scene made in the business. That is all good and fine if we were accountants or a data entry person. By the grace of God we chose to protect and serve, and even though I have suggested we add, "We reserve the right to refuse service" to the patrol cars, has not yet been added to our patrol cars and I'm willing to wager a coffee it isn't on yours either. This means we have to "protect and serve" all citizens even the insufferable ones.

So how do you handle the citizen who is demanding, yells, curses, challenges your intellect or your ability, and demands things be done the way they want? One of our frequent go to responses...is whoever yells loudest longest wins or Oh yeah...I am the PO-LICE and I own this situation or my personal favorite, sarcasm. There is definitely a time for the well placed raising of the voice and demanding of attention. A wise veteran officer from South Dakota told me: Treat raising your voice like your last silver bullet. It has to be at just the right time and hit the mark; otherwise, you just become part of the yelling and chaos.

The best piece of advice I can bestow upon you is remember this is not personal. You are dealing with a person who has spent years and years of his/her life perfecting the temper tantrum. This behavior has resulted in one of two things....getting what they want or avoiding what they don't want. This person learned this behavior as a young child. Ever been at Walmart and seen the kiddo who wants a toy/candy? The child "loses" it and is lying on the floor, kicking, screaming, crying, hanging out of the cart, etc. What happens next? Parents cave and give in or parents stand firm. Guess which one is now the adult you now have to address.

It is 3 A.M. and you make contact with a person walking down an alley, dressed in black and carrying a flashlight and a hammer. Mike Up. Did I mention MIKE UP.

Their plan of attack when you make contact with them is get what they want (your attention diverted from why you stopped them in the first place or avoid what they don't want (which is for you to investigate the area to see what has damaged and/or stolen).

They often do this by the adult version of a 3 year old temper tantrum (why are you cops always harassing me, I don't have to tell you my name, I want a supervisor here now....)

Stay focused. Be direct in a calm tone of voice. They generally will try to verbally attack you on two levels: Personal or Professional. Personal simply means targeting anything they can see visually which might be viewed as an imperfection, or challenge you on a physical level. They will make comments about your weight, your bald spot, and any visible personal imperfections. Anything sensitive to you will become ammunition for them. If you live in a county where everyone knows everyone, they will make comments about your significant other, your kids, and some even sink low enough to make fun of your dog. They may also make comments such as "take that uniform off and then we will see who....."

Professional simply means targeting ways which potentially could damage your credibility as an officer or question your integrity. This is the threatening to sue you or take your badge approach. Realistically, there is a slim chance this will happen if you continue to carry yourself in a professional manner. However, in this litigation happy world, it does cause us to pause because despite our honorable reasons for doing this job, it also supports us and our family. This is the point where it is easy to get sucked into wanting to protect yourself or your family. As soon as you start to respond to the verbal attacks, it is like handing the 3 year old the toy or candy like the king handing over the scepter of power to the jester. You may want to engage in the verbal barrage to put this person in his/her place. Stay calm. Breathe deeply. Picture the person as the teacher in the Charlie Brown cartoons... wah, wah, wah, wah wah.... . Do some visual imagery of the adult as a red faced 3 year old stomping his/her feet and turning red in the face.



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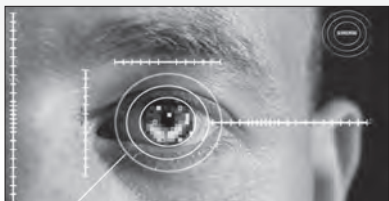
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Like similar biometric technologies — fingerprint or facial recognition systems — the Carnegie Mellon project uses mathematical pattern-recognition techniques. The technology captures images from a live photographic or video feed and runs them through a database to find a potential match.

Like fingerprints, every iris is unique — thanks to enormously complex patterns that remain the same throughout a person's lifetime. High-resolution cameras can capture images of the iris from a distance using light in the near-infrared wavelength band.

In the realm of law enforcement, iris recognition could be used to identify suspects at long range in various lighting conditions. The system can even be used to capture images through reflections in a mirror.

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If you feel yourself at the point of making an attitude arrest and are able, step away, even if it is just running the person for wants/warrants over the radio, knowing you are MIKED UP, is a great reminder to maintain your professionalism.

Stay focused on the task at hand. Don't allow yourself to be distracted by the verbal barrage or drawn into a power struggle. Some may even try to distract you by name dropping (Do you know Officer John? He is my second cousin's brother's sister's uncle twice removed) or throw one of their buddies under the bus (Do you know my friend, Johnny? He is selling weed out of the back door of Taco Bell). A simple response such as "That is not what we are discussing right now," or "I'm not concerned about your family" keeps the focus. We cannot force someone to talk, nor can we force someone not to talk. If the person is yelling/argumentative but being compliant with your commands, it is hard to justify going hands on when the person is obeying your commands, just being an a** about it. Tune it out. As Winston Churchill stated, "Don't engage in a battle of wits with an unarmed person."

Remember it is about the person getting what they want and avoiding what they don't want. You will not change this person's behavior with one encounter. Just like the 3 year old in Walmart, kids learn super-fast who they can manipulate or get to give them what they want. Stand firm. Be done with your encounter when you say you are done. If you have a legal reason to keep the person there with you, then do so even if they are the spitting image of the 3 year old laying on the floor kicking and screaming with snot running out of his/her nose.

You will also encounter the highly emotional victim when you get out of your patrol car and are blasted with the emotional barrage. These are generally not directed toward you as a person but more as a part of the whole.

You will hear comments like "You guys don't do anything. I pay your salary and you can't even manage to protect my stuff..." The comments go on and on. They have a feeling of loss of control.

When people have the feeling of loss of control and an increase in vulnerability, they are like an injured animal, snapping at anyone who comes close, even those trying to help. Try to remember how it feels to not have control. Let them vent. By allowing them to vent, it is like letting loose of an untied balloon. At some point the air will go out of the balloon. At some point, the emotional anxiety and frustration will peak and then taper down.

Some of the victims are looking for a place to put the anger and frustration they are feeling toward themselves. They know they put themselves in the position of being a victim (leaving their purse in the car, leaving the keys in the vehicle, believing Johnny was going to stop drinking). As the emotion dissipates, ask fact-seeking questions such as name, date of birth, phone, etc. This helps pull the victim from being in a high emotional state to a more rationale state of being. Once the emotional balance has been restored, you can move to more emotionally sensitive questions.

Many victims don't think they will be victims. It is a little bit like buying a lottery ticket knowing the odds are really high you won't win but you do it anyway. They know there is a chance they can be victims by leaving keys in the vehicle or purse in the car or let Johnny come over even though he has been drinking, but they do it anyway.

We don't get to be the parent who gives in rather than deal with the tantrum. We don't just get to offer a free dessert to make things all better. We are the parent who stands our ground. We are the parent some adults needed a long time ago.

"Be sure to put your feet in the right place then stand firm". – Abraham Lincoln

Wendy Piercy is a Grand Island, NE police officer. In addition to being a police officer, she is a licensed mental health therapist. Her career as a therapist has spanned 17 years with areas of expertise in child abuse, interpersonal communications, crisis response, stress management and crisis de-escalation.

A Call for Help That Came Too Late

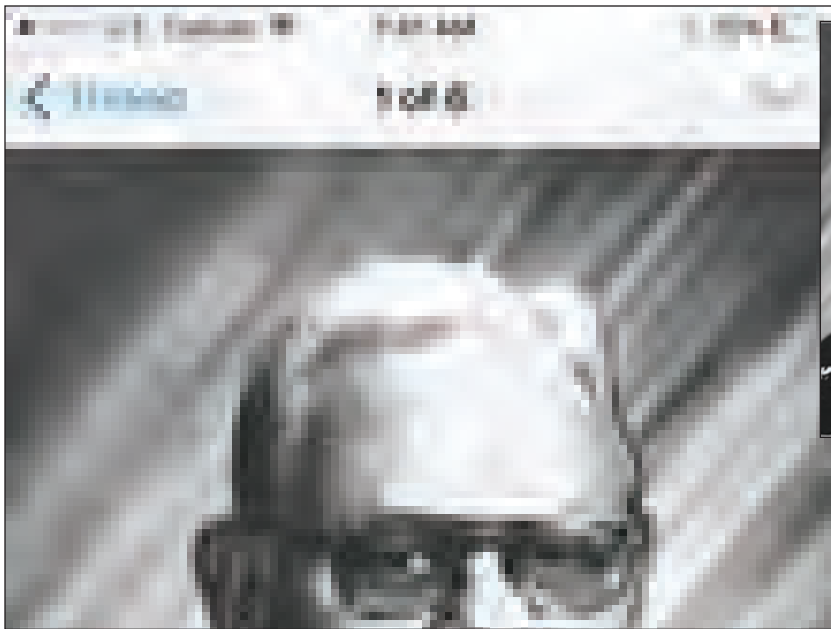
"I was on duty one night at the front desk of our office when I got a call from an elderly male in a village a few miles away. He was very short of breath and wanted me to give him the number of a local doctor. I didn't have the number on hand, so I put the phone down for two seconds while I looked it up.

When I picked up the phone again, the line was still open, but I couldn't hear anything. I tried shouting into the phone, telling the man to make any sort of noise if he could hear me, but I got nothing.

I contacted the control room on another line and got them to trace the call so I could get help to the man who, I was convinced, had collapsed and was dying. When the number was traced, the local cops went round to the address which they recognized as the scene of a sudden death three weeks before. The sole occupant of the house had died of a respiratory illness, and the house was empty and vacant on their arrival.

It would seem that had a call from beyond the grave. I don't answer the phone anymore."

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Wesley E. Eisenbeiss (1933-2010) served as Knox County Deputy from 1963 to 1982 and Knox County Sheriff from 1983 to 2003 .

Eisenbeiss's daughters accept the award from Cedar County Sheriff Larry Koranda at the October 2015 NSA/POAN banquet.

Former Knox County Sheriff Wesley E. Eisenbeiss Inducted into NSA Hall of Fame . . . *By Don Henery, Knox County Sheriff,*

Wesley E. Eisenbeiss (July 4, 1933-September 18, 2010) was a member of only one Knox County law enforcement agency in his career, that being the Knox County Sheriff's Office. First as a deputy, from 1963 to 1982, then as Sheriff, from 1983 to 2003 for a total of 40 years.

When he started his career in law enforcement, it was Wes and Sheriff Herb Thompson - along with some guys who guarded the jail at night. They even drove their own cars. When someone needed the Sheriff's Office, Wes and Herb had "Sheriff's Office" phones that rang in their homes. From those beginnings, Wes built the Sheriff's Office into a 24 hour a day office with a 911 center, radio dispatcher, jailers and four fulltime deputies in the city of Center, as well as two , often three, Santee deputies. Wes was instrumental in getting a NCIC/NCIS teletype terminal at the Sheriff's Office in the 1980's as well as a sound radio communication system across the county for both officers' safety and fast efficient handling of fire/rescue and law enforcement calls.

Wes started a tradition at the Knox County Fair of having the himself, deputies, dispatcher, and jailers fingerprint the kids. Parents were given the print cards to keep, and the children were given a sack of goodies. This was a great PR tool and still done today. We now have adults telling the children, "We did this when we were your age." I think we're going on three generations of fingerprinting now.

During the 1980's, when five Knox County banks were closed in one day by the FDIC, Wes was able to wade through hundreds of foreclosures on Knox County residents -- mostly farmers and ranchers. He saw that the peace was kept and people were treated fairly during a potentially violent time. Any Sheriff who has been through a "touchy" foreclosure will appreciate this .

Wes was regularly sending his deputies and dispatcher, and jailers to trainings; he believed his people should be skilled in the latest techniques. He even subscribed to the Nebraska Supreme Court's "advanced sheets" so we could read the latest decisions made and could adjust our actions in the field according to the decisions. Wes also made sure that all law enforcement agencies including NGPC, NSP, FBI and others knew they were always welcome and could ask for and count on our help 24/7.

I mentioned Wes had Santee deputies. Because of his fairness towards all people, the Santee Sioux asked Wes if he would take over law enforcement on the reservation, especially Santee, NE. At that time, the tribe had not retroceded and law enforcement was covered by "Public Law 280." In other words, there was no BIA or Tribal Police. We were it.

Wes accepted the challenge and entered into contractual law enforcement from the mid 1980's until the early 2000's when the tribe retroceded and a Tribal Police Department was established. That department has a close working relationship with the Knox County Sheriff's Office, and we still work with them daily.

After Wes passed away on September 18, 2010, there were members of the Santee Sioux Tribe, including people he had arrested and sent to prison, who came to his wake and funeral. They did so out of respect for a man who ALWAYS treated them firmly but fairly.

The legacy of Wes Eisenbeiss still lives on in Knox County law enforcement through the actions of his then young officers -- many of whom are still here although not so young.

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Current Red Willow County Sheriff Alan Kotschwar presents the NSA Hall of Fame Award to retired Sheriff Gene Mahon, Red Willow County.

Gene Mahon fought to build a new Res Willow County Jail. He also implemented a K-9 division and a D.A.R.E. Program in the county.

Mahon was Sheriff from 1986 until he retired in 2015.

Red Willow County Sheriff (Retired) Melvin Eugene “Gene” Mahon Inducted into 2015 NSA Hall of Fame . . . *By Alan Kotschwar, Red Willow County Sheriff*

Melvin Eugene Mahon -- Gene -- has dedicated 48 years of his life to law enforcement. He graduated from Haigler High School in Haigler, Nebraska, a small community in southwest Nebraska. After graduation, Gene headed for California where he eventually began his law enforcement career. He graduated from the Rio Hondo Police Academy in California and worked as an officer for the Buena Park Police Department. Gene served there for seven years before he returned to southwest Nebraska. He made his home in McCook.

Gene then joined the McCook Police Department and graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center. He served 12 years with the McCook Police, during which time he also graduated from McCook Community College.

In 1986, Gene ran for and was elected Sheriff of Red Willow County, thus beginning his county sheriff career. He won every re-election and served as the Sheriff until his retirement in early January 2015.

Working at only three different agencies, Gene Mahon served in law enforcement a total of 48 years.

During his terms as Sheriff, Gene consistently worked trying to convince the citizens of Red Willow County to build a county jail. The county's previous jail was closed in 1983 under Sheriff James Short.

After three failed public votes to build a new jail, the county commissioners voted to build the jail and sheriff's office without the public election process. During the time

span of 1983 through 2014, Red Willow County prisoners were held at the McCook Police Department's 96-hour facility, the Hitchcock County Jail, the Frontier County Jail, the Decatur County (Kansas) Jail, the Phelps County Jail, and the Dawson County Jail.

The new Red Willow County Jail was opened in September 2014 with a 30-bed capacity and a new sheriff's office.

Sheriff Mahon also implemented the K-9 division in Red Willow County in 1997, starting with Stryker, then R.C., and now Luna. These K-9s have been instrumental in southwest Nebraska and northwest Kansas in the fight against drugs and the apprehension of criminals. All three K-9s were used throughout southwest Nebraska and often into northwest Kansas.

Sheriff Mahon is also credited with implementing the D.A.R.E. program in our area. This program has spanned several years and is still going strong.

When he took over the duties as sheriff in 1983, Gene had a staff of three: his office manager, one deputy, and himself. When Gene retired, he had a staff of 25: himself, three office personnel, five deputies, two reserve deputies, and 14 jail staff.

Gene Mahon has devoted a large part of his life to law enforcement and protecting the citizens he served. He's now enjoying retirement but stops in often to see what we're involved in. He's more than earned a spot in the NSA Hall of Fame.

Former Knox County Sheriff Wesley E. Eisenbeiss . . . *continued from page 34*



The nomination speech was written and presented by Sheriff Don Henerey, Knox County (above) at the 2015 October NSA/POAN banquet.

Wes taught with the real life stories that always had a lesson in them if you listened close enough. Here are some examples:

There was a quiet, shy, young Native American boy in Santee, NE who was always hanging around us deputies in the late 1980's early 1990's. Wes gave us clearance to take him on routine patrols in the units but "no hot calls." As the young boy got older he even came to jail with the deputies when transporting prisoners, and had coffee in the Sheriff's Office while BS-ing. At one point, the young man decided that he wanted to go to NLETC. Wes helped him to be accepted and the lad graduated and started working in Santee on the Tribal Police Department. His name is Robert Henry, the current Chief of Police of the Santee Sioux Nation Tribal Police Department.

The other example was a loud-mouthed, full of himself young man that Wes saw potential in and hired in 1984 -- that would be me, Don Henerey!

At Knox County we buy our own badges. One of my prouder moments in life was in 2010 when Wes slid his 912 badge across the table to the loud-mouthed, not so young man and told me to wear his badge at my swearing in as the Knox County Sheriff and keep it until my badge came in.

I am honored to have nominated and witnessed the induction of Knox County Sheriff Wesley E. Eisenbeiss into the Nebraska Sheriff's Association Hall of Fame.

How Will Drones Affect Birds? . . . *By Emma Bryce*

When a video of a hawk attacking a drone went viral, many cheered for the avian's territorial win. There is certainly something satisfying about watching nature trump technology, but this elation may have more to do with the human fear of surveillance than our love of nature—maybe compounded by our sense that birds have earned their right to the skies more so than any drone.

Can drones hurt birds?

So far, drones don't seem to have caused any bird deaths. But outside of national parks, one fact is clear: recreational drones are on the rise, and no one is sure what that spells for avians. "Now, we theoretically are reaching out to encounter organisms in places where they're not used to having humans," says Kevin McGowan, a behavioral ecologist at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology who is interested in using drones (considerately) in his own research on crows. Nicholas Lund, bird expert and author, also points out that if drones populate the skies, they'll be met by an uptick in strikes from territorial birds—like the one in the video. In that regard, birds have so far demonstrated their prowess, most likely because the recreational drones most common in the airspace now just aren't big or strong enough to resist avian attack. However, it's still unknown if those birds have just been lucky to fly away unscathed, or if certain features of these machines—like unprotected blades—have the potential to harm.

How could drones help birds?

Drones have enormous conservation impact, too. For instance, instead of climbing trees and disturbing the nesting crows, use a quadcopter to investigate their treetop habitats more covertly. Biologist Leanne Hanson is working with the United States Geological Survey in one of the first studies of its kind, using unmanned aircraft equipped with infrared sensors that count and monitor Sandhill Cranes and

Greater Sage-Grouse from a safe distance. Drones can also crime-bust by tracking poaching from above. And they save lives. Light aircraft crashes are the leading cause of death for wildlife biologists who fly in small planes to survey landscapes below; drones allow them to circumvent that risk.

Can we make drones bird-friendly?

Outside of national parks, the FAA says right now there aren't plans to confine drones to 'special airspace'. So in the future, birds will be facing drones across the airwaves. Taking this into account, ideally lawmakers will keep a close watch on the size, noise levels, and places drones fly to. In the meantime, recreational users can take their cue from researchers who use drones. Heavyweight blades can be enclosed with guards to protect birds in any collisions, drones shouldn't get too close to avians—especially territorial ones—and users should be mindful of noise levels around flocks or nesting birds. In the future we may have even smarter drones; researchers are already engineering ones that respond more cautiously to obstacles, which could protect birds in the long run.

What does the future hold?

In 2012, Congress ordered the FAA to draw up a plan for the integration of drones into the airspace, and the organization is now writing rules for next year that could make it easier to get permits. The National Park Service, too, says their ban on recreational drones won't be everlasting. Whether birds will receive special protections when more of these vehicles are in the skies is something that will likely evolve with the law.

For now at least, the filmic evidence reveals that when it comes to fighting off 55 pound drones, birds still have the upper hand—or wing, beak, and talon.

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On the Lighter Side: Just Clowning Around!

On a Sunday afternoon, I was dispatched to a residential area for a report of a disturbance in which someone was beating the windows out of a vehicle. As I arrived, I saw what looked like Ronald McDonald slinging a Louisville Slugger on a vehicle in the driveway – I mean red hair, blue nose, makeup and size 42 shoes!

When “Ronald” saw my unit, he dropped the bat and began to run. I got out of my unit and looked around like it was a joke, thinking I was being punked. I soon realized -- thanks to the looks from the neighbors -- that it wasn’t a joke, I advised dispatch that the suspect was

running south and I reluctantly started jogging. I repeatedly ignored the dispatcher who wanted a description of the suspect. As I turned the corner, I observed a Ford Fiesta parked in a driveway with red and yellow size 42 shoes hanging out of the side. After several requests for him to exit the vehicle, I finally had to drag him out by his shoes and hook him up. As I walked back to my unit with “Ronald” in cuffs, I saw several children on bicycles stopped on the sidewalk. As I walked passed the kids all of them gave me a thumbs down and began to “BOOOOOO”!
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Jefferson County Wild West Legend



James B. Hickok (Wild Bill), a native of Illinois, came first into prominent notice by his memorable fight at Rock Creek, in **Jefferson County**.

One of his biographers says of him in the preface to his history. "Wild Bill as a frontier character of the daring, cunning and honorable class stands alone, without a prototype; his originality is as conspicuous as his remarkable escapes. He was desperate without being a desperado; a fighter without that disposition which

invites danger or craves the excitement of the encounter. He killed many men, but in every case it was in self-defense or in the prosecution of a duty which he deemed justifiable."

Perhaps most of this is true, but if the biographer knew that the first noted incident, namely the fight at Rock Creek, was exaggerated, he would have been less enthusiastic in his preface. This biography states that Wild Bill killed eight men at Rock Creek, but after a most thorough examination we find the he only killed three, and in a manner that did not display bravery or courage but simply skill in the use of firearms.

The facts are these which we have from S. J. Alexander, Secretary of State, and Hon. D. C. Jenkins, who arrived at the ranch within two hours after the fight, before the bodies were removed, and from many other reports.

Wild Bill up to 1861, known only as Jim Hickok, was tending stock for the Ben Halliday Stage Company at Rock Creek station. J. McCaulas, an early settler in Jefferson, did not have an enviable reputation, but his sons, still living in the same community, are

very highly respected. McCaulas was a Southern sympathizer and was raising a company to go South. He came to Wild Bill and tried to persuade him to join and turn over the stage company's stock. On Bill's refusal McCaulas threatened to kill him and take the stock.

In the afternoon of the same day McCaulas returned accompanied by three men. Bill, knowing the desperate character of McCaulas, comprehended the situation and prepared for it. Before the party arrived, Bill went into the main part of the house, which was divided into two compartments by a calico partition, with two doors, one opening into a kitchen and the other outdoors. Taking his rifle and navy revolver, he got behind the calico screen, where he could see who entered the other apartment without being seen. As McCaulas appeared at the outside entrance, Bill took deliberate aim with his rifle and shot him. Two of the other men came in through the kitchen door just as Bill stepped from behind his screen, and being an expert marksman and prepared, two well-directed shots from his navy revolver brought them to the floor, where the three soon expired. The fourth man, discovering the situation through the window, took to his heels and made good his escape, but was followed some distance.

These are the facts that we have been able to gather from the scene of the disaster. There was surely no great display of courage, but considerable skill in the use of arms. He was tried at Beatrice, Gage County. His plea was self-defense, and with no one appearing against him he was released.

The log house on Rock Creek, where this fatal encounter occurred can still be seen. It is situated about two miles east of Endicott, in Jefferson County, on the line of the Republican River Branch of the Burlington and Missouri Railroad.

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Nebraska State Patrol and Keith County Jail using Morpho Fingerprint Identification Devices



In a report by KNOP-TV News (North Platte), the Nebraska State Patrol revealed it had purchased five LiveScan devices from MorphoTrak earlier this year.

As part of the state police equipment upgrade, Keith County Jail in Ogallala, Nebraska also received one of the devices.

MorphoTrak LiveScan solution is an electronic, advanced fingerprint capture device in which fingerprints are rolled across a glass plate and scanned.

The machine achieves faster, cleaner, and more accurate results than those with the Keith County Jail's previous manual ink and roll method on paper cards, while significantly cutting down on the workload for employees when inputting inmate fingerprint data.

Using the \$35,000 machine, jail inmates are able to input their fingerprint information into a database, which is then printed out on a booking card for easier access and usage.

"It's going to save us a lot of time on the busy weekends. We would spend hours typing up print cards and this machine does that for us. It's a lot more accurate," said Lieutenant Travis Ponick, who added that other western Nebraska police departments received the equipment based on a state-issued grant.

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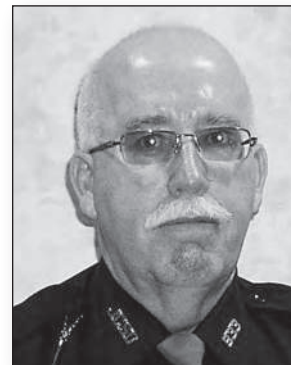
The name "Keya Paha" is taken from the Dakota language; literally translated, it means "turtle hill". The Dakota name for a set of small hills was given to the county and to the Keya Paha River, which runs through it. So how do the natives pronounce it?

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From “Bushnell” to “Orkney” then back to “Bushnell”

Bushnell in **Kimball County**, is the last town in Nebraska on U.S. Highway 30 and just nine miles from Wyoming and only 15 miles from Colorado on the south. It is as old as the railroad and named for the Union Pacific Railroad director Cornelius Scranton Bushnell.

The first depot in 1880 was a box car on the south side of the mainline. An “Eclipse” windmill with a 20 foot diameter wooden wheel provided water for the locomotives. When there wasn’t enough wind, a gas engine was used to keep the tower full. The only trees in the area were those planted near the tower and watered by the railroad employees.

James Newell, named postmaster in 1886, also built the first building about 1887 as a general merchandise store. Almost immediately the town was asked to change its name because it sounded too much like Rushville, so they chose “Orkney,” a name that had been used for the eastern part of the village. However it is noted that in 1895 the post office went back to the name “Bushnell,” and, although discontinued for a time, it was established permanently in 1903.

A petition carrying the signatures of “36 taxable residents,” was filed with the board of commissioners in 1916 asking that Bushnell be organized as an incorporated village. The ordinances were formally recorded in 1918.

In 1919 Emery Howe had a franchised electric plant. Operating on “No pay, no current” house power for washing or ironing was available from nine till noon. There was none for commercial purposes. Twenty four hour service became available in 1920.

The Bushnell Telephone Company was organized in 1914 as a partnership and later as a corporation with the switchboard in George Hammond’s residence where his wife, Maude operated it. In the late 1950s it was sold to Panhandle Telephone Company and dial phones were installed.

A man called “Shockey” built a number of four-room, square houses in the west part of town. They still carry his name and were so well built they are still occupied, some having been remodeled and enlarged.

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Run For Your Life!

By Sgt. Winston Cavendish, Sun Police Department (Retired)

To those of you that have never run for public office -- please stop reading this article!

Well, I guess you ran! None but a politician would understand what is involved in campaigning. Running for office is one of the most difficult challenges you could ever undertake. You will experience a rollercoaster of emotions every day -- tremendous highs and unbelievable lows. You will ask yourself the big question: How much time will it take to win this election?

You will also learn a lot about human behavior. You may think you have all the answers to the true questions, " What do the people really want for their sheriff ? " You will be surprised by their answers on the campaign trail. You will learn about the people's major concerns about the sheriff's office.

Below are the biggest complaints sheriff offices are facing today (taken From a National Survey):

- Racial inequality in hiring practices, and minority profiling.
- Unjustified police shooting of minority citizens.
- Slow response time for service.
- Poor police visibility in the county, not enough patrols.
- Highest crime rate in the country in years.
- Lack of community policing.
- Major unsolved crimes.
- Abuse of power by deputies.
- Tremendous amount of drug trafficking in the county.
- Improprieties in sheriff's financial dealing.
- Run away spending of tax dollars.
- Sex scandal within the department.

All of the above information can be found during your own "hand-to-hand combat." By knocking on doors and shaking thousands of hands, you'll gain supporters and financial and physical help.

Guard against hearsay from campaign workers. Check out their story personally as bad information will cost you the election.

Are there any skeletons in your personal or professional closet? They will certainly surface during your campaign. The opposition will find them and expose them to the public with slick mailings and radio/TV ads. Make sure you beat him to the punch by giving the press the information. This is where you need a good "spin doctor."

Political forums can make you or break you. Be prepared for any and all questions from the audience. Know the issues inside and out. The public will grill you and the

reporters will use your own words, often twisted, to hang you. If their paper has endorsed the other candidate, often these papers have their own personal agenda in mind. The opposition might spend money, buying up ad space on TV, radio, newspapers, and billboards. Then these businesses will endorse him.

Four major concerns of your voting public:

- Which party has endorsed you ?
- What are your qualifications.
- What is your educational background and law enforcement experience?
- Are you a person of integrity?

Remember when you first ran for Sheriff and you told the press you were not a politician but a lawman? Well, here's the big scoop: when you signed up at the registrar - to the voters you become a politician!

Here's the problem: if you're not a politician, you won't win the election. Now, the 10,000 good things your office does in a year can be shot down by one stupid mistake made by a deputy, or because of a scandal within your area. The public is unforgiving. You know the old story, "one day you are a hero, and the next you are a heel."

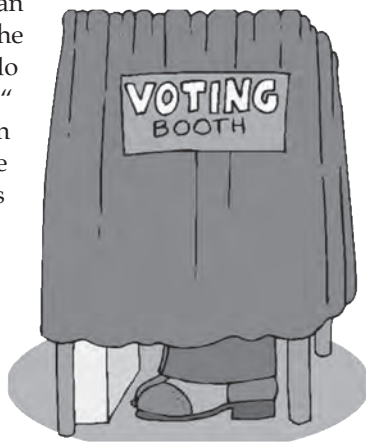
Several years ago I ran for the office of Sheriff of St. Tammany Parish in Louisiana. I had no idea what would be involved and wanted to hire a political company from nearby New Orleans. They were considered the best campaign managers in the South. Even so, I wasn't prepared for how expensive they were - \$500 per hour - and just for advice!

In addition to the advice stage, they also had different price tags for conducting a campaign depending on the level of elected positions of governor, senator, representative, and sheriff. If I hired them at this stage, I was guaranteed a 98% chance of winning and would have to sign a one year contract. They would control my campaign from beginning to end. They estimated that cost of this part of the campaign would be \$450,000 based on how many registered voters I had in my parish using a scale of \$4.50 per vote. I would also have very little input in the planning of my campaign.

I knew I couldn't raise that kind of money for their services. The only people that could contribute at that level were connected to the dangerous "Dixie Mafia!" Their operations office was in my parish. So I just paid for their advice. I'd like to share with my readers the valuable information I received from them for my election.

An important check list:

Before you run for Sheriff, set up a press conference. At this point you come out with your platform. Do this before you file with the election commissions and get free publicity.





Welcome to the communication campaign, a world of group texts, mass emails, Facebook, Twitter, phone banks, computers, mass mailings, and robocalls. People don't like to be bothered with these and surveys have proven more votes are lost this way.

Does your family support you? Remember that your family is involved in your campaign one way or another.

How is your public image in your county? Good or excellent? Are you a member of any civic organization? Are you a member of your local Masonic Lodge, V.F.W, involved in your church or police organizations?

Why are you running for Sheriff? For money, power, political gain, or to protect and serve your community?

What party will endorse you? Democrat, Republican, Independent. Never swap parties in an election.

What is the price tag of your campaign? The cost to run for Sheriff in Louisiana was \$4.50 per vote.

Who are your five financial backers - the money men? What 's in it for them?

Two vital elements when you are running a campaign are money and time.

The incumbent has an edge over his opposition, especially when he gets endorsed by his party and local newspapers. Businesses like to back a winner financially. Now, if you run against a seated Sheriff, your supporters will not come out publicly to support you. However, if they believe in you, they will take the gamble that you will win and help quietly.

Select your campaign staff carefully: campaign manager, treasurer, financial advisor, advertising manager, sign crew leader, volunteer manager. You'll also need to staff multiple campaign offices in your county.

Do fund raising every day. Use "OPM" (Other Peoples Money) whenever possible. Never use your own money. This will put you in a financial bind.

Your campaign office needs volunteer staff to handle phones, hand out signs, set signs in locations, secure venues for campaign meetings and rallies. You also need someone to schedule all your appearances and make sure you are never late for meetings.

Have someone ride with you at all times. Take someone that knows everyone in his/her area by name. They will give you valuable information, and the public will appreciate that you took the time to care about their family and problems in their area.

Take advantage of early voting by making sure your supporters vote early. As the election comes to the end, this is when the mud starts slinging, with TV ads from your opposition running the last week of the election. If you believe them, you wouldn't even vote for yourself. Many vital votes are lost that final week that could have been secured by early voting.

Last minute campaigning on election day is vital. Make a whirlwind tour of your county, giving pep talks to your supporters. Have an early morning pep rally at the campaign office with lots of food and drink for your campaign workers.

Your sign crew should be up before 4:00 a.m. putting small signs 500 feet in front of all the voting stations. Check for blown-away or missing signs in key locations. Have volunteers waving signs at key locations in the county. Have campaign trucks with large signs on the side or towing your large signs on trailers behind the trucks one week before the election and also on election day.

Finally, all those sleepless nights wondering if the public will vote you back in office for another four years will come to an end on election night. The last vote has been counted and you won! Now the big victory campaign party begins. It's time to thank all your supporters for their tireless help which made this night possible. Now it's "time to run for your life" for another four years!

I wrote this article for the Sheriff's of Nebraska. Sure, some of this information may not pertain to your county campaigning, or you might already know most of it. I thought you might be interested in how a different part of the country handles elections.

Best of everything for the next four years!

I would appreciate your comments about this article.

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Most Nebraskans know that near North Platte, in Lincoln County, is "Scout's Rest," the home of William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody, the premier showman whose Wild West shows embodied the legend of the American West; but do you know that located near Maxwell, Fort McPherson National Cemetery is significant for its association with the development of post-Civil War-era national cemeteries and U.S. military activities during the Indian Wars? Created in 1873, Fort McPherson National Cemetery served

as the final resting place for Union soldiers and Native Americans and U.S. Army personnel who died during the Indian Wars. Both sites are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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This is a message that bears repeating, no matter where you live in the world: Your assistance is needed in preventing terrorist acts.

It's a fact that certain kinds of activities can indicate terrorist plans that are in the works, especially when they occur at or near high profile sites or places where large numbers of people gather—like government buildings, military facilities, utilities, bus or train stations, major public events. If you see or know about suspicious activities, like the ones listed below, please report them immediately to the proper authorities. In the United States, that means your closest Joint Terrorist Task Force, located in an FBI field office. In other countries, that means your closest law enforcement/counterterrorism agency.

Surveillance: Are you aware of anyone video recording or monitoring activities, taking notes, using cameras, maps, binoculars, etc., near key facilities/events?

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"Dry Runs": Have you observed any behavior that appears to be preparation for a terrorist act, such as mapping out routes, playing out scenarios with other people, monitoring key facilities/events, timing traffic lights or traffic flow, or other suspicious activities?

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If you answered yes to any of the above...if you have observed any suspicious activity that may relate to terrorism...again, please contact the Joint Terrorist Task Force or law enforcement/counterterrorism agency closest to you immediately. Your tip could save the lives of innocent people, just like you and yours.

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- You must act “now” or the offer won’t be good.
- You’ve won a “free gift, vacation, or prize.” But you have to pay for “postage and handling” or other charges.
- You must “send money, give a credit card or bank account number, or have a check picked up by courier.” You may hear this before you have had a chance to consider the offer carefully.
- “You don’t need to check out the company with anyone.” The callers say you do not need to speak to anyone including your family, lawyer, accountant, local Better Business Bureau, or consumer protection agency.
- You don’t need any written information about their company or their references.
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In 1682, René-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle claimed the area first when he named all the territory drained by the Mississippi River and its tributaries for France, naming it the Louisiana Territory.

In 1714, Etienne de Bourgmont traveled from the mouth of the Missouri River in Missouri to the mouth of the Platte River, which he called the Nebraskier River, becoming the first person to approximate the state’s name.

“Nebraskier” is the French version of the of the Otoe Indian word, “Nebrathka,” or “flat water,” the Indians’ description of the Platte River.



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How to Protect Your Computer from Cyber-Criminals



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The same advice parents might deliver to young drivers on their first solo journey applies to everyone who wants to navigate safely online. A special agent in the FBI's Cyber Division offered the following:

- Don't drive in bad neighborhoods.
- If you don't lock your car, it's vulnerable; if you don't secure your computer, it's vulnerable.
- Reduce your vulnerability, and you reduce the threat.

Key steps to protect your computer from intrusion:

- **Keep Your Firewall Turned On:** A firewall helps protect your computer from hackers who might try to gain access to crash it, delete information, or even steal passwords or other sensitive information. Software firewalls are widely recommended for single computers. The software is prepackaged on some operating systems or can be purchased for individual computers. For multiple networked computers, hardware routers typically provide firewall protection.
- **Install or Update Your Antivirus Software:** Antivirus software is designed to prevent malicious software programs from embedding on your computer. If it detects malicious code, like a virus or a worm, it works to disarm or remove it. Viruses can infect computers without users' knowledge. Most types of antivirus software can be set up to update automatically.

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- **Keep Your Operating System Up to Date:** Computer operating systems are periodically updated to stay in tune with technology requirements and to fix security holes. Be sure to install the updates to ensure your computer has the latest protection.
- **Install or Update Your Antispyware Technology:** Spyware is just what it sounds like—software that is surreptitiously installed on your computer to let others peer into your activities on the computer. Some spyware collects information about you without your consent or produces unwanted pop-up ads on your web browser. Some operating systems offer free spyware protection, and inexpensive software is readily available for download on the Internet or at your local computer store. Be wary of ads on the Internet offering downloadable antispyware—in some cases these products may be fake and may actually contain spyware or other malicious code. It's like buying groceries—shop where you trust.
- **Be Careful What You Download:** Carelessly downloading e-mail attachments can circumvent even the most vigilant anti-virus software. Never open an e-mail attachment from someone you don't know, and be wary of forwarded attachments from people you do know. They may have unwittingly advanced malicious code.
- **Turn Off Your Computer:** With the growth of high-speed Internet connections, many opt to leave their computers on and ready for action. The downside is that being "always on" renders computers more susceptible. Beyond firewall protection, which is designed to fend off unwanted attacks, turning the computer off effectively severs an attacker's connection—be it spyware or a botnet that employs your computer's resources to reach out to other unwitting users.

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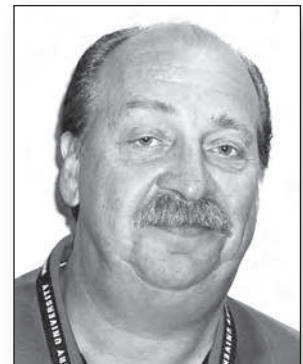
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The Early History of Modern Drones Austrian Balloons As UAVs

The earliest recorded use of an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV or drone) for warfighting occurred on August 22, 1849, when the Austrians attacked the Italian city of Venice with unmanned balloons loaded with explosives. At least some of the balloons were launched from the Austrian ship Vulcano. Although some of the balloons worked and successfully managed to bomb The Republic, others were caught in a change of wind and blown back over Austrian lines.

The Austrians had been developing this system for months. The Presse, of Vienna, Austria, stated: "Venice is to be bombarded by balloons, as the lagunes prevent the approaching of artillery. Five balloons, each twenty-three feet in diameter, are in construction at Treviso. In a favorable wind the balloons will be launched and directed as near to Venice as possible, and on their being brought to vertical positions over the town, they will be fired by electro magnetism by means of a long isolated copper wire with a large galvanic battery placed on a building. The bomb falls perpendicularly, and explodes on reaching the ground."

Balloons do not generally meet today's definition of a UAV. Once winged aircraft had been invented, the effort to fly them unmanned for military purposes was not far behind.

World War I Uses UAVs

The first pilotless aircraft were built during and shortly after World War I. Leading the way, using A. M. Low's radio control techniques, was the Ruston Proctor Aerial Target of 1916. If developed further, it was to have been used against Zeppelins. Soon after, on September 12, the Hewitt-Sperry Automatic Airplane, otherwise known as the "flying bomb" made its first flight, demonstrating the concept of an unmanned aircraft. They were intended for use as "aerial torpedoes" an early version of today's cruise missiles. Control was achieved using gyroscopes developed by Elmer Sperry of the Sperry Gyroscope Company.

Later, in November 1917, the Automatic Airplane was flown for representatives of the US Army. This led the army to commission a project to build an "aerial torpedo", resulting in the Kettering Bug which first flew in 1918. While the Bug's revolutionary technology was successful, it was not in time to fight in the war, which ended before it could be fully developed and deployed.

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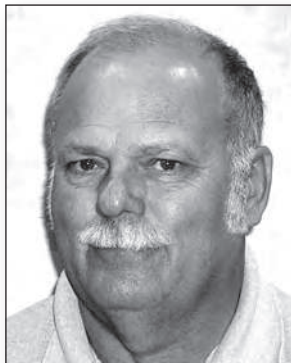
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History of Modern Drones

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InterWar Period

After World War I, three Standard E-1s were converted to drones. The Larynx was an early cruise missile in the form of a small monoplane aircraft that could be launched from a warship and flown under autopilot; it was tested between 1927 and 1929 by the Royal Navy.

The early successes of pilotless aircraft led to the development of radio controlled pilotless target aircraft in Britain and the US in the 1930s. In 1931, the British developed the Fairey Queen radio-controlled target from the Fairey III floatplane, building a small batch of three, and in 1935 followed up this experiment by producing larger numbers of another RC target, the "DH.82B Queen Bee", derived from the De Havilland Tiger Moth biplane trainer. The name of "Queen Bee" is said to have led to the use of the term "drone" for pilotless aircraft, particularly radio-controlled models.

During this period, the U.S. Navy, continuing work that reached back to 1917, was also experimenting with radio-controlled aircraft. In 1936, the head of this research group used the term "drone" to describe radio-controlled aerial targets.

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In 1930, there were 17,239 people living in York County. Population density was low compared to cities, but not as low as counties in the western cattle ranching areas where cows still outnumber people.

Between 1930 and 1940, the overall population in the county declined from 17,239 to 14,874. During the Depression, 2,365 people – 14 percent of the population – left York County.

While many migrated from York County during the Depression, there were still others who immigrated into the county. The census is full of immigrants, primarily from Germany, Ireland, Russia, Czechoslovakia, and the Scandinavian countries.

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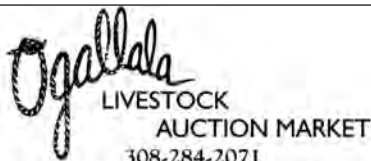
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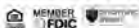
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1987

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2000

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2002

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2005

- Legislature voted to allow convicted felons to vote after completion of sentence and two-year waiting period

2006

- Cuba bought \$30 million in food from Nebraska

2007

- Gunman killed eight, injured five during shooting at Omaha mall

2009

- Legislature voted to change capital punishment from electrocution to lethal injection

2011

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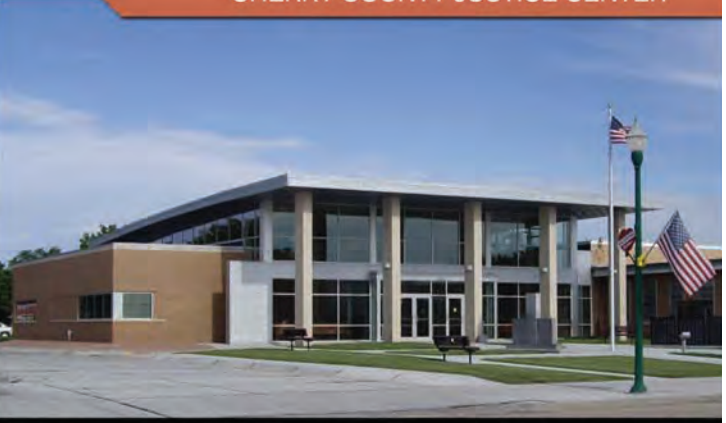


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