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Above: Sheriff Mark Overman, Seward County; Sheriff Joe Yocum, Scotts Bluff County; and members of the Honor Guard from the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office were among those in Grand Island honoring their deceased brothers and sisters - page 27

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Legislative Bills of Interest to the NSA

By Jon A. Edwards, J.D., Nowka & Edwards

This year was the First Session of the 105th Legislature. The First Session was 90 days: the 105th Legislature will continue next year with the Second Session, which runs for 60 days. The First Session saw the installation of 18 new senators as well as the reorganization of the Legislature, electing new committee chairs as well as a new Speaker, Sen. Scheer from Norfolk. In the 90 day Session there were 667 bills introduced. 170 pieces of legislature were passed into law and signed by the Governor. Many bills remain in committees as well as approximately 114 bills remaining at either General or Select File. Unless a bill was disposed of in the first session through either passage or through Indefinite Postponement (IPP), those bills remain alive in their current form and status at the beginning of the 60 day Second Session in January.

The Legislature began the Session by spending a significant amount of time debating and attempting to make changes to the rules that govern the Legislature. Ultimately they decided to adopt temporary rules for the remainder of the 90 day session and then began to move forward debating legislative issues. Issues of importance that took significant time and debate include the 2-year budget as well as issues dealing with income and property taxes, school funding issues, as well as different criminal justice concerns. Additionally, there was a significant amount of debate related to regulations on firearms and the ability for cities to regulate firearms. Below are a few bills of interest for NE Sheriff's Association that we have been tracking. The summaries also provide the current status of those bills.

LB 68 (Hilgers) - Prohibit certain regulation of firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories by counties, cities, and villages as prescribed and create firearm offenses.

Authorizes the state to regulate the registration, possession, transportation, transfer and storage of firearms and ammunition. Allows cities and villages to retain the authority to enforce prohibitions on firearm discharge.

As amended, provides that cities and counties can prohibit handgun possession in public places. Exceptions to the prohibition include safe transport in a vehicle, possession for instructional purposes and possession by concealed-carry permit holders and military members. The bill also prohibits the open transportation of handguns and long guns within metropolitan class cities. Requires that openly transported firearms be unloaded and contained within an enclosed case or unloaded and broken down. Exceptions are provided for open firearm transport by law enforcement, concealed-carry permit holders, military members and other lawful activity that does not endanger public safety and has received proper legal approval.

Requires that firearms transported within a vehicle be unloaded and locked up, either in a trunk or a container other than a glove compartment or console. Concealed-carry permit holders and military members also will be excluded from this requirement.

FINAL STATUS: SELECT FILE - PRIORITY BILL – HILGERS

LB 81 (Blood) - Change the application fee for handgun certificates.

Increases the \$5 handgun permit fee to \$25.

FINAL STATUS: GENERAL FILE

LB 201 (Lowe) - Change provisions relating to perjury and the issuance of search warrants.

Provides for the use of electronic means through which law enforcement officers may apply for a search warrant without physically appearing before a judge, magistrate, or notary. The bill also provides for judges and magistrates to issue search warrants electronically.

Provides for the issuance of a search warrant based upon a law enforcement officer's unsworn declaration under penalty of perjury, and modifies the perjury statutes. Allows law enforcement officers to seek assistance in serving a search warrant from an officer in another jurisdiction when the person or place to be searched is within the other jurisdiction.

FINAL STATUS: JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

LB 202 (Lowe)- Create the offense of obstructing government operations by refusing to submit to a chemical test authorized by search warrant.

Creates the offense of obstructing government operations by refusing to submit to a chemical test authorized by search warrant.

FINAL STATUS: JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

LB 212 (Hansen)- Adopt the In the Line of Duty Compensation Act.

Adopts the Line of Duty Compensation Act that provides a one-time death benefit of \$50,000 to the family of a fire fighter, law enforcement officer or correctional officer who die in the course of work.

FINAL STATUS: BUSINESS AND LABOR COMMITTEE

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LB 289 (Pansing Brooks) - Change and provide provisions relating to sex offenses and domestic violence protection orders, provide for sexual assault protection orders, and change provisions relating to paternity of a child conceived as a result of sexual assault.

Increases penalties for pandering and human trafficking for labor or sexual exploitation. Penalties for pandering or trafficking of an adult will increase from a Class III to a Class II felony, punishable by 1 to 50 years in prison. It also raises the Classification of sex trafficking or solicitation of a minor from a Class 1C felony to a Class 1B felony, punishable by a minimum of 20 years in prison to life imprisonment.

FINAL STATUS: APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR ON MAY 22, 2017 (LB178 AND LB188 AND LB191 WERE AMENDED INTO LB289)

PRIORITY BILL- JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

LB 444 (Walz) - Prohibit cities and counties from cancelling health insurance coverage for injured first responders as prescribed.

Prohibits cities and counties from cancelling existing health insurance coverage for any law enforcement officer who suffers serious bodily injury as a result of an assault while in his or her official capacity. Requires the city or county to provide health insurance while the first responder remains employed with the agency and returns to work within one year of the original injury. The bill covers injured sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, paid firefighters and paid mental health care providers.

FINAL STATUS: APPROVED BY GOVERNOR ON APRIL 27, 2017 (LB244 AMENDED INTO LB444)

PRIORITY BILL – WALZ

LB 447 (Chambers) - Change penalty provisions relating to criminal conspiracy and certain drug-related offenses.

As amended, eliminates mandatory minimum sentences for Class 1C and 1D drug offenses, specifically for manufacturing between 28 and 139 grams of cocaine, heroin or methamphetamine with the intent to distribute.

FINAL STATUS: SELECT FILE

PRIORITY BILL – CHAMBERS

LB 556 (Halloran) - Change provisions relating to firearms and create the offenses of use of a facsimile or nonfunctioning firearm to commit a felony and possession of a firearm by a prohibited juvenile offender.

Proposes the following to Nebraska’s criminal statutes:

- 1) Creates a new felony crime of use of a facsimile or non-functioning firearm to commit a felony;
- 2) Creates a new crime of possession of a firearm by a prohibited juvenile offender;
- 3) Allows possession of a firearm by duly authorized law enforcement officers on school grounds whether or not such officer is on duty; and
- 4) Expands the “drive-by shooting” statute to apply across the state.

The Judiciary Committee proposed an amendment that strikes all provisions of the bill except the provision of using a facsimile firearm to commit a crime. The amendment defines “facsimile firearm” as “any replica, toy, starter pistol, or other object that bears a reasonable resemblance to, or that reasonably can be perceived to be an actual firearm”. The offense shall be a Class 2A felony, and shall be treated by the courts as a separate offense from the felony committed. Sentences shall be entered consecutively.

FINAL STATUS: GENERAL FILE

LB 622 (Wishart) - Adopt the Medical Cannabis Act.

Allows the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to regulate the manufacture and use of cannabis in Nebraska for medical purposes. Cannabis permitted can only be liquid, oil, pill or vaporized form. A seven-person, governor-appointed Medical Cannabis Board would advise the department regarding medical cannabis regulations.

Patients with qualifying conditions could apply to DHHS for enrollment on a proposed patient registry.

Qualifying medical conditions under the bill would include:

- 1) Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) or severe and persistent muscle spasms, including those associated with multiple sclerosis (MS);
- 2) Epilepsy and seizures;
- 3) Pain, nausea and wasting associated with cancer;
- 4) Glaucoma;
- 5) HIV or AIDS;
- 6) Crohn’s disease;
- 7) Tourette’s syndrome;
- 8) Post-traumatic stress disorder;
- 9) Anxiety;
- 10) Any other illness for which cannabis provides relief, as determined by a health care practitioner; and
- 11) Terminally ill patients with a probable life expectancy of under one year, if the illness or its treatment produces severe or chronic pain, nausea, severe wasting, hepatitis C, lupus, Huntington’s disease, Parkinson’s disease, Lyme disease, spinal cord injury or opioid addiction.

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2017 NSA/POAN Conference Agenda

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017

Younes Conference Center

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- 12:00-6:00 PM Open Registration
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- 1:00-2:00 PM Nebraska Law Enforcement Memorial
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- 2:00-3:00 PM Nebraska Crime Commission Update
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- 3:00-5:00 PM Autism Alliance of Michigan-Southfield MI
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- 5:00-7:00 PM NSA Annual Meeting
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- 5:00-7:00 PM POAN Board Meeting
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- 7:00-11:00 PM Hospitality Room

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017

Younes Conference Center

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- 7:00-8:30 AM Open Registration
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- 8:30-9:00 AM Opening Session
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- 9:00-10:00 AM Nebraska State Patrol Speaker
on Domestic Violence
-
- 9:00 -1:00 PM Spouses Program - Corky Creations &
Lunch
-
- 10:00-10:30 AM Break in Vendor Area
-
- 10:30-12:00 PM Drone Presentation, Dave Morton
-
- 12:00-1:00 PM Lunch Provided in Vendor Area
Highway Safety Luncheon (invite only)
-
- 1:00-2:30 PM Orlando Shooting
-
- 2:30-3:00 PM Break in Vendor Area
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- 3:00-5:00 PM Orlando Shooting
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- 5:30-7:30 PM President's Reception
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- 7:30-11:00 PM Hospitality Room
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2017

Younes Conference Center

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- 8:30-10:00 AM Valor Training - Initiative Overview &
Enhancing your Resiliency
-
- 10:00-10:30 AM Break in Vendor Area
-
- 10:30-12:00 PM Valor Training - Dynamics of
Officer/Citizen Encounters
-
- 11:30-12:00 PM Valor Training - Indicators of a Potential
Assault or Flight
-
- 12:00-1:00 PM Lunch on Your Own
-
- 12:00-1:00 PM POAN Annual Meeting/ Luncheon
(POAN Members Only)
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- 1:00-2:30 PM Valor Training - Indicators
of a Potential Assault or Flight
-
- 2:30-3:00 PM Break in Vendor Area
-
- 3:00-5:00 PM Valor Training - Casualty Care &
Rescue Tactics
-
- 6:00-6:30 PM Cocktails
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- 6:30-9:00 PM NSA/POAN Award Banquet
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- 6:30-9:00 PM Conference Banquet, Recognition &
Entertainment
-
- 9:00-11:00 PM Hospitality Room
- Sponsored by NeLEIN, Law Publications,
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2017

Younes Conference Center

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- 8:00-10:00 AM Speaker Dwayne Gill
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- 10:00-10:30 AM Break in Vendor Area
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- 10:30-12:00 PM NE Human Trafficking Taskforce
Law Enforcement & Service Provider Representative
-
- 12:00-12:15 PM Closing Comments
-
- 12:15-1:15 PM POAN Board Meeting

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Looking Back at a Simpler Time

Reflections from Jerome Kramer, Lincoln County Sheriff and President of the Nebraska Sheriffs' Association

A Simpler Time

When we moved out of our Sheriff's Office and Jail in 2011 we found many old journals in the crawl space from the 1930's and 1940's. It was very interesting to read some of the journals and think about how the years have changed the crimes that we work and the way that we do our work.

Of course, all of the jail journals, civil process journals and the police reports were hand written. One hand written report read something like this: "I went to the Johnson house on 720 West 9th. Henry was chasing Edith with a machete. I took the machete from Henry and told him to knock it off and sober up and they need to start getting along with each other." That was the entire report! As I read further in the journal I did not see that anyone returned to the residence to work a murder so it must have been effective police work.

Drugs Enter the Story

As I read through the old journals from the jail many of the people were jailed for offenses such as stealing chickens, stealing pigs, selling booze and possessing "hooch." Of course it was considered a much worse crime to have some booze in the 30's than it was to steal a pig! The fines typically ranged from 25 cents to 25 dollars.

October 1, 1938 was the first record of anyone being jailed in Lincoln County for possession of marijuana. March 19, 1946 was the first recorded jail suicide. Then the times really changed in February of 1951 when the County Attorney ordered the closing of all of the houses of prostitution in North Platte. One of the reasons cited by the County Attorney was "many high school students frequented these places." Records show that in 1950, on the average, there was one person booked into the Lincoln County Jail every day.

Fast Forward to 2017

(Well maybe not too fast. At my age that could break something!)

Today you would have to steal a pretty good pig to land yourself in jail. But one thing that is similar is that only a small percent of detainees are in jail for possession of marijuana. It has been replaced with drugs that are much more dangerous and damaging to the human body. Most of the other offenses that are causing incarceration are also drug related. Burglaries, shoplifting, assaults, murders, theft - the list goes on and on - all are drug related.

Among the hundreds of people booked into our jail, most are badly broken both physically and mentally. Rather than booking one a day, as was the case in 1950, we have to keep at least one a day from dying - dying from withdrawals or dying from suicide. Now we have



Sheriff Jerome Kramer

medical staff and mental health consultants just to keep inmates in good enough condition to live through their sentences.

The crimes that we investigate have become much more horrific and are physically and mentally demanding on our staff. I wish we just had an occasional stolen animal and I wish we could just tell Henry to sober up and quit chasing Edith with the machete.

Now our officers are attacked with the machete when they respond to the call. We see the beating of family members and the sexual assaults on babies, the gangs, the drug related killings, and the total disregard for human life. The past's respect for law enforcement has now become hatred because we stand in the way of their destruction of our peaceful society.

Our grandparents lived the first half of this article; we are living the second half. What will our children be writing about in the next chapter? Frightening!

Blessings from your president.

This is a reminder that the Nebraska Sheriff's Association is now a part of the Western States Sheriff's Association. So far the WSSA has provided us with a lot of useful information. WSSA is a very strong voice for Sheriffs at the national level and offer their assistance at the local level as well.

The Alligator Roll

AKA the Day Gorgeous George Saved my Life!

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

Death takes no holiday when you pin on a badge and hit the streets. One bad mistake in judgment can suddenly end your life. It doesn't really matter how much training you have had in law enforcement. When an unusual situation catches you off guard, your life could end in less than a second! This story deals with an alligator and a famous Nebraska wrestler.

The year was 1979. On August 12th at 22:15 hours, this officer responded to an "elopement" escape from Southeastern Louisiana Hospital in Mandeville, Louisiana, one of the largest psychiatric hospitals in the state with over 200 patients with differing mental problems. The Mandeville Police Department received several calls each week from hospital security personnel asking for assistance in finding and returning their patients to the hospital. Our officers never knew how dangerous these patients were because of the hospital's patient privacy policy. Now, we had dealt with many patients in the past, but today would be one of the toughest elopement cases we had ever worked.

One major problem this time was that the patient was a very dangerous street brawler with an extensive criminal record of aggravated assault, negligent homicide, drug trafficking, and abuse. I would find out later that he had just been released from Eastern Louisiana Mental Hospital in Jackson, Louisiana, the psychiatric hospital for the most serious mental cases in the state. The patient in question had killed his own child in a most gruesome manner. Now, the doctors thought that after many years of confinement in Jackson, he could be rehabilitated at Southeastern Hospital. He had not been in Southeastern Hospital long when his wife visited and he broke her jaw.

On this particular day he had knocked down one male orderly and had taken the security keys and ran out of the hospital ward. Later, a gate guard spotted him headed toward Mandeville. The guard sounded the hospital alarm, and several hospital employees arrived at the gate. They were not allowed to pursue him off the hospital campus. After all, it was the police department's responsibility to bring him back!

It was five minutes from the time I got the call from dispatch until I found the patient wading through the backwater of Bayou Castine. He was heading for our elementary school. My greatest fear was he could hurt, or even kill, a child on the playground. I requested back-up, but no one was available at the time. A major vehicle accident with injuries took precedence over my problem. However, dispatch said that as soon as an officer became available, she would send a unit my way since our department didn't have any portable radios at the time. Dispatch was in the dark as far as communication with the officer when he left his unit.

I gave my location to dispatch in great detail. Now, I was wading through the swamp. Doing so without back-up is called



Left: George Raymond Wagner, born in 1915 in Butte, NE, was an American professional wrestler best known by his ring name Gorgeous George.

"Tombstone Courage," and this was one of those times. The escapee was almost halfway through the cypress bayou and up to his neck in the most unimaginable filthy water flowing from a broken three-foot surge pipe from a nearby nursing home. This putrid water had flesh-eating parasites in it.

The infested water, the sweltering heat, the poisonous snakes, and the alligators would make your skin crawl just thinking about it. I was half-swimming and half-wading through this muddy quagmire. Remember the mission "bring them in one way or another?" This was one of those times. I finally caught up with him. I ordered him to stop running. I told him I was a police officer. He didn't really care. He kept walking, a little faster now.

I finally caught up with him, and the fight broke out, and what a fight it was, rolling around in the muddy water! I think I drank half of the filthy water in the swamp. Everything I learned in police "tactical defense" at the academy kicked in. As good as my self-defense training was, his sheer power when he hit me was like being hit with a sledge hammer. He was six foot five inches and carried 289 pounds of muscle and bone. After all, he was a body builder. All of sudden, he hit me in the head so hard that everything went blurry. I was in and out of consciousness as he shoved my head under the brown, murky water! He was trying to drown me with those large hands of his. I was running out of air. And all I could see was brown bubbles heading to the surface of the water since he was now on top of me in about two feet of water. I developed a sharp pain in the middle of my back, and both of my legs were on fire. He slammed me into a cypress tree, and it crushed vertebra in my spine. Unbelievable pain!

Yes, I was running out of air when I suddenly remembered a childhood hero, Gorgeous George, the wrestler. He had a lot of dirty tricks up his sleeve. When George was pinned by an opponent, he used his "Alligator Roll" move to free himself. Now, with my last bit of energy, I wrapped my legs around the patient and spun him around.

Now I was on top of him! I pinned his shoulders down with my knee and put my hand around his neck. I kept him under water till smaller bubbles came to the surface. I jerked him out of the water, and he was gasping for air. I placed my cuffs on him. His wrists were so large I could barely get them on him. He was weak enough now for me to handle.

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Did You Know

Kool-Aid was invented by Edwin Perkins in Hastings, (Adams County) NE. All of his experiments took place in his mother's kitchen.

To reduce shipping costs, in 1927, Perkins discovered a way to remove the liquid from his first drink, "Fruit Smack," leaving only a powder. This powder was named "Kool-Aid®." Perkins moved his production to Chicago in 1931. "Kool-Aid®" was sold to General Foods in 1953.

Hastings still celebrates a yearly summer festival called "Kool-Aid® Days" on the second weekend in August, in honor of their city's claim to fame. "Kool-Aid®" is known as Nebraska's official soft drink.

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Alligator Roll

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Half-dragging me on his back, he took me back to my unit. I changed the cuffs to leg irons and put him in my unit. As I wrestled the patient in the water, my back-up had arrived. He was a young Louisiana state trooper who stayed on the bank of the bayou, adjusting his campaign hat, and never coming to help me. I thought to myself, "I don't need him to describe the water to me as I am drowning, but, rather, to get into the water and help me." But he didn't.

Epilogue: I brought the patient back to the Southeastern Louisiana Hospital. The doctor on duty told me to take off the cuffs. I told him to have one of his orderlies put on leather restraints before I would take off the cuffs. He told me he was a doctor and he knew the patient wouldn't hurt anyone. I told him the patient was his responsibility now. I uncuffed him and the patient immediately threw the doctor through the sheetrock wall in his office. It took four large orderlies and one nurse giving the patient a three and one shot to put him down. Oh, I spent four months in St. Tammany Hospital in Covington, Louisiana, in traction. I developed severe ear and nose infections and intestinal flu and almost died. But thanks to Gorgeous George the Wrestler, AKA George Raymond Wagner from Butte, Nebraska, for his alligator roll, I am able to write this article instead of being another police fatality in the line of duty.

Sgt. Winston Cavendish is a retired Sun, LA, police officer and a regular contributor to the Nebraska Sheriff magazine. Some of the stories he first shared with us were also published in national law enforcement magazines.

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Can Discomfort Ever Supersede the Law or the Speed Limit?

By Sheriff Tim McConnell, McPherson County

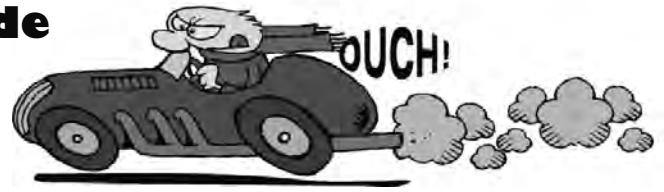
The following is my experience of when discomfort might supersede the law or, in this case, the speed limit.

A few months ago, while working traffic patrol on Highway 97 in the northern part of McPherson County, I observed a pickup exceeding the posted speed limit. I turned around and proceeded to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle. After the pickup and I had pulled onto the shoulder of the highway, I was completing my radio traffic to dispatch when I observed the driver of the pickup hanging halfway out his door window screaming at me to hurry up.

At this point I was thinking to myself, "Oh buddy, today is not the day for attitude."

I approached the driver who was still yelling at me, and upon getting closer to him, I finally understood what he was complaining about - he was passing a kidney stone and was trying to get to his doctor's office.

At this point I advised him that if he was in that much pain I would contact the local ambulance to transport him.



He then stated he didn't need an ambulance, he just needed to get going.

I, again, advised that if he was in so much pain that he felt he needed to drive recklessly, I would get him medical assistance.

Again, he advised he did not need medical assistance and proceeded to present me with all his medical papers and x-rays to prove his point of having a kidney stone.

I then advised him that if it was not that much of a medical emergency, he needed to slow down and drive safely.

Seeing that his discomfort was increasing, he was allowed to continue on his way with a verbal warning.

In conclusion, I guess you could say he was literally just passing through McPherson County, just a stone's throw from his doctor!

Did You Know . . . In Burt County, NE, hunter-gatherers of the Early Archaic period intermittently reoccupied a campsite on a buried terrace of Logan Creek located southwest of Oakland. Archeological excavations revealed successive layers, each representing a reoccupation of the site. The site dates 6000-4000 B.C. and offers record of activity during this early period of Nebraska's prehistory.

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Those applying for the registry must certify that they have established relationship with the participating health practitioner prior to application for the registry, a diagnosis of a qualifying medical condition and a need, if any, for a designated caregiver to assist in the dispensing of medical marijuana. Designated caregivers must be at least 21, agree to possession of cannabis only for purposes of assisting the patient, not be a caregiver for more than one patient unless they reside in the same home and pass a criminal background check. Parents and legal guardians are not required to register with the department but will be subject to a background check.

Authorizes DHHS to register only one cannabis manufacturer in each of the state's three congressional districts. Each manufacturer will be required to contract with an independent laboratory to test the safety and efficacy of its product. The department can register up to four cannabis dispensaries in each congressional district. All medical cannabis must be dispensed by a licensed pharmacist. Allows any county, city or village governing body to be authorized to adopt a resolution or ordinance prohibiting the operation of a manufacturer or dispensary or both within its boundaries.

Under a proposed committee amendment, manufacturers will be replaced by up to 10 cannabis producers and 10 processors in each congressional district. Additionally, it authorizes up to eight dispensaries, in each congressional district. If all counties and cities in a congressional district prohibit cannabis producers, processors and dispensing facilities, and second producer or processor and up to four facilities may register in another congressional district.

FINAL STATUS: GENERAL FILE

PRIORITY BILL - WISHART

LB 624 (Wishart) - Provide procedure to withhold from the public law enforcement officers' residential addresses in county records.

Directs County Assessors and Registers of Deeds to withhold from the public the residential address of a law enforcement officer unless the address is requested in writing. Officers will be required to renew their applications every five years.

FINAL STATUS: APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR ON MAY 12, 2017

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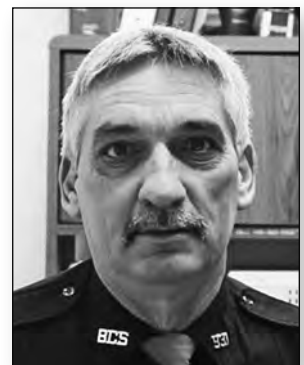
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What Happens When “Til Death Do Us Part” Happens and We Aren’t Dead? . . . By Wendy Piercy, M.S., L. P. C.

Remember that kiss that took your breath away? Remember that moment when the thought of the other person made you feel all twitterpatted? The positive nervousness you felt when you wanted to ask the other person to be “your person” until death do you part. Or the nervousness you felt when the other person asked you to be “their person”. The moment when you saw them and realized they were “your person”. Maybe you stood in front of 600 of your closest friends and strangest relatives or stood in front of an Elvis Impersonator in Vegas or an honorable judge of the court. Regardless of the venue, you promised to love the other person until death do you part. You reached one of the major goals in life, marriage. You found the person who will stand with you through the ups and downs, good/bad, happy/sad . . . ok you get the idea, because this is starting to sound like a country song.

Somewhere along the way, something happened for whatever reason and whatever rationale, the “til death do you part” died and you become a divorce statistic. It certainly isn’t fair to say “the job” causes a relationship to fail. The job most definitely is a terrible mistress. It will call you from your slumber for court. It will call you on your days off for a DRE, K9 sniff, TRT call out, missing information on a report, forgetting to turn in the keys, etc. The job can certainly create conflict in a relationship. The job has a way of finding its way into small cracks in the foundation of a relationship. Without proper maintenance and repair the foundation will surely collapse and along with it the dream of until death do us part.

Now what? Maybe you were married less than 5 years. Maybe you were married more than 15 years. How do you learn to go from a we to a me again? Initially there is the hurt, sense of failure (we are cops, we don’t lose so we certainly couldn’t have some blame in it). We are the ones who are suppose to have all our ducks in a row. And yet we couldn’t make our marriage work. Of course, depending on what side of the swamp you pitch your tent, you may want to see things from the perspective of being less wrong than the other person. No relationship succeeds or fails based upon one person. It is a joint effort.

It is easy to cover your pain by taking the offense of putting down the other person. Calling them out as a _____(we all know what words fit in there) may gain you sympathy points with your buddies, but it also allows the hurt and bitterness to fester. Hanging on to anger/hurt/pain/

resentment is like holding onto a hot stone and expecting the other person to get burned. Let it go. Honor the other person for the qualities you loved. I should know. I held onto to the hot stone for so long, I had 3rd degree burns. The only person who got hurt was me. My ex continued forward with his life and didn’t look back. In essence I gave him power over me by holding on to the hurt and resentment. Be smarter than I was. Think about being emotionally neutral. If talking about your spouse evokes strong emotion either positive or negative, you are not ready to become involved with another person. If you can see your ex with someone new or



you can talk about your ex without sounding like a sailor then you have moved toward being emotionally neutral. For me, it was over 2 years before I could talk about my ex without having to be bleeped by the office sanctioner. Don’t be one of those stalkers who drive by the ex’s house when on patrol, or have your buddies scope out what the ex is doing. It makes you a creeper. Remember emotionally neutral. Let it go.

After the dust has settled, some want to jump into another relationship or relationships quickly because the uncomfortable feeling of being alone eats away at a person. Take some time. Own your part of the collapse of the relationship. Fix the parts of you which need to be fixed. If you don’t think there were any parts you need to fix, then I guarantee you will want to work on your listening skills because your ex told you plenty of times what you were doing wrong. It is easy to listen for the sole purpose of preparing a response. It is harder to listen to understand. Decide what things you want in a future relationship. Your must haves, your would be nice to have and don’t really care. My best advice is don’t settle, especially when it comes to your must haves.

Sometimes being alone is better than being with the wrong person. Sometimes there is the temptation to be the casanova of the county. It doesn’t matter if you work in Douglas County or Cherry County, there are men and women who would love the opportunity to get up close and personal with a deputy. More times than not, this leads to trouble, and a letter starting off with “Dear Sheriff . . .” no one was more surprised than I. It may seem like a good idea at the time, but be wary. These type of relationships usually result in some sort of drama. Dating in your 20s is like looking for brand new shiny furniture.

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NSP Announces Change in the Quality Assurance Improvement Program

By Tony Loth, Research Manager, Nebraska State Patrol, Criminal Identification Division

Three years ago, the Nebraska State Patrol utilized grant funds from the National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP) to launch a pilot program for implementation of a criminal history record review process. The end goal for this program is to improve the accuracy, timeliness and quality of the information contained in the Nebraska criminal history record repository. Under the direction of Sharon Kerrigan, the Quality Assurance Improvement Program (QAIP) was introduced. Sharon began visiting local criminal justice agencies across Nebraska in the fall of 2014. Over the last few years, Sharon has helped several local criminal justice agencies identify procedural changes that have significantly improved the accuracy, timeliness and quality of criminal history information being sent to the State Repository.

Unfortunately, Sharon recently left her position at the State Patrol to pursue a new career opportunity. Sarah Schoen was hired in May as the new QAIP Program Manager. Sarah is

working hard to build on the foundation Sharon created and is in the process of expanding the QAIP Program from three positions to five, which will significantly help expand our reach across the state. We hope to have all of these positions filled in July and plan to resume county visits in the fourth quarter of 2017.

As we move toward expanding this important program, it is important to note that this program is NOT intended to be a punitive program. The State Patrol does not have statutory authority to audit criminal justice agencies. However, we do feel it is within our purview as the central repository for Nebraska criminal history records to take steps that will ensure criminal history information flows through the entire criminal justice system as smoothly as possible so everyone within the system can get the information needed when it is needed. Unfortunately, over time, this free flow of information has been disrupted by the creation of artificial silos around agencies within the criminal justice system.

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Till Death Do Us Part . . . *continued from previous page*

Dating in your 40s is more like going to a 2nd hand furniture store, gently used but still has a lot of use left in it. Dating as you are older is about understanding you have baggage and the other person has baggage. Is your baggage compatible with theirs? If their baggage comes with its own zip code, run . . . run as fast as you can.

Some may turn to their mistress (the job). The job will always call to you and welcome you. It is easy to start listening to the scanner. Volunteering to take an EPC half way across the state. Staying late, coming in early. Taking on extra tasks. All great ways you can justify to avoid being at home and staring at the four walls. Fight the urge. Take up running/working out, take on a home improvement project, volunteer, go walk the dogs at the local animal shelter. Don't let the job become an emotional substitute.

If you have kids, you have one responsibility. Be the best parent you can be to your kids. They didn't ask for the divorce. The kids don't know who did who wrong. They love their mom and their dad. Tell them you love them and the other parent loves them very much. Mom and dad just don't love each other anymore. Tell them it is not their fault. Hug them often. Be the better person. Look for the good in the other parent. Remember the adage if you can't say anything nice don't say anything at all. If you want to go out for a refreshment and lament about the ex to a friend, then so be it, but not in front of the kids. Don't be that ex. The

one who brings the kids back or drops them off 20-25 minutes later or earlier. The one whose phone fell into some cell phone wormhole and can't get cell service when it is time for the kids to call the other parent. If you say you are going to be there, then be there. Remember work is a terrible mistress. Just say no. Don't ever put a new relationship in front of your kids. Just because you met someone and you like them does not mean you need to introduce them to your kids. If the person is as special as you are hoping they are, they will understand and wait. Rules are going to be different at the other parent's house. Control what you can control. Keep structure and consistency at your house when the kids are there. We have all been on those custody interference calls. No one wins but we all know there is someone who loses and it is often the ones with the smallest voice.

I thought you only had one chance to "find your person". Some people are lucky and they do "find their person" the first time. For those who have found that, treasure it, nurture it, honor it, fight for it. For those of us, who have been given another opportunity, let go of the hot stone, seek wisely, take care of yourself, improve yourself, be patient.

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 18 years with areas of expertise in child abuse, interpersonal communications, crisis response, stress management and crisis de-escalation.



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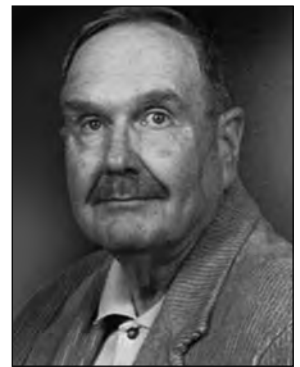
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Gary D. Sell, 80, of Springview, NE passed away October 11, 2016 at his home with family at his side, after a courageous battle with cancer. Gary was born January 20, 1936 at Winner, SD to Henry and Theresa (Gehlsen) Sell. He grew up in Todd County, SD, the youngest of five children, along with his sister, Delores Holmes, and brothers, Gerald, Donald, and Howard.

Gary married Bobbi Pettit on April 24, 1958 in Winner. They had nine children.

He ranched in South Dakota and Nebraska throughout his adult life. He was a police officer in South Dakota, and served as the Keya Paha County NE Sheriff for 28 years. After his retirement as Sheriff, Gary worked part time for the Brown and Rock County Sheriff Offices. Gary enjoyed woodworking as evidenced by the many items he made for family and friends. He was also very proud of the casket he crafted for his final resting place here on earth.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, wife Bobbie, and his infant sons, Ryan and Brett. He is survived by his children, Cindy Lackey of Elko, NV, Connie (Scott) LeZotte of Rapid City, SD, Debra (Keith) Davis of Madison, NE, Dave (Mary Kay) Sell of Martin, SD, Merrit Sell of Rapid City, SD, Kaye Lynn (Larry) Day of Bartlett, NE, and John Sell of Miller, SD; sister, Deloris Holmes of Winner, SD, and brother, Donald (Mary) Sell of Otis, OR; along with his 15 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other family.

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Sheriffs' Offices Help Nebraska Reach Federal Goal for Protection Order Entry

By Tony Loth, Research Manager, Nebraska State Patrol, Criminal Identification Division

In 2013 an audit was conducted of Nebraska protection orders entered into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database and it was discovered less than 30% of the state's protection orders were being entered. This means law enforcement agencies nationwide did not know about over 70% of Nebraska's protection orders and the potential threat from respondents. It was also discovered that 18 USC 922 (g)(8), the Brady Act of 1993, wasn't being accurately documented. This severely affected the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) in the fact that firearm purchase requests that should have been disqualified, were not being caught. This means there was a greater risk of guns getting into the hands of potentially violent persons.

After this discovery, the FBI set a goal for Nebraska to be 90% compliant in sharing all firearm prohibiting data by 2018. This translates to 90% of all Nebraska's protection orders MUST be available nationwide to all law enforcement. This is when the Centralized Protection Order (CPO) office, housed within the Nebraska State Patrol's Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Division, was created and funded by the NARIP (NICS Act Records Improvement Program) grant.

The Nebraska State Patrol, in collaboration with the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice and the National Crime Information Center have created a program that links protection orders issued by the Nebraska court system to law enforcement agencies nationwide. This program is referred to as the Protection Order Portal. The CPO office was charged with the implementation, training, and maintenance of the program. A working group was also created, made up of representatives from each of these statewide agencies and local Sheriff's Office users, to help to develop and discuss the Protection Order Portal's needs and usage.

Since early 2014 the CPO office staff have traveled across Nebraska to conduct presentations and training on implementation and use of the Protection Order Portal, which is accessible via the Nebraska Criminal Justice Information System (NCJIS). The CPO office is pleased to announce that, in the month of June 2017, Nebraska has already achieved an 86% entry rate. Users in 90 of Nebraska's 93 counties have been trained and are actively utilizing the PO Portal. Training includes how to determine when a protection order meets firearms disqualification criteria under the Brady Act and how to document the 'BRD' flag in NCIC.



Since implementation, 22 gun purchase permits and 3 CCW permit requests, in addition to numerous gun sales, have been denied due to the use of the Brady prohibition information on Nebraska protection orders. This could not have been achieved without the cooperation of many Nebraska Sheriffs. Many of these Sheriffs have given the CPO office the opportunity to come to their facilities to work to improve the understanding across the criminal justice system on the process of a protection order from beginning to end. District Court Clerks have also attended training to learn how their work impacts the law enforcement side - a protection order after it has been issued. This training has resulted in much faster, smoother transitions, information sharing from JUSTICE to NCJIS to NCIC, and among criminal justice professionals.

Along with creating an automated system for making and maintaining entries into NCIC, the working group created an electronic Return of Service system to help make for more timely turnaround on paperwork and service of notice to respondents. Of Nebraska's 93 counties, 80 have elected to use this electronic return system, which has successfully streamlined this multi-faceted step in the protection order system. The PO Portal working group is continuing efforts to finalize the development of a Victim Notification System that will automatically notify the victim when a protection order is served to the respondent of a protection order, giving the victim time and opportunity to implement a safety plan.

The CPO office staff maintains a help desk available by email or phone at nsp.protectionorders@nebraska.gov and 402-479-5626. We have received over 500 requests for service ranging from helping answer simple questions on NCIC entry processes to technical errors in the PO Portal. Users have been taking full advantage of this help desk in an attempt to fully implement the tool that has been given to them. Training on any PO Portal topic is available upon request as well, while bi-annual training and refresher courses are available to all users across the state.

Find out more about the Nebraska State Patrol, Criminal Identification Division: <https://statepatrol.nebraska.gov/vnews/display.v/SEC/Divisions%7CInvestigative%20Services%3E%3ECriminal%20Identification%20Division>

The CPO office would like to thank the Nebraska Sheriffs' Association for their cooperation and forward thinking. Thanks to their efforts, our state is on track to reach the FBI's goal of a 90% protection order entry rate by 2018.



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Did You Know . . .

The Rattlesnake Creek Bridge brings a Cuming County, NE county road over Rattlesnake Creek, 2.8 miles northwest of Bancroft. It was built in 1903, gravel-surfaced and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1992.

It is a steel Pratt half-hip pony truss bridge, and the oldest known example of this type designed by the Standard Bridge Company of Omaha and built throughout eastern Nebraska. The bridge is 92 feet (28 m) long in total, with a single span of 60 feet (18 m) and a roadway width of 15.7 feet (4.8 m).

It was one of 60 new or rebuilt bridges in a bridge-building program started in 1903 by Cuming County. The Standard Bridge Company had an annual contract with Cuming, Wayne, Thurston, Stanton, Dodge and Burt counties and built hundreds of half-hip truss bridges during 1900-1920; this one is the oldest documented example.

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Juvenile Justice Legislative Changes and a Community Response

By Michele Lueders, Juvenile Intake & Detention Alternatives Specialist, Administrative Office of Probation

Every year there is legislation that is passed to outline new and different ways we should work with young people in Nebraska. Legislative Bill 894 was passed and signed by the governor in 2016. Part of this bill requires a different response for young children. This is a proactive measure since younger children struggle to comprehend the nature of their charges and the complexity of legal proceedings.



59% more likely to drop out of school than their peers who are not detained.* Being able to provide community-based interventions to young people and their families has shown to be more effective long term than detention. Across the state, there have been several meetings with multiple community stakeholders engaged to outline

other alternatives that can be utilized for families.

Some considerations for law enforcement and/or families who may inquire as to potential resources may include, but are not limited to the following:

Crisis Response Programs administered by the Behavioral Health Regions (phone numbers may vary by Region)

Nebraska Family Helpline (1-888-866-8660)

Boys Town National Hotline ® (1-800-448-3000)

Nebraska's Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline
(1-800-652-1999)

Beginning July 1, 2017, children age 10 and younger who engage in behavior that would otherwise qualify as a felony, misdemeanor, status offense or traffic offense will receive court jurisdiction solely through 43-247(3)(a) (prosecutorial discretion as to fault or no-fault of the parent). This means that supervision and services will be provided through the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

With this new legislation, probation officers no longer have the statutory authority to screen youth 10 and under for detention or an alternative to detention. Local probation staff will continue to partner with local law enforcement agencies to ensure community safety needs are met in addition to the needs of the young people and their families, but if a youth 10 and under is contacted by law enforcement, the local DHHS will be the primary contact.

Research shows that detention leads to worse outcomes for young people; therefore, Probation Officers utilize a Risk Assessment Tool (RAI) to guide their decision to determine if a young person should be detained. The RAI is used to assess for community safety concerns and the risk of the young person not showing up to their next court hearing.

The process of detention interrupts positive or tenuous connections in school, services and families. In the long term, detention has a negative impact on education and employment opportunities. Young people who are detained are 49% more likely to use alcohol, 42% more likely to use illicit drugs, and

Should anyone within your agency have questions or concerns about this new legislation, please reach out to your local Chief Probation Officer or contact Michele Lueders - michele.lueders@nebraska.gov

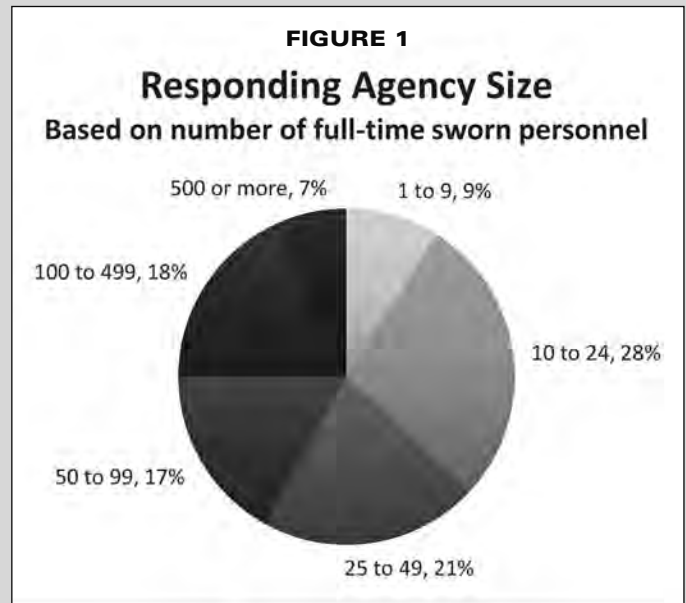
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Be sure to let us know when one of your own has died - active duty or retired. We will add their names to the website and the upcoming magazine. Post it on the NSA Facebook page or email to info@nesheriffsassoc.org www.nesheriffsassoc.org/news.php

It would be hard to find a sheriff's office that does not use social media in some way. It may be used to simply make public announcements and gather evidence, or they may try to improve public relations and recruit new officers. Most agencies have a Facebook page, and many also create or access information from other platforms such as Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, Instagram, Pinterest, Periscope, or Snapchat. Since most citizens use at least one form of social media, law enforcement agencies need to be present in order to connect with them.

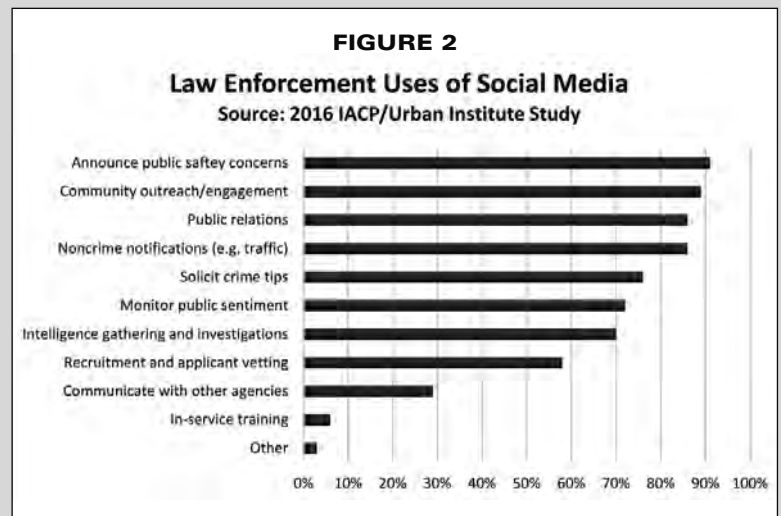
Law enforcement is increasingly using social media. In 2016, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and the Urban Institute surveyed 539 agencies from 48 states - including Nebraska - and the District of Columbia. While 25% of responding departments had 100 or more sworn personnel, over half had fewer than 50 (see figure 1 right). Sheriff's offices accounted for 27 of the participating agencies.



Uses of Social Media

The survey asked, "What does your agency use social media for?" The responses are shown in figure 2 right. Over 75% of agencies said they used social media to notify the public of safety concerns; to engage the community; to improve public relations; to solicit crime tips; and/or to notify the public of noncrime issues like traffic, road conditions, and emergency information. Many also used it for monitoring public sentiment, intelligence gathering for investigations, and recruitment and applicant vetting. Fewer than 30% of departments used social media to communicate with other government agencies or for in-service training.

Most responding agencies of all sizes reported contacting social media companies like Facebook and Twitter to seek evidence for an investigation. Eighty percent of agencies said they have a written social media policy, and another eleven percent are in the process of developing one.



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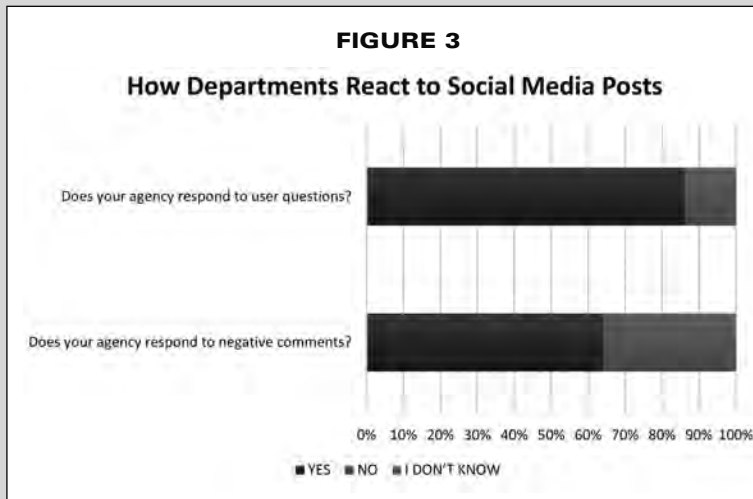


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Managing Social Media

A variety of sworn officers and civilian staff manage social media communications at different departments. Trends depend on agency size. While efforts at most agencies are handled by a public information officer (25% of all respondents and 62% of departments with over 100 officers), that is not the case for departments with fewer than 25 sworn personnel. In these small agencies, control of social media is more likely to be handled by the chief executive (32%) or other command staff (18%).

The majority (86%) of departments not only post information via social media, but they also respond to user questions (see figure 3). Fewer, only 64% of agencies, said they respond to negative comments posted on their accounts.

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10 Types of Social Media Platforms

Social Networking

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Interstate Commission for Juveniles (ICJ): Returning Out-of-State Runaways

By Abbie Christian, ICJ Deputy Compact Administrator for the Office of Probation Administration

The Interstate Commission for Juveniles (ICJ) is statutorily effective in Nebraska (reference Neb. Rev. Stat. § 43-1011). The Interstate Compact was developed to preserve child welfare and promote public safety by regulating the transfer of juvenile supervision between states and ensuring the safe return of out-of-state runaways.

The Interstate Compact is governed by rules supported by the Interstate Commission for Juveniles. The rules are federal law, and there is a legal obligation to follow and enforce the rules as written.

Interstate Compact rules also supersede all state laws that conflict with them. Therefore, it is essential the rules are shared with all stakeholders that come into contact with the Compact. This article will serve the purpose of discussing the different processes regarding law enforcement involvement with out-of-state runaways.

ICJ Definition - Runaway

Persons within the juvenile jurisdictional age limit established by the home state who have voluntarily left their residence without permission of their legal guardian or custodial agency.

Out-of-state runaways may include non-delinquent runaways, accused delinquents, absconders and escapees.

Nebraska - Holding State

When law enforcement contacts an out-of-state runaway, they should immediately call the local probation intake number for assistance. The probation officer will conduct a formal detention screening. Per ICJ rules, probation/parole absconders, escapees, or accused delinquents who have an active warrant shall be detained in a secure facility (defined under ICJ as secure or staff secure facility) until returned by the home/demanding state.

In the absence of an active warrant, the probation officer will determine the most appropriate placement for the youth, taking into consideration the safety of the youth and the community. After placement is determined by the probation officer, law enforcement will transport the youth to the authorized placement (reference Neb. Rev. Stat. § 43-290.01).

In the event a non-delinquent runaway from another state is contacted, the probation officer can authorize the youth to be released to his legal guardian or custodial agency within

24 hours as long as there are no new law violations and the youth is not alleging abuse/neglect.

If an out-of-state runaway is held beyond 24 hours, the Nebraska Interstate Compact Office will then work with the home/demanding state to affect the safe return of the youth. The home/demanding state will develop the return plan. If air travel is elected as

the means for return, law enforcement may be requested to assist with transporting the youth to the local airport.

Nebraska - Home State

The Nebraska Interstate Compact Office is contacted when an out-of-state runaway from Nebraska is located in another state. If the youth is a non-delinquent runaway, the Compact Office and probation staff will work with the family to develop a safe return plan for the youth.

However, if the Nebraska youth is defined as an accused delinquent, absconder or escapee, the Compact Office and probation staff will work with the local court of jurisdiction to develop the return plan. Law enforcement may then be requested to help affect the safe return of the Nebraska youth by going to another state to retrieve the youth. All costs associated with returning an absconder or escapee are the responsibility of the county as detailed in state statute (reference Neb. Rev. Stat. § 43-1005).

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

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<http://dawsoncone.com/history-of-dawson-county2.html>



Mothers Against Drunk Driving Honors Heroes at Annual Award Ceremony

By Sara Draper, MADD Program Specialist

May 23, 2017 (Lincoln, NE) – MADD Nebraska honored local heroes during their annual Hero Awards Event at Wilderness Ridge. The award winners were selected by committee for their strong dedication to keeping Nebraska safe from the dangers of impaired driving and underage drinking. Either through direct law enforcement, prosecution, probation or education and awareness. These honorees are among the best of our state and have been honored for their outstanding work during 2016.



Pictured: Deputy Casey Dahlke, Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, was honored for "Outstanding Adult DUI Enforcement." - Photo courtesy MADD. View more photos at: <https://goo.gl/photos/96KrP2EYcSx8RaFy8>

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- Trooper Brandon Buhlke - Nebraska State Patrol
- Trooper Mike Thorson - Nebraska State Patrol
- Trooper Raymond Johnson - Nebraska State Patrol
- Deputy Casey Dahlke - Lancaster County Sheriff's Office
- Officer Kenny Morrow - Lincoln Police Department
- Trooper Justin Buhlke - Nebraska State Patrol
- Officer Brandon Ormesher - Valentine Police Department
- Officer Jeremy Zipay - Omaha Police Department
- Officer Kareem McDougall - UNK Police Department
- Trooper John Lukesh - Nebraska State Patrol

Drug Recognition Expert

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- Officer Sara Genoways - Lincoln Police Department

Volunteer of the Year

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- LPD 3rd shift - Lincoln Police Department
- Ralston Police Department
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Each year in the U.S., more than 10,000 people are killed and another 345,000 are injured in drunk driving crashes. In Nebraska, 81 people were killed in 2016 in alcohol related crashes. The men and women working throughout our state in the criminal justice arena are paving the way to a safer state and a future with No More Victims.

For questions or more information regarding the event please contact the MADD Nebraska State Office
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More information is also available on the MADD website at www.madd.org/ne

Samuel D. Richards – Frontier Serial Killer

Excerpts from “Well I’ll be Hanged” by Tim Dempsey, 30-year Nebraska Law Enforcement Veteran

In today’s world, criminal psychologists would likely say that S. D. Richards was a “dyed in the wool” sociopath, but in 1879, he was simply known as a “bloodthirsty wretch.” The Omaha Herald in their April 26, 1879 edition also called him, “the Strangest Human Being of this Age.” He was convicted of only one murder but admitted to as many as 9, including the bludgeoning deaths of a woman and her 3 young children.

The end of the story of 25 year old Samuel D. Richards began with his hanging at Minden, Nebraska, on April 26, 1879. It was one of the first legal executions in the recently created State of Nebraska. Otaway Barker was executed in Omaha on February 14, 1868, but his crime was committed in Omaha on November 23, 1866, when it was still the Nebraska Territory. Richard’s execution was attended by estimates of 1,500 to 2,500 people from all of the surrounding area. The event ended up being a mob scene, and was only quelled when Richards was dispatched through the trap door of the gallows into perpetuity.

The tale of Samuel D. Richards, also known as Stephen D. Richards, began in Wheeling, West Virginia on March 18, 1856, the day he was born. His family was poor, and the major influence in his life was his mother, who did her best to raise him as a strict Methodist. The family eventually tried to sink their roots in Mount Pleasant, Ohio, but just about as they were established, Richards’ mother died when Richards was 15 years old. Family life was almost nonexistent after his mother’s death, and he began living an aimless life of working as a farmhand and moving from place to place. The longest job held by Richards was at the State Insane Asylum in Mount Pleasant, where he was an attendant in one of the more violent wards. He would later say that he became acquainted with violence and dead bodies when he worked that job.

In February of 1876, Richards eventually made his way west to the Mississippi River, and spent some time in Burlington, Iowa. He worked as a farmhand, but spent most free evenings at a house of ill repute, where he began associating with a group of older outlaws. They convinced him that life was better out west and that it would be much easier to pass the counterfeit money they helped him to acquire. A few months later, Richards struck out for the west with a good deal of counterfeit money and what he would later refer to as “his shootin’ irons.”

After traveling across the Missouri River into Nebraska, he traveled first to Hastings, and eventually ended up at what was known at the time as Kearney Junction, in the middle of Nebraska. Richards traveled around what was considered the Kearney area for about two weeks, and met a stranger on the road headed to the town of Kearney. The men, both on horseback decided to camp. They sat around the campfire and decided to play some poker. Richards got lucky and won most of the stranger’s money. At first, the man accused Richards of cheating him but let the matter drop. In the morning, as the pair resumed their travel, the stranger abruptly stopped his

horse and demanded a refund. Richards pulled out his pistol and shot the disgruntled gambler in his left eye, killing him instantly. He took the man’s body, dumped it in the Platte River, and proceeded into Kearney, where he sold the stranger’s horse.

Richards thought it might be a good idea to let things cool off for a while, so he traveled to Phelps County. After a few days, he thought the threat had passed and headed back towards Kearney. On the way, he stopped to talk to a man who was on foot. The man asked if Richards knew the whereabouts of the disgruntled gambler. Richards was surprised to learn that the man’s name was John, and that the pedestrian and John were business partners. He made the dreadful mistake of telling Richards he had seen the two together days before when they were headed for Kearney. The men started for Kearney, and as soon as Richards jockeyed into a position behind the stranger, he shot him in the back of the head. Stranger number two was killed instantly, his body left for the buzzards.

Richards stopped at North Platte, Ogallala, and Sidney, ending up in Cheyenne, Wyoming. He spent several weeks there, doing not much of anything except gambling, and eventually met two companions who were about to leave for Kansas City. He decided to join them.

In Kansas City, Richards worked as a farmhand on a place just outside of the city for several weeks, and eventually headed back east to Iowa, near Cedar Rapids. He still had a lot of counterfeit money and decided to buy a new buggy and some horses from a young man who was traveling through the area. He paid for the buggy and team using the bogus cash, but made the mistake of staying around socializing for a few days. The man discovered that Richards’ money was not real, and threatened to have him arrested if he didn’t make good on the purchase. Unfortunately for the young man, the confrontation took place on the outskirts of Cedar Rapids and away from witnesses. Richards simply shot him and covered his body with brush, sold the buggy and team and headed for Nebraska, ending up in Lincoln in January of 1878, then back to Kearney.

One friend, an unsavory character named Jasper Harelson, lived with his wife and three children in Kearney County. Another friend was a man named Underwood, who was purportedly involved in the Big Springs train robbery. Richards found these Nebraska acquaintances in the Buffalo County jail and provided them with some tools to escape.

Richards wasn’t a part of the train robbery, but did find things a little too warm after helping them escape. He spent the next few months there cooling off. In March of 1878, Richards left Grand Island headed back to Kearney in the company of a man known to him only as Gemge.

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We've Found Some Crazy Uses for Drones

While commercial use of delivering goods via drones is still illegal, that hasn't stopped criminals from using them to deliver contraband to their buddies in prison. Several incidents have cropped up in the last year. In Canada, a drone was spotted by guards dropping a mysterious package somewhere in the prison yard, but neither the drone nor the package were found. In Dublin, a drone carrying drugs crashed into

an overhead wire installed after a 1973 prison break. Similar successful and unsuccessful deliveries have been reported by prisons around the world.

A New York private eye told the *New York Post* that drones are essentially being used in the one way everyone thought they would: to spy on people. While this use of the unmanned aircraft sounds just about right, there are many surprising ways that drones have become incorporated into everyday life. Here are some examples:

1. Dronies

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3. Laundry Service

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4. Burritos

A company called Burrito Bomber has outlined plans to become the world's first airborne Mexican food delivery service.

5. Modern Love

FlowerDeliveryExpress.com tried to use a drone flower delivery service for Valentine's Day. The love-hating FAA shut the operation down.

6. Proposing

A man delivered his now-wife a diamond ring via drone. "It's like a little alien," she said as the drone descended. How romantic.

7. Carbo-Loading

The Chinese government shut down a bakery's operation to have drones deliver baked goods.

8. Drug Dealing

A San Francisco startup called QuiQui (pronounce "quiekie") plans to start delivering prescription drugs in under 15-seconds. Sorry — no medical marijuana.

Taken in part from: <http://time.com/2981749/8-of-the-weirdest-ways-people-are-using-drones/>

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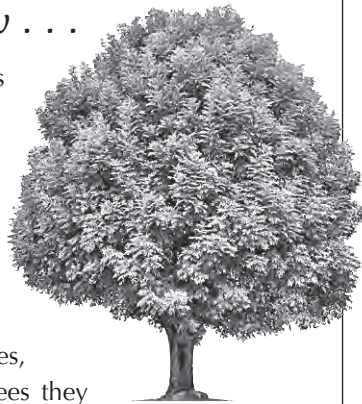
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Representative from Sheriffs' offices across the state, as well as other Nebraska law enforcement agencies, gathered in Grand Island to honor their deceased brothers and sisters. See more photos at nesherriffsassoc.org

Law Enforcement Officers Remembered and Honored

By Austin Koeller, The Grand Island Independent - May 19, 2017

Law enforcement officers from across Nebraska came to Grand Island on Friday morning to remember fallen officers during the 2017 Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony at Fire Station 1.

The ceremony honored one officer killed in the line of duty and two others who died of causes outside the line of duty.

Detective Gregory K. Hamill, a detective with the Omaha Police Department, was honored for his service, and his name will be added to the Nebraska Law Enforcement Memorial wall, which is located along State Fair Boulevard, not far from Fire Station 1.

Omaha Police Chief Todd Schmaderer presented the line of duty addition to the wall at the ceremony and shared a little about Hamill's death.

According to Schmaderer and information in the ceremony program, Hamill died on Feb. 19, 2014, as a result of complications from the H1N1 influenza virus. Schmaderer said Hamill contracted the virus while searching a house as part of a narcotics operation. Upon contracting H1N1, he became ill and his health began to decline, leading to his death 20 days later.

The ceremony also honored Gregory Urbanek of the Kearney Police Department and Stanley Herrick of the Cuming County Sheriff's Office as part of the in memoriam portion.

"When they go on the wall, it's a line-of-duty death," said Jarret Daugherty, an investigator with the Grand Island Police Department and chairman of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Memorial Committee. "The memorial pavers are officers who are actively serving, but they died of causes outside of their duty."

During the ceremony, two families of fallen officers spoke about their experiences.

Denise Wagner was recognized but had her granddaughter, Hallie Sexson, speak on behalf of the family. Wagner's

husband, Mark, was a Nebraska State Patrol officer who died in the line of duty on March 4, 1999.

While she was never able to meet her grandfather because she was born in 2002, Sexson said, she has gotten to know him through stories told by her family members. She was thankful for the Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony honoring her grandfather.

"To me, these memorials are a place to witness the amount of people that honor those they have lost," she said. "These memorials will always be special for my siblings, cousins and aunts."

Barbara Dodge also spoke at the ceremony. Her husband, Craig, was a Lancaster County sheriff's deputy who died in the line of duty on March 14, 1987.

Dodge encouraged those in attendance to take the time to look at the Law Enforcement Memorial and look at the names. She encouraged families to tell the stories of their loved ones to keep their legacy alive.

Nebraska Attorney General Doug Peterson served as the ceremony's keynote speaker but spoke only briefly. He encouraged those in attendance to remember fallen law enforcement officers and the sacrifices officers (and their families) make every day.

"It also involves courage," he said. "Every day, an officer has courage to put on a uniform. To me, it is an honor and a privilege to work with law enforcement. I appreciate their courage."

Peterson said the main thing he would like to say to law enforcement officers and their families is "thank you."

"There aren't a lot of thank-yous out there," he said. "Day in and day out, they're the ones protecting our streets and our communities."

http://www.theindependent.com/news/local/law-enforcement-officers-remembered-and-honored-at-ceremony-tuesday/article_5e41154a-3d03-11e7-97e4-b3d703477927.htm



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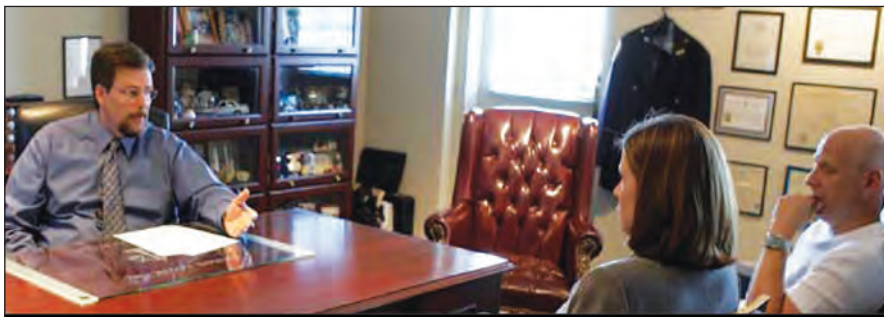


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Sheriff Buzzes Pink Hair for Breast Cancer Research, Awareness

By Leeanna Ellis -
Washington County
Pilot-Tribune & Enterprise

Sheriff Mike Robinson reacts as his daughter, Ashley Robinson, shaves his head between sets of the Arlington-Fort Calhoun volleyball game in Arlington. The sheriff agreed to shave his head in support of a breast cancer awareness fundraiser by the Washington County Sheriff's Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 36



Washington County Sheriff Mike Robinson was ready for a close shave.

Well, maybe.

"I'm a little nervous because I've never been completely bald," Robinson said as he waited Tuesday during the Arlington-Fort Calhoun volleyball game in Arlington. "It will be a new experience."

Robinson, who was sporting a black stocking cap, agreed to shave his head in support of a fundraiser by the Washington County Sheriff's Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge 36.

The FOP sold raffle tickets for "Shave the Sheriff" to raise funds for breast cancer research and awareness. The event raised \$1,500, which will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

This year's event was in memory of longtime Arlington High School secretary Kim Dobson, who died in July after her second bout with breast cancer; and Carolyn Wais, a Washington County dispatcher who died in 2013.

Robinson has known family members, friends and co-workers who have battled breast cancer.

"All the people I know and the struggle they went through, but then again how brave they were during their fight," he said. "It's just a terrible disease and whatever we can do to help find a cure."

Robinson was happy with the community's response to the fundraiser.

"Everybody knows somebody who suffered from this," he said. "You start seeing the ones who did not make it and the impact they had on people — like Carolyn, like Kim — it always brings people out."

As the moment for his haircut drew near, some of Robinson's deputies started razzing him.

"Twenty dollars if you shave an eyebrow," Sgt. Jacob Hoffman said.

"Leave the eyebrows," Robinson said. "I've got to have some hair."

But Robinson also had a surprise for the crowd.

As the sheriff entered the gym, he removed his stocking cap to reveal bright pink hair.

"That's my handy work," Robinson's daughter, Ashley Robinson, said.

"I just thought I'd have a good time with it," he said. "We're going to have fun and hopefully people got a little laugh out of it."

Ashley did the honors — buzzing her father's hair close before shaving the rest of it.

Ashley said she was proud of her father for showing his support of those who have battled breast cancer.

"I think it's really great and it's honorable," she said. "It's really nice to see him offer to do that and then to see the whole department come together to raise the money and sell the tickets. They got the whole community involved and I think that's pretty cool."

Oct 26, 2016

http://www.enterprisepub.com/news/arlington/sheriff-buzzes-pink-hair-for-breast-cancer-research-awareness/article_eb0bd8ea-9b99-11e6-b3f7-4f9a903293f4.html

See page 54 for more on Washington County Sheriff Mike Robinson

We're Losing Sleep Over ... Sleep



By Roy M. Wallack for the L.A. Times

Blame it on job stress or the circadian-rhythm-wrecking blue light of cellphones and tablets, but studies show that nearly half of Americans don't sleep well and that significant percentages of us suffer from chronic insomnia and sleep apnea, and that causes us to turn to prescription sleep aids. This lack of overnight recovery creates stress, ruins productivity and batters your health.

The good news: Technology is creating lots of non-drug solutions to help you nod off, including smart beds, sleep-inducing scent dispensers and smart pajamas.

1. Smart pajamas - Five-time Super Bowl winner Tom Brady isn't just a great quarterback, he's also the inspiration behind these smart pajamas. According to Kevin Haley, UnderArmour president of innovation, Brady called him up one day and told him about an injury that healed up super fast after he rubbed a bioceramic gel on it. Haley got to thinking: "Why not cover your whole body with bioceramics by embedding it in clothing?" Two years later, Brady goes to sleep at night in UA's new Athlete Recovery Sleepwear made of bioceramic imprinted-fabric that purportedly cools off the body's infrared heat emissions to promote longer, sounder sleep. Shirts, shorts and pants, starting at about \$80. UnderArmour.com



2. Smart breathing - Using a respiration sensor on a chest strap and an app, 2Breathe matches your breathing with tonal music that gradually slows down — bringing your breathing with it as it subconsciously mimics the beat. This "guided breathing" prolongs exhalation, lowers anxiety and ultimately puts you to sleep quicker. It shuts off 10 minutes after your slowed breathing rate indicates you've gone to dreamland. \$180. 2Breathe.com

3. Smart aromas - The French know odor, as these Gallic dispensers prove with sleep-inducing scents diffused into the air over your bed. AromaCare uses aroma capsules made of organic blends of lavender, peppermint, lemon, eucalyptus, sweet orange and rosemary oils. Proponents say capsules can, among other things, promote sleep or a sense of calm, or serve as a fatigue fighter. Ten uses per capsule. \$89. Extra capsules \$10 each. Aroma-Care.com

Another newcomer to this category, the Sensorwake Oria, uses two complementary scents, each formulated at the Clinical Sleep Research Unit at England's Loughborough

University: First, a relaxer made of powdered rose, peach and pear, with a hint of talc and musk; next, a fresh-laundry odor made of soap and sandalwood that takes you into deep, REM sleep. Capsules each last 60 days. \$149. Sensorwake.com/oria

4. Smart music - Similar to Sleep Genius, one of the most popular sleep-music apps, ReNu from NuCalm uses relaxing binaural beats and neuro-acoustic sounds, developed by neuropathic physician Dr. Blake Holloway, to calm you down and put you into the theta brainwave state, where you lose track of time. Bluetooth headphones and an eye mask are included. \$89. findyourcalm.com

5. Smart pillow - This pillow is laced with sensors that record body movements, sleep patterns and ambient noise, the Advansa 1 X21 connected pillow factors in the quality of the previous nights' sleep and offers personalized sleeping tips through a smartphone app. It also has a smart alarm function based on sleep cycles. cityzensciences.com

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The IACP/Urban Institute Survey also asked what kind of training topics would be most valuable in helping agencies successfully implement their social media strategy. The top responses are listed below:

- Engaging the community
- Improving the use of social media
- Protecting agency from liability issues
- Identifying tools for conducting criminal investigations
- Protecting officers in a digital environment
- Promoting data security

In his December 2016 message on the role of social media, IACP President Donald W. De Lucca wrote, "While social media might no longer be considered 'new,' the quickly changing landscape of technology and constant evolution of these tools still consistently present emerging challenges and opportunities" (PoliceChiefMagazine.org).

Investigation Tools

These days, criminals who feel the need to talk up their exploits may post those boasts and plans to social media without prompting from investigators. When people include written details of crimes, photos of stolen property, or videos of illegal activity, they help provide documentation for their own arrest. Sometimes they share it where anyone can find it. "Anything posted publicly is fair game for anyone – including law enforcement – to read. Police should make the most of this opportunity to prevent and investigate criminal activity." (P1 Leaders Staff, PoliceOne.com)

Some agencies use social media surveillance tools to search content to monitor what is being discussed online. In addition to researching past crimes, they can follow planned acts by tracking hashtags. Law enforcement agencies use software like MediaSonar, XISocial Discovery, and Geofeedia to search for potential threats (PoliceOne.com). Advance knowledge of a large-scale activity or crime may help officers to prevent dangerous situations. However, groups like the ACLU are critical that such software programs are frequently used without the knowledge of community members. They fear activists and racial groups will be targeted unfairly unless there is "transparency, accountability, and oversight" (Ozer, ACLU.org).

Social Media During Critical Incidents

Beyond routine investigations, social media can play a pivotal role during critical incidents like a mass shooting. At 3:58 a.m. on the morning of June 12, 2016, the Orlando Police Department sent this message via Twitter, "Shooting at Pulse Nightclub on South Orange. Multiple injuries. Stay away from the area." After the attack that killed 49 people, a series of other posts were issued to inform the public and the media of updates as the situation unfolded.

Unlike a news conference, social media alerts can be sent out quickly to help contain large-scale incidents and to prevent erroneous information from circulating (De Lucca,



The Police Chief Magazine). No matter what event your jurisdiction is home to, social media can assist you in getting important information out to many people in a short amount of time.

Concerns for Misuse of Social Media

Of course, every tool can be misused. It would be detrimental to reveal too much about an investigation too soon. Likewise, posting details about a sting operation or photos of undercover officers could be deadly. Rules about what information can be released about victims and juvenile offenders cannot be ignored in a rush to tweet out an update.

On and off-duty use of social media can cause problems for officers and their departments. Some posts on social media have earned their creators a reprimand, suspension, termination, or even criminal prosecution.

These are some of the types of social media communications that have been deemed inappropriate by departmental policy, state law, or public sentiment:

- Posting racist, sexist, homophobic or religiously insensitive comments
- Sharing hateful or offensive memes
- Creating disturbing images/photos
- Initiating inappropriate sexual relationships online
- Threatening to run over or shoot people

Specific allegations against officers have been filed for these acts: writing threats to the safety of a child under her photo on her mother's Facebook page, meeting a juvenile on Tagged and then raping and robbing her, posting a photo to Facebook of a man defecating on himself after falling out of his wheelchair, taking a photo with Snapchat of a gun pointed at the image of an African American child, and uploading child porn onto Pinterest.

Even if a statement or image is legal and allowed under a department's policy, there could be other repercussions. Defense attorneys have presented biased and threatening statements made by LEOs on social media in court to try to discredit their testimony.

However, not everything that officers say or post can be controlled. A least one department's social media policy was declared unconstitutional for going too far in trying to limit the officers' first amendment rights to free speech.

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Conclusion

Social media allows us to send messages quickly--whether it is across our county or around the world. It provides valuable tools for law enforcement officers to communicate day-to-day as well as during a major event. Whether informing the public of an escaped convict, seeking public assistance to investigate a bank robbery, searching for missing persons, or planning a training session, your agency will want to keep pace with the rapidly changing dynamics of social media — to capitalize on its opportunities and to avoid its pitfalls.

Assistance on policy development, strategic planning, and creating social media pages is available at this website: www.IACPsocialmedia.org

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Samuel R. King passed away on July 3, 2017 at the age of 83 in Fullerton, Nebraska. He served as the Nance County Sheriff from 1974 through 2000.

Sam King was born June 26, 1934, to Ray and Hilma (Olson) King on the farm in Genoa. He grew up in Genoa and graduated from Genoa High School in 1952. On March 22, 1953, he married Dorothy Mae Whited and they soon moved to Brownsville, Texas, where Sam served in the U.S. Coast Guard for four years. They returned to Nebraska and lived in Fremont for three years. In 1960, they moved to the farm in Fullerton.

Sam was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, National Rifle Association and the American Legion. He was also a member of Nebraska Sheriff's Association. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, hunting and trapping. In his later years, he took pleasure in the life of the farm.

He is survived by one daughter, Jennifer King-Ihle of Omaha; three sons, Don (Janet) King of Fullerton, Ken (Yvette) King of Fremont, and Bob (Kim) King of Lincoln; nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and brother-in-law, Richard Whited of Fullerton.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Dorothy King; his parents; and younger sister, Patricia Owens.

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'Weird Nebraska' Discussed at Nebraska City Library

By Julie Mancini, Nebraska City News-Press

UFOs, OOPAs and other weird stuff were the order of the day Thursday morning (July 20, 2017) at the Morton-James Public Library.

Ray Boeche of Lincoln presented "Weird Nebraska" to the library's tween summer readers (and a few tweens at heart) in the Kimmel Gallery.

Boeche, a Nebraska City native, told the audience he has been "looking into weird stuff for about 50 years."

He showed photos and news clippings about unusual occurrences around the state, including unidentified flying objects (UFOs), out of place animals (OOPAs), a blob, Bigfoot sightings, and larger birds that have also been described as pterodactyls. Many were reported right here in Otoe County.

Boeche said while about 90 percent of the UFO sightings in Nebraska can be explained or later identified, between 5 to 10 percent can't be explained.

"They're fascinating to study," he said.

UFOs can be divided into two main groups: soft objects, which are often lights in the sky, and hard objects, which are definable shapes, including saucers, cigars, cubes and pyramids.

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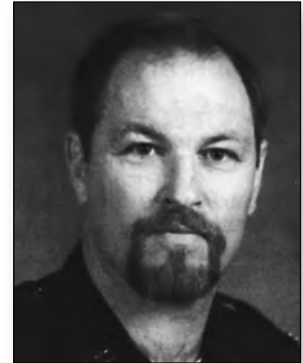
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'Weird Nebraska' . . . continued from previous page

Boeche showed the audience a copy of the first color photo of a UFO, which was taken in Tulsa, Okla., in October 1965. He then showed a 1965 photo of an unexplained light that hovered over the Missouri River near Nebraska City for several consecutive nights in 1965 and was reported by residents of Scenic Drive.

Boeche also talked about a 1984 event he investigated west of Nebraska City that involved a bright pink saucer-shaped object that was reported as a helicopter by one Otoe County sheriff's deputy, an airplane by a Johnson County sheriff's deputy and a biplane by a Douglas County deputy.

When authorities later checked with Offutt Air Force Base and local airports, Boeche said no planes were in the sky over this part of Nebraska at the time of the reports.

From UFOs, the discussion turned to airships, which began to be reported across the country around 1897, long before dirigibles were built, said Boeche.

He showed the audience a news clipping that reported an experience Peru farmer James Southard had touring such a craft in 1897. Southard met the craft's crew, said Boeche, and had all his questions answered.

The crew told Southard they were headed to Havana to bomb the Spanish navy before the craft took off, he said.

The discussion next turned to OOPAs, which included reports of a kangaroo seen from Grand Island to Fairbury in 1958.

Boeche said that authorities checked with zoos in the area, as well as with circuses that traveled through that part of the state, but no kangaroos were reported missing.

Another OOPA case is that of the Ceresco Lion, which was reported in 1951 and 1957. Again, Boeche said authorities could find no instances of a lion escaping from a zoo or circus.

There were also reports of a black panther, some of which were reported in Dunbar, Falls City and Burr in 1965.

Boeche said that there are no records of melanistic (black) cougars, so the black panthers are also unexplained.

Boeche touched briefly on the subject of blobs. A Nebraska City couple reported encountering a blob on a dirt road north of town in 1970. It was described as being about 8 to 10 feet across and about 2 feet high.

"The man got out of the car to take a look," said Boeche, "and when it turned toward him, they got out of there."

Boeche then spoke about Bigfoot and showed a map of Nebraska with about 60 dots on it that marked reported sightings, three of which were in Otoe County.

Boeche considers the "whole question of Bigfoot a fascinating one." He told the audience that both the Omaha and Lakota speak of the "Hairy Man," as do the Salish of Montana.

Boeche wrote a book about the Salish Hairy Man stories and was told by a member of the tribe, "When you see the Hairy Man, you die. We don't go looking for him."

Bigfoot-like creatures have been reported in Ravenna in 1959, and in Lincoln in 1980.

Before opening the floor to questions, Boeche told the audience about the giant bird reports received from Minersville over the years.

He said his grandfather, who was born in the 1890s, told him that Minersville was a place to avoid because of the number of reports of strange occurrences there.

<http://www.ncnewspress.com/news/20170720/weird-nebraska-discussed-at-library>

Dubai Police Recruit UAE's First 'Robocop'

Press Release - May 2017. The country's first Robocop, versions of which will eventually be used to chase down suspects and nab parking fee dodgers, joined Dubai Police.

The robot will patrol the city's malls and tourist attractions.

After interacting with visitors at the Gulf Information and Security Expo and Conference, Robocop's first job posting will be malls and tourist attractions where people can tap a touchscreen on his chest to report a crime, pay traffic fines or chat in Arabic or English.

"This is the official launch of our first Robocop," said Brig Khalid Al Razooqi, Dubai Police director general of smart services.

"Now most people visit police stations or customer service, but with this tool we can reach the public 24/7, and it won't ask for any sick leave or maternity leave."



The robot's built-in cameras will stream video to the police command centre.

"It has a smart intelligent system so it can protect people from crime, because it can broadcast what is happening right away to our command and control centre," said Brig Al Razooqi. "We are also working on facial-recognition systems."

Languages such as Russian, Chinese, French and Spanish will be added to Robocop's vocabulary.

There are also more than 6,000 cameras installed across the emirate. "We are watching all kinds of activity in the city," Brig Al Razooqi said. "We protect the sensitive areas."

The next batch of robots will be used to tackle crime and misdemeanors. There are plans over the next two years for the world's largest robot, which can run at 80kph (49.70970mph).

The 3-metre (9.84252-foot) tall robot will carry heavy equipment and will be maneuvered by a police officer seated in a cabin inside.

An egg-shaped robot will be used in parking areas to issue warnings about traffic violations, and self-driving motorcycles could also be sent out.

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attraction on day one of the conference. People crowded around, asking questions and taking selfies.

"I was really surprised when it looked into my eyes and said, 'Hi, Mohamed'," said Mohamed Elnakib, a manager with a telecommunications company.

"It was creepy, but it is also the future. Then I realized it had read my name tag. This will be a fantastic addition because everything is moving towards doing more with fewer people."

The aim is for about 25 per cent of the force to be robotic by 2030, to enable police to focus on crime prevention.

"We are not going to fire our police officers by replacing them with this tool but with the number of people in Dubai increasing, we want to relocate police officers so they work in the right areas and can concentrate on providing a safe city," Brig Al Razooqi said.

Police data from the robot will also be shared with the Dubai Roads and Transport Authority to predict traffic bottlenecks.

There were also plans for driverless patrol cars that could issue alerts and tickets for dangerous driving, pending laws regulating the use of driverless vehicles.

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The two men traveled until nightfall and camped for the night, but Richards awoke during the early morning hours and decided to ride on to Kearney. When Gemge was awakened, he was angry at being disturbed and had a verbal confrontation with Richards, calling him a liar. Richards told Gemge that the next man that called him a liar would die. Gemge then put his hand on his "six shooter," but didn't realize the seriousness of his bluff. Richards pulled his pistol and shot and killed Gemge. Richards then gathered up his belongings and rode off, taking Gemge's horse with him.

Eventually Richards ran afoul of the law, and he and another man were arrested for murder and sent to the Buffalo County jail. Ironically, it was one of the murders in the area that Richards didn't commit, and he was able to establish an alibi and was subsequently released. During his stay, however, he rekindled his friendship with Mrs. Harelson, who also happened to be in jail at the time. She was suspected as being complicit in her husband's escape. It was in jail that Mrs. Harelson made the terrible mistake of inviting Richards to visit her at her farm when she was released.

Sometime during the first part of June, 1878, Richards went to the Harelson place. At first he helped with the chores, but soon got bored and asked for more. Mrs. Harelson agreed to sell Richards a quarter section of their land and provide a deed for him, but there would be a delay. It would be another six months before she could "prove up" the homestead and take title. Richards agreed to the deal, and decided to do some additional traveling until the land was available. Sometime during the first part of July of 1878, he ended up in Hastings and became familiar enough there to later say it was his "headquarters." He stayed there until the first part of October, when he went back to the Harelson farm. He planned on living there and working until he was able to close the land transaction. He lasted about a month. By the first of November, 1878, Richards had made up his mind to kill Mrs. Harelson and her three children.

Richards waited until all of his potential victims were asleep in their two room sod house. He went outside and dug a large trench to be used as a common grave, and quietly walked back into the house and over to the bed where Mrs. Harelson was soundly sleeping with her two girls. Using what was described as a large flat piece of iron, he struck Mrs. Harelson in the head with the sharp edge of the weapon. Richards quickly repeated the bashing, first of Daisy and then Mabel, who both were still sleeping, and mercifully unaware of the horror surrounding them. The slaughter awoke the toddler, Jesse, and he began crying. Richards made quick work of him by grabbing him by the ankle and, using a whip like motion, bashed his head against the floor.

Richards then carried the woman's body to the previously excavated grave. It was located behind a large haystack and described as "20 rods north of the house." Next, he carried the children's bodies, and placed them next to their mother. After

all four bodies where in the grave, Richards covered them with dirt and hay.

For several days, Richards continued to live on the property as though nothing had happened. The motive for the killings were at first speculative. News reports said it was greed that drove Richards to do it, noting that he wanted all of the Harelson property for himself. In what seems like the most candid confession, Richards said he killed Mrs. Harelson because she "talked too much," asked too many questions. He decided to kill her to keep her quiet, and had to kill the children too.

About six miles east of the Harelson farm, a 26 year old immigrant from Sweden named Peter Anderson had established a small homestead. Anderson was a bachelor and spent most of his time building up his farm. Around December 1, 1878, Richards decided to pay Anderson a visit, and Anderson agreed to hire Richards to cook as well as tend to the other farm tasks. Richards gladly accepted the position, including the extra duty as a cook. On the 9th of December, Richards went out into the farm yard out of the sight of Anderson and dug another grave. After he finished, Richards went into Anderson's house, and told him that he was in for a special surprise. Richards said he was going to prepare an extraordinary supper for him. Shortly after finishing his meal, Anderson began feeling ill. He went to the home of a neighbor. Anderson's tongue was swollen and he had definite symptoms of having been poisoned. Anderson was sure that Richards had poisoned him, and mentioned that the two men had not been getting along. Another neighbor (A. G. Anderson - no relation) provided Anderson with an antidote. The neighbors then urged Anderson to stay away from his farm, noting that it may be dangerous to go back.

Peter Anderson, unfortunately, did not heed their advice and returned to his farmstead. He immediately confronted Richards and accused him of the poisoning. Richards decided that his newly acquired subtle approach to murder was not working for him. He picked up a hammer and smashed Anderson's skull. For some unknown reason, he also decided to abandon the idea of planting Anderson's body in the new grave he recently prepared. Instead, he dragged Anderson's body down into the cellar, dug a shallow grave, and covered him in coal.

Richards decided it was probably a good idea to move on, so he went out to the barn and began hitching up Anderson's team.

The neighbor (A. G. Anderson - no relation) showed up to check on his friend and found Richards hooking up Peter Anderson's team. The neighbor went inside to make sure that Peter was safe, and while he was headed for the house, Richards pulled the harness off of one of the horses and rode off. Soon, a group of neighbors were at the farm searching for Peter, and when they found the empty fresh grave, they intensified their search. They quickly found Peter Anderson in the cellar.

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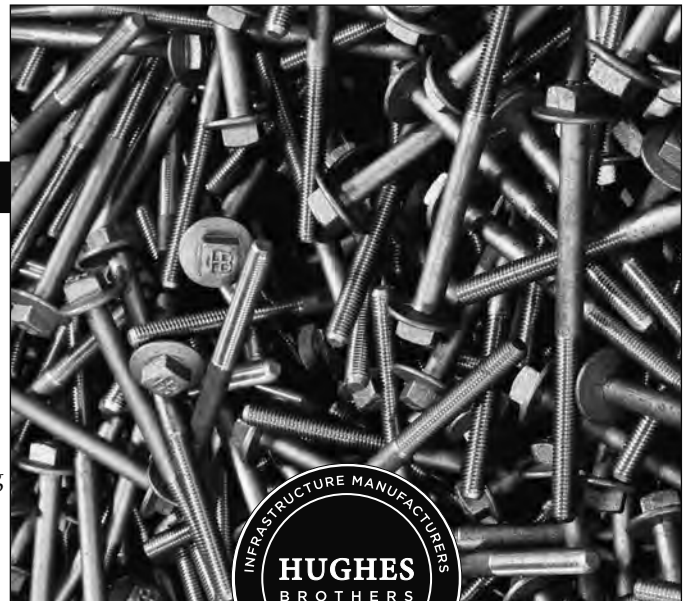
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As soon as the neighbors realized that Richards had killed Anderson and fled, the buzz turned to the absent Harelson family. The neighbors decided to travel to the farm, and became wary when they entered the home and found the family's clothes still there. With that discovery, they became suspicious and feared the worst. They began searching the farm, and found the horror under the haystack.

Sheriff Matthew Kieran was the Kearney County Sheriff at the time of the murders, and because the crimes occurred within his jurisdiction, he was the first lawman trying to find Richards. The town of Kearney, in Buffalo County, was the jurisdiction of Sheriff David Anderson. Anderson, sometimes called "Cap," was a civil war veteran and known as an aggressive, no nonsense sheriff. After getting the news of the crimes, he quickly became involved in the pursuit. Sheriff S. Lewis Martin from Hastings also played a significant role in the search for Richards. Richards' flight first took him to Red Cloud, and then to Hastings, his old "headquarters." In Hastings he was able to catch a train that would take him back to his home in Ohio.

Sheriff Anderson was first to find out that Richards had left Hastings by train, and sent a telegram to John H. Butler, Omaha's chief of police. Cap Anderson's wire notified Butler that Richards was headed east and was wanted for murdering five people in Kearney County. Butler and several of his policemen hurried to Omaha's Union Station and met the train from Hastings. Richards slipped the dragnet, however, because Butler intercepted the Union Pacific train and was not aware that the Burlington and Missouri River line also had an eastbound train from Hastings. Richards was on the other train. Governor Silas Garber then authorized a reward of \$200 for the capture of Richards, "Dead or Alive."



Sheriff David Anderson

"If I'd had my shootin' irons along I'd never been taken," is what he told a reporter from the Chicago Inter Ocean News. Richards was apprehended in Steubenville, Ohio on December 15, 1878. He was

recognized by a man who was a boyhood acquaintance. The man was working as a guard at the Ohio Penitentiary and happened to spot Richards. The guard was aware of Richards' crimes in Nebraska and knew he was a wanted man. He notified a constable and they both arrested Richards as he walked through a field. The penitentiary guard eventually claimed and got the reward.

After hearing that Richards had slipped Chief Butler's trap in Omaha, Sheriff Anderson headed for Chicago. He was soon followed by Sheriff Martin. Shortly after the two lawmen began their search for the escapee, they were notified that

Richards had been apprehended in Steubenville.

On December 28, 1878, the two Sheriffs had taken care of the appropriate extradition paperwork and were quickly on the Burlington train back to Omaha with Richards in tow. When they arrived at Omaha, they switched trains to the Union Pacific, and headed towards Kearney and the Buffalo County jail. A crowd of 200 gathered at the station in Kearney in anticipation of Richard's return, but Sheriff Anderson got word and sent a message for deputies to meet the train a few miles east of Kearney. When the two Sheriffs stepped off of the train empty handed, the disappointed crowd was told that they left Richards in the Hall County jail in Grand Island, fearing that Richards would be lynched. The plan worked, and Richards would live to stand trial.

On Wednesday, January 15, 1879, Samuel D Richards, (also known as Stephen) went on trial for the murder of Peter Anderson at Minden. Since Sheriff Matthew Kieran had no jail in Kearney County, Richards was housed at the Buffalo County jail. He was transported approximately 20 miles to the courthouse at Minden for the proceedings.

The prosecutor in the case was District Attorney Thomas D. Scofield, and Samuel L. Savidge of Kearney was appointed by the court to defend Richards. Judge William Gaslin presided over the trial. Mr. Scofield began the trial by first reading the indictment. Richards pled not guilty. The State called only three witnesses before Judge Gaslin said the State had clearly established their case and refused Scofield's request to allow more witnesses. Mr. Savidge then put Richards on the stand. He testified that he had killed Anderson in self-defense only after he was attacked. He also denied poisoning Anderson.

The closing arguments were very brief as was Judge Gaslin's charge to foreman Samuel Beebe and the rest of the jury. Gaslin told the jury they could convict for first degree murder, second degree murder, or acquit Richards.

The jury was out approximately an hour. They voted several times, but were stalemated at six for first degree and six for second degree. When they reported back to the Judge, he became angry and told the Sheriff to take the jury back to deliberate again, and not to come back without a unanimous decision.

They were out for over another hour, and finally returned a verdict of guilty in the first degree. As soon as the jury was excused, Judge Gaslin asked Richards if he had anything to say before the Court passed sentence upon him. Richards replied that he had nothing to say, and Gaslin quickly pronounced the death sentence.

Because the Statute mandated the sheriff of the county in which the capital crime was committed was in charge of implementing all phases of the process, Sheriff Kieran went to work and made sure that all of the preparations were in place.

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Brown County Sheriff Bruce Papstein

Just like looking for "Waldo," it might have been difficult to find the real Brown County Sheriff Bruce Papstein in the last issue. We used an incorrect photo and apologize for any confusion this may have caused. We also sincerely apologize to Sheriff Papstein and want him to know that we really like his smile!

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The law also provided that the hanging was to be in the “immediate vicinity” of the jail in the county in which the crime was committed, and an enclosure was to be erected around the gallows to shield the event from the public.

The Sheriff had the enclosure built and also made arrangements for extra deputies to guard against an intrusion by the public. He even went to the trouble of having special admittance passes printed. In addition, he spent \$80.00 on the

gallows, \$10.00 on a coffin for Richards, and paid \$2.00 each to Anthony Stokes and George Van Ski to dig a grave.

On the morning of the 25 of April, 1879, Sheriff Kieran, in the company of Kearney District Court Clerk L. A. Hunt and Lancaster County Sheriff J. S. Hoagland, arrived at the penitentiary in Lincoln to pick up Richards. Richards was placed in irons and turned over to the Sheriff, but not before the State’s physician gave Richards 3 tablespoons of brandy to calm his nerves. Sheriff Kieran and Mr. Hunt escorted the shackled Richards to a waiting carriage at the steps to the prison. They were followed by Sheriff Hoagland and Warden Dawson. The entire entourage boarded the carriage and set out for the train depot. The station was crowded with curious onlookers trying to get a glimpse of Richards. The group had to push their way through the crowd in order to board the train, but in the end they were all treated to a look, and also got a bonus in the form of a speech from Richards. He only said a few words, and ended with, “I bid you all goodbye.”

Sheriff Kieran and Mr. Hunt took Richards directly to the Kearney County Sheriff’s office at the courthouse in Minden, where he was placed under guard by four additional deputy sheriffs and the Minden constable. Richards was awake all night and snacked on “peaches and crackers.” He was kept busy signing his autographs and talking to reporters. At 4:00 A.M., Dr. Vandenberg checked his wellbeing and noted that his pulse was normal. At 8:00, he re-checked Richards and found him still not having anxiety problems. He noted his heart rate had actually slowed.

At 12:44 P.M., the crowd grew still as a horse drawn carriage slowly made its way to the gallows. The crowd went from a quiet drone to a complete hush as Richards climbed the steps to the scaffold.

Richards was given an opportunity to address the crowd, and simply said that he had made his peace with God and said farewell to several people and the crowd in general. Richards then said, “I die for the crimes they say I have committed. Jesus be with me now.” At 1:07, Sheriff Kieran placed the noose around Richards’ neck and adjusted it. Next he placed

the black cap over Richards’ head, and the Sheriff, without hesitation, stepped back and kicked the support holding the trap secure, allowing Richards to fall.

“The scaffold creaked and a look of horror passed over the crowd with many turning their heads.” The sound was described as a “dull but very loud thud.” Richards fell at least 5 feet, and his body contorted several times as though “he was trying to breathe.”

At 1:51, Richards was pronounced dead. Richards’ body was cut down and placed in a coffin to be taken to the Minden Cemetery for burial. Drs. Vandenberg and Dalrymple had previously asked that they be allowed to conduct an autopsy, but were denied. Scientists of the period were convinced that criminals like Richards had an underlying physiological problem that caused their behavior, and Drs. Vandenberg and Dalrymple wanted to have a look.

Within two days, the body of Samuel D. Richards had been unearthed, despite the efforts of the Sheriff to protect the gravesite. The stories of what exactly happened to the remains are varied. It seems to be a fact that an autopsy was performed, which left little doubt who was responsible for the grave robbery. People reported seeing some of Richards’ body parts spread over the town. The conjecture was that they had been discarded, and the town’s feral dogs took them from a refuse pile as a prize. Other reports were that Dr. Dalrymple “whitened the bones” and displayed the skeleton at his office. Richards’ skull, however, purportedly ended up on display in the front window of the *Kearney County Gazette*. The citizens of Kearney County were satisfied that Richards would never kill again.

Tim Dempsey, a native of Omaha and retired 30 year law enforcement officer, died suddenly on December 16, 2016 at the age of 73. In 2004, the Police Officers’ Association of Nebraska inducted Tim as a member of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Hall of Fame. Tim was a regular contributor to this magazine, sharing excerpts from his books for several years.

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Wayne County was organized by a proclamation of Governor David Butler in the autumn of 1870. As the County was settled, precincts were formed and boundaries defined. Precincts were named for officials, early settlers and neighborhood creeks. At the present time, there are 13 precincts in Wayne County.

The Town of Wayne and Wayne County were named for the Revolutionary War hero, Anthony Wayne. General Wayne was bold and daring in planning and carrying out his strategies. His reputation seemed to have inspired steadfast loyalty in his men and his friends.

Wayne State College

Wayne State College has also played an important role in the history of Wayne County. As early as 1871, plans were made for building a college. However, those plans were not carried out. In 1891, when classes began at Pile's Nebraska Normal

College, seven students enrolled. During the early days of the college, tuition was paid in eggs, milk and labor. In 1910, the State purchased the college, and the name was changed to Nebraska Normal School at Wayne. Tuition was free, books were rented for \$0.20 per semester, and dormitory rooms costs were \$0.50 a week.

Town Beginnings

Several towns in Wayne County's early history no longer exist. LaPorte had nearly 300 citizens at one time and was home to a temporary courthouse until the railroad chose a different route. Towns such as Taffe, Logan City, Apex, Melvin, Weber, and Spring Branch no longer exist other than in old history book and family stories.

<http://www.waynecountyne.org>

On the Lighter Side



An elderly lady gets pulled over for speeding.

Woman: Is there a problem, Officer?

Officer: Ma'am, you were speeding.

Woman: Oh, I see.

Officer: Can I see your license please?

Woman: I'd give it to you but I don't have one.

Officer: Don't have one?

Woman: Lost it, 4 years ago for drunk driving.

Officer: I see. Can I see your vehicle registration papers please.

Woman: I can't do that.

Officer: Why not?

Woman: I stole this car.

Officer: Stole it?

Woman: Yes, and I killed and hacked up the owner.

Officer: You what?

Woman: His body parts are in plastic bags in the trunk if you want to see.

The Officer looks at the woman and slowly backs away to his car and calls for back up. Within minutes 5 police cars circle the car. A senior officer slowly approaches the car, clasp his half drawn gun.

Officer 2: Ma'am, could you step out of your vehicle.

The woman steps out of her vehicle.

Woman: Is there a problem sir?

Officer 2: One of my officers told me that you have stolen this car and murdered the owner.

Woman: Murdered the owner?

Officer 2: Yes, could you please open the trunk of your car, please.

The woman opens the trunk, revealing nothing but an empty trunk.

Officer 2: Is this your car, ma'am?

Woman: Yes, here are the registration papers.

The officer is quite stunned.

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Officer 2: One of my officers claims that you do not have a driver's license.

The woman digs into her handbag and pulls out a clutch purse and hands it to the officer. The officer examines the license. He looks quite puzzled.

Officer 2: Thank you ma'am. One of my officers told me you didn't have a license, that you stole this car, and that you murdered and hacked up the owner.

Woman: What?!! Bet he told you I was speeding, too.

Needless to say, elderly or not, she was in a lot of trouble.



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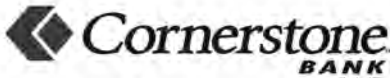
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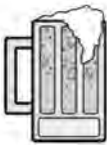
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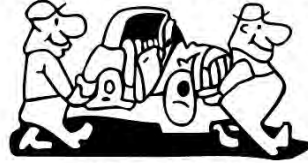


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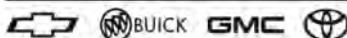
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