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Thompson for sheriff

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ELK RUN HEIGHTS --- I have been looking at the Black Hawk County sheriff's race very closely and I am amazed as I look back on the 1988 race. Mike Kubik was running for election and his Republican opponent was the jail administrator who later made jail captain, when Kubik was elected sheriff. Kubik was then a patrol sergeant in daily contact with the citizens in the cities and on the streets and roads. I can see a parallel to the upcoming contest for the Sheriff of Black Hawk County. One candidate serving at a desk doing administrative duties and the other Deputy Tony Thompson assigned to the patrol division in daily contact with citizens in the cities and towns and on the streets and roads.

Tony Thompson brings more to the office with his ability to reach and teach the youth by development and presentation of the DON'T program (Drugs Offer No Tomorrow) which replaced the outdated DARE program. Tony Thompson also teaches law enforcement lessons for local driver's education classes throughout the county. While there is some parallel to the 1988 race I see no parallel to what Tony Thompson will bring to the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office. He has the ability and desire to make a more progressive and proactive office for all citizens in our county. Please take the time to check him out and I'm sure he will get your vote on Nov. 4.