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Vote Thompson for sheriff

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HUDSON --- I am voting for Tony Thompson to be our next sheriff, and I want to tell you why. He has a plan.

He plans to re-initiate the inmate work crew to clean up our roadside ditches and county parks. I think this is important, both for the inmates to have something positive to focus on and for the county to put its best foot forward when marketing our worthiness for new industry, growth and expansion.

Tony wants to increase training and cross-training opportunities for deputies, especially in the jail. We need these officers to have a greater impact. We invested in them: let's get the most of that investment.

Drug enforcement. Tony recognizes the damage and dangers presented by illegal drugs in our county. He wants more training for drug specific enforcement, as well as more officer focus and emphasis on narcotics enforcement. We all recognize the importance of this plan.

Finally, Tony is an investment in the future of the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office. He has presented a clear, understandable and reasonable plan for improvement of our already good sheriff's office. Let's make it a much better place. Please join me in voting Tony Thompson for sheriff of Black Hawk County on Nov. 4.