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## **Thompson seems exceptional**

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WASHBURN --- I have done my homework and in this year's election climate, I think it is important to do so. In the local race for sheriff, I have visited the Web site for each sheriff candidate, and I find that Tony Thompson has remarkable credentials.

The deputies trusted him to be the president of their association for the last eight years of Tony's 15 years in the sheriff's office. He has experience of working nearly every division of the sheriff's office. He is in charge of the SWAT Team, and he has worked on the state level with the Iowa State Sheriffs and Deputies Association.

He knows our jail, he knows our patrol staff, and he knows our budget. He has strong values and a strong plan with a time table for implementing his proposed changes. I like his thoughts on restarting the inmate worker program and on getting younger officers more experience and having more officers on the streets.

What more can we ask of a public official but to serve us on every possible level of government? I was very impressed with his ideas, his energy and his vitality. He just fits the mold of what I am looking for in a sheriff.

I want to wish Mike Kubik a very happy retirement and thank him for a good job and his many years of service. I'm convinced that Tony Thompson is the next best pick for the sheriff of Black Hawk County, bar none.