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Tony Thompson for sheriff

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LA PORTE CITY --- I think that it is important to get the law enforcement community more involved in our schools. I want police officers and sheriffs deputies to be seen as our friends and advocates, not just people there to act when we do something wrong. It is this reason that I have really gotten active in our sheriff's race in Black Hawk County. Tony Thompson has been involved in our community in so many facets that it would take much more space than I have available in this short note. But, suffice it to say, that Tony has demonstrated many times over his focus and commitment to getting involved and being a resource to our communities.

His plans to improve connectivity and encouraging citizen involvement in the sheriff's office meets my expectations and I think makes great strides at getting our officers more connected and improving on what most people consider the "traditional" role of law enforcement officers. Join me in voting for Tony Thompson for sheriff of Black Hawk County. He has the plan to improve our sheriff's office and make a real impact with our communities.