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Tony Thompson for sheriff

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CEDAR FALLS --- I've read dozens of letters to the editor about the sheriff's race, most of them in favor of Tony Thompson. Writers have done a good job of detailing Deputy Thompson's many experiences, from the military, to work in schools, to his teaching of leadership. I think I can address one area others cannot.

I attended Winterset High School with Tony. In our high school, like most, one could see a little of everything, both good and bad. I can tell you that he is now what he was then --- a rock solid guy, respected by all. Tony was not a guy who necessarily went with the high school crowd or just fell in line with what seemed like the thing to do. He was a free thinker and his own person. He was a guy who was comfortable with everyone --- the jocks, the straight A students, and those on the fringes who were just about to fall through the cracks and drop out. He was a stand-up guy and everybody knew it. Still is.

That's why I believe he will be the next Black Hawk County sheriff.