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Thompson for sheriff

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WATERLOO --- The county sheriffs race this year is a good one. We get to choose between two long- time employees of the sheriff's office for Mike Kubik's successor. I'm voting for Tony Thompson. I've seen some letters from people who say that Tony's opponent is better qualified because of his experience as jail administrator. That's important work, but it doesn't seal the deal in my mind. The sheriff's office is a large department with well over 100 employees that has many responsibilities. Tony has worked in most of the divisions of the office, but more importantly, he is a very sharp and analytical person with outstanding people skills. That's the kind of sheriff we want to be in charge of the whole show.

Tony is smart enough to help draft laws, write successful grant proposals, teach classes, and prepare and present the sheriff's annual budget, but he is also very personable and an effective communicator, which is why he is the department's Public Information Officer and Community Services Coordinator.

Tony is also a hard-hitting crime fighter, being the leader of the SWAT Team and leading the efforts to raise funds to lock all anhydrous ammonia tanks in the county to prevent theft by meth producers. He also worked on the Governor's task force that successfully lowered the drunk driving limit from .10 to .08. Tony's broad experience, combined with his open-minded approach to issues, make him far and away the best candidate for sheriff.