

Thursday, August 28, 2008 12:01 PM CDT

Support for Tony Thompson

Cecil and Janet Taylor

EVANSDALE --- I have had the pleasure to get to know Tony Thompson, who is running for Black Hawk County sheriff. He provided me with a cellular telephone through his Senior Safe Cell Phone initiative. I am aware that over 6,000 Black Hawk County citizens have gotten free cellular phones through his program, and I am honored to be one of them. I feel safer and better connected because of his efforts.

If this were the only way I've gotten to know Tony Thompson, that would be enough, but I also know of his teaching and public education as well. I have heard him speak on two different programs. One was on methamphetamine (what an insightful and educational program) and once on burglary prevention and home security.

Tony Thompson epitomizes exactly the kind of public servant that I want running the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office. He is very much in touch with the public and the needs of our community. He recognizes deficiencies in service and he implements programs, procedures and personal efforts to address them. Tony, I am very pleased to know you and very encouraged by your willingness to step up and run for sheriff of Black Hawk County. Please know that there are thousands in total support of your efforts, and I am one of your biggest supporters. Please help me vote Tony Thompson as the next Black Hawk County sheriff.

Saturday, September 6, 2008 6:07 AM CDT

Thompson for sheriff

GLADYS PETERS

WASHBURN --- I'm happy to say that I had the great pleasure to meet Candidate Tony Thompson and to hear him speak. I was very impressed with him and his plans as the next sheriff of Black Hawk County. Tony Thompson is so involved in our county with so many projects and has the respect in all that he is involved with. He gives it his all and helps with so many projects. I really like his involvement with the drug program, as this is a big problem here in Black Hawk County. I feel that Tony Thompson's ideas as the next Black Hawk County sheriff is just perfect. Change never hurts and he will be there working alongside his staff.

I understand that Tony Thompson is also teaching law enforcement lessons for the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy, for the Iowa State Sheriff's and Deputies Association's State Jailing School, and in the U.S. Army, teaching leadership to the commanders of soldiers "going to war" in Officer Candidate School. It seems to me that Tony Thompson has the educational background and the ability to be our next Black Hawk County sheriff. Vote Tony Thompson for sheriff of Black Hawk County. You will never be sorry as he is the perfect candidate.

Saturday, September 6, 2008 6:07 AM CDT

Thompson for sheriff

SHIRLEY HILL

HUDSON --- I hope you will join me in supporting Tony Thompson for Black Hawk County sheriff. He has the combination of skills and smarts that makes a good sheriff. As a 14-year employee of the sheriff's office, Tony knows the people and the duties there.

Because of his outstanding abilities, he has been assigned many tasks that couldn't be handled by just anyone. That's why in addition to being the team leader of the SWAT Team, being trained to handle computer crimes investigation, and working in nearly all of the divisions of the sheriff's office, Tony was also the got-to guy for developing the inmate orientation procedure and video, working with the state to write jail standards for the Iowa Administrative Code, writing and delivering a more effective anti-drug curriculum for schools, writing grant applications for over \$15 million in equipment and programs for the sheriff's office, and teaching various classes to police cadets, driver's education students, and jail personnel.

As evidenced by Tony's position as the Public Information Officer/Community Services Coordinator for the county sheriff, Tony is an effective communicator. He knows the importance of keeping the public aware of the serious work of his office. Anyone who has talked with him knows that Tony is a straightforward speaker who listens to you and takes you seriously. This is an important attribute for all elected officials, and it's another area where Tony shines. Vote Tony Thompson for Black Hawk County sheriff.

Saturday, September 13, 2008 12:33 PM CDT

Thompson for sheriff

RUTH JEYS

CEDAR FALLS --- Why I'm going to vote for Tony Thompson for Black Hawk County sheriff. I have heard Democrat candidate for Sheriff Tony Thompson speak. He is intelligent, articulate and focused in his campaign and in his approach to serving the citizens of Black Hawk County. I have also read his Web site and compared it to that of Mark John (I can't find a venue or calendar indicating where Mark Johnson was speaking). Dismissing years of service as a factor (which Mark Johnson undoubtedly wins), I can see no other pertinent reason to consider voting for this aged veteran. He just recently joined the Waterloo Exchange Club (following his candidacy announcement) and beyond service to the West High school athletics and the church (which I pray everyone serves their church), I see no compelling examples of service to our community's needs.

Tony Thompson has demonstrated 100 times the commitment to our community focus on community service and programs, projects and organizational involvement. It is as if Mark Johnson wants you to elect him "sight unseen" and hope that he will start stepping up to the plate after winning. I am going with the candidate who has continued to prove his involvement, dedication and commitment to our communities.

Sunday, September 14, 2008 6:23 AM CDT

Thompson for sheriff

ROGER H. JEYS

CEDAR FALLS --- Experience matters - says a candidate for Black Hawk County sheriff. I recently observed the NAACP debate between the two, and I would concur that experience matters. Unfortunately for the lad whose campaign slogan this message has become, I don't think he is the one with experience. Tony Thompson has truly impressed me with his knowledge, his forthright answers to some difficult questions, and his obvious passion for the job. He mentioned his service, but did not beat his chest. He talked about intentions but made sure to ask questions and seek input from the audience as he developed them. He demonstrated poise and confidence, a trait that was lacking during the opponent's rebuttal (an issue made clear in the Courier's coverage of this event) regarding jail management. I see Tony Thompson as the total package, and after having served on the local level, the state level and the national level to secure the freedom and safety of the citizens of Black Hawk County, it seems to be a perfect fit to have Tony Thompson as our next sheriff. Please join me in ensuring that he with the most experience is elected in November. That person would be Tony Thompson, Black Hawk County sheriff.

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Thompson for sheriff

DEAN WISHMEYER

CEDAR FALLS --- I continue to watch as Democrat candidate for sheriff Tony Thompson racks up support from several well-known citizens of Black Hawk County. Former Deere workers, union presidents, public servants and current and previous sheriffs office employees are all indicating their support for this young man. As I educate myself, I see letter upon letter to the editor supporting his efforts and outlining his experience and dedication to this county. I am truly impressed with him, but this is not what motivated me to write this letter.

I have now heard disparaging remarks regarding Tony and his years of service. I recognize the Republican tactic, and am ashamed by it. I recognize that when it is clear that you are defending a lost cause, the last resort in the Republican play book is to demean your opponent in a last ditch effort to gain ground. Shame, shame. Let's keep it about what you can bring (or have already brought), and not about your personal opinions about the other candidate. I recognize that in doing so, there is far less in the Republican arsenal, but perhaps this should have been addressed prior to deciding to run for public office. Please join me at the polls in November and vote in the right one --- Tony Thompson for Black Hawk County Sheriff.