

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.