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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.