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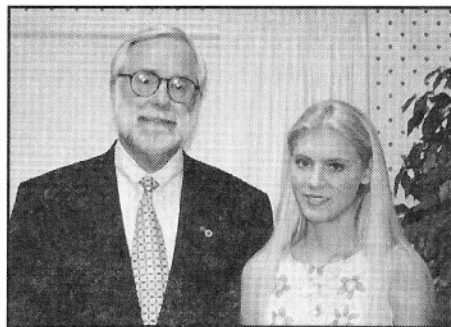
Kern County District Attorney Ed Jagels will be the featured speaker at the Sheriff's Foundation Awards Luncheon on June 26. The event is to be held at Buck Owen's Crystal Palace 2800 Pierce Road, Bakersfield, CA. The Price per person is \$15.00. Reservations may be made by calling Kim Little at 391-7659.



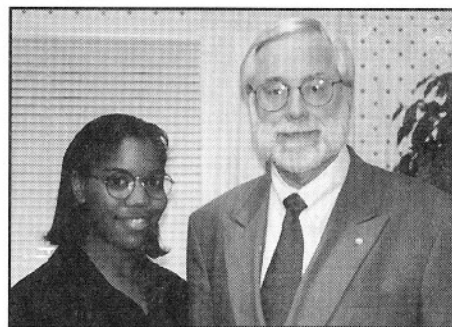
**1997 SCHOLARSHIPS
ANNOUNCED**

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Pictured are Leia Marie Klinchuch, winner of a \$4000 four year Foundation scholarship, and Scholarship Chairman, Harvey L. Hall. Leia is a graduating senior ay West High School.



LaTosha Traylor is a graduating senior at McFarland High School where she was the Associated Student Body President. She too is a \$4000 scholarship winner and is pictured with Harvey L. Hall.



FOUNDATION EXPANDS NEW NAME "KERN COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT FOUNDATION"

At the January meeting of the board, Foundation President Tom Sheets expressed his interest in restructuring the Sheriff's Foundation to serve all police agencies in Kern County. He expressed the feeling that it would be a worthwhile goal to accomplish during his next and final year as president.

His suggestion generated a lively discussion of the pros and cons and questions arose as to how the transition might be accomplished. Because the sheriff's office would be directly affected, a committee headed by President Sheets met with Sheriff Carl Sparks to learn his reaction to the proposed change. The sheriff felt that the change would be a positive move and gave his approval to the effort to work it out.

The committee addressed other concerns by meeting with Chief Brummer of the Bakersfield Police Department and they also attended a meeting of the Kern County Chiefs of Police Association. The plan was discussed at that meeting where it received positive support from the members of the Chiefs' association.

Sheriff Sparks, Chief Brummer and John Stirling, who is president of the Kern County Association of Police Chiefs, attended the February meeting of the Foundation's board of directors, at which, they were bombarded with questions as to how they viewed the proposed change.. Stirling is Chief of Police at Ridgecrest.

Chief Brummer said that he felt the change would create an opportunity for the Foundation to increase its membership base. He based his view on the fact that many businesses and citizens of the city would be more easily encouraged to participate if the police department were also involved. He and Chief Stirling both stressed that they appreciated the recognition that the Foundation has given to deserving officers and civilians. They also liked the scholarships that are awarded to students who plan to follow law enforcement careers.

Several board members expressed concern that several departments seeking funds for special projects in their various jurisdictions might become alienated if one project were chosen over another because of limited available funds. The two chiefs assured the board that that was not likely to happen. They re-emphasized their previous assurance that the public relations aspects of the awards and scholarships were the most attractive reasons for joining the foundation. Chief Brummer pointed out that if the expanded foundation attracted a larger membership, more money would be available and more projects could be funded. As long as the awarding of grants was done in a fair and equitable manner, they felt there should be no conflict.

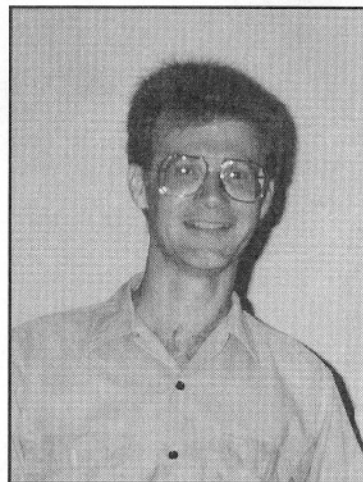
On March 12 the board decided to proceed with the formation of a foundation which would include all police agencies within Kern County. President Sheets appointed Ross McClintock, Brian Rehkopf and Bill Dolan to review the by-laws and make suggested changes that would fit the new foundation's structure. The proposed new by-laws were presented to the Chief's Association and were approved by them as acceptable to their association. The foundation's board approved them, at the May meeting, and the adoption of a new name, "The Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation". The proposition will be presented to the general membership at the June Awards Luncheon for approval.

CITIZEN MAKES HEROIC RESCUE

On August 30, 1996 Frank L. Longest of North Hills, California, traveling north on Highway 99 in his parents' motor home saw a southbound pickup truck suddenly burst through the Oleander hedge between the north and south lanes of traffic. The truck came to rest upside down on its top. It's three occupants were trapped in the vehicle. At the moment of the accident, Longest was two or three hundred yards from the scene and following three or four cars directly ahead of him. Mr. Longest stopped immediately and ran to render assistance to the trapped victims.

According to Captain Breedveld of the California Highway Patrol, "Mr. Longest assisted one occupant out of the vehicle and to safety, but two remained trapped. Ignoring great danger to himself due to gasoline spillage, he continued to attempt rescue even though other witnesses had retreated to safety. The gasoline vapors suddenly ignited, driving Mr. Longest back and resulting in severe burns to himself.

Longest's wife, Bobbie, said that they were just finishing up their annual vacation and Mr. Longest was returning the Motorhome to Bakersfield where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Longest, live. She was following him in their car in which they expected to return to North Hills. She witnessed her husband's efforts as he attempted to rescue the victims, and felt quite proud of him, she said,



Frank Longest

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although fearful of the danger he was in.

Mr. Longest received second and third degree burns to his arms and legs and after a checkup at Memorial Hospital, he was sent to the burn center at Thousand Oaks. There during a two week stay, he received several skin grafts which were successful, according to Mrs. Longest, because the new skin was taken from Mr. Longest's own body.

Mr. Longest is an accounting bookkeeper for the Living Word Publishing Co. which is a publishing affiliate of the Living Word Fellowship, a Christian Church.

RANDALL ROBERTSON

Around 4:30 a.m. January 7, 1997 Randall Robertson was fueling his truck at a service station in Wasco when a suspect deliberately struck down Deputy Jeff Dougherty seriously injuring him. Robertson said that he noticed an orange truck drive by westbound on Highway 46. Shortly thereafter the same orange truck pillars and around a building to strike his patrol car.

The truck continued around the pumps with a gun and told him to run. Robertson and the assailant in the orange truck drove aid of Dougherty who had received ma- the use of the radio in the patrol car to responded to his call for help and information that greatly assisted in the

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Kern County Sheriff Carl Sparks / Randall

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and the suspect threatened Robertson ran to take cover behind his own truck off hurriedly. Robertson then went to the jor injuries. Dougherty directed him in summon assistance. Deputy Bill Johnson Robertson was able to provide him with arrest of the suspect a short time later.

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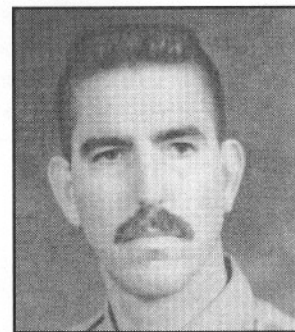
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DEPUTY JEFF DOUGHERTY

About 4:30 a.m. January 7, 1997 Deputy Jeff Dougherty was intentionally struck by a vehicle while he fueled his sheriff's car at a card lock fuel station in Wasco. Dougherty was severely injured by this deliberate assault. His injuries prevented him from using his handi talki to summon aid, but. Randall Robertson, who was also gassing up at the station when the incident occurred., came to Dougherty's assistance. Dougherty had sustained major damage to his leg and could not move his right arm. In spite of his injuries, he was able to instruct Robertson on the use of the prowl car's radio and what to say on it.

His injuries severely impaired his physical abilities, but he kept his composure and demonstrated great mental toughness and professionalism in getting the process underway through Robertson to apprehend the suspect.

Sergerant Marty Williamson of the Wasco Station made this comment: "It takes a special person to be in law enforcement, and it takes an additionally special person to endure an injury such as this and not only survive, but go forth and continue to progress in his rehabilitation. Jeff has always represented this department well and continues to do so today."



Deputy Sheriff
Jeff Dougherty

DEPUTY DOUG HALLMARK DEPUTY BRIAN WHEELER

Deputies Brian Wheeler and Doug Hallmark were nominated for an award by Sergeant K.N. Foster of the Frazier Park Sub-station because of their success in combating the drug trade in the mountain communities in the jurisdiction of the Frazier station.

Their efforts in narcotics investigations have led to information necessary to solve a number of other crimes in the community.

Sergeant Foster asserts, "Deputies Hallmark and Wheeler have clearly put forth an effort over and above that required by their positions. They have shown dedication and concern for improving the quality of life in our communities and protecting the lives and health of youths in the community by combating the use of illicit drugs. I believe their efforts warrant additional recognition and I nominate them for a foundation award."

MICHAEL D. BONSNES

Deputy Michael Bonsness was nominated by Sergeant Jerry W. Sullivan of the Rosamond Substation because of heroic actions and his exemplary conduct in the performance of his duties.

On June 29, 1996, according to Sergeant Sullivan, twelve deputies were sent to a mountainous area to serve a Los Angeles County warrant. The subject of the warrant had been given several opportunities to surrender himself, but had failed to do so.

Several deputies entered the compound under a preconceived plan and went to their assigned stations. Two of the deputies encountered the suspect standing next to a stolen motorcycle which had several weapons attached to it, two of them semi-automatic and high powered. The subject ran up a hill with the deputies in pursuit, and were joined by a third deputy and his police dog.

The suspect took refuge behind a boulder and opened fire on the three deputies, pinning them down so that they could neither safely advance, retreat, nor offer effective return fire. Deputy Bonsness took up a position about a hundred yards from the subject and several feet lower and shouted at the deputies to keep down. At this point the subject fired a round at Bonsness and struck a Joshua tree just a few inches from his head.

Then, states Sergeant Sullivan, "Deputy Bonsness, without considering his own safety, fired one shot from his rifle with the bullet striking the assailant in the side and mortally wounding him.. As a direct result of Deputy Bonsness' heroic actions, the lives of several officers were spared."

Sergeant Sullivan adds, "In all areas Deputy Michael Bonsness is an excellent officer who should be recognized for his professional and industrious labors."



Deputy Sheriff
Michael Bonsness

DEPUTY BILL JOHNSON

Sergeant Marty Williamson of the Wasco Station nominated Deputy Bill Johnson because of his performance under highly unusual, difficult and emotional circumstances.

On January 7, 1997 Deputy Johnson, while on patrol, heard the distress call broadcast by Randall Robertson, a civilian, by which he learned of Deputy Dougherty's injuries. The message was "car to car" so that Johnson was the only deputy who received the message.

Johnson hurried to the service station where the assault by auto against Dougherty had occurred. Johnson immediately put out requests for assistance and summoned medical aid. While tending to Dougherty, who was critically injured and bleeding, Johnson interviewed the witness, Robertson. When he learned that Dougherty had been intentionally assaulted, he broadcast the suspect vehicle's description and that of the suspect as well as direction of flight and other details which helped in the capture of the assailant.

Johnson covered Dougherty's wounds and stood by him until the ambulance picked him up, comforting and reassuring him during this time.

Sergeant Williamson commented, "Most of us in this field have been faced with highly emotional conflicts. However, when a person rolls up on a fallen comrade, it turns into an extremely stressful situation. I submit Deputy Johnson for recognition for acts that I feel demonstrate the highest degree of valor."

SENIOR OFFICER STEVE ASHBY, BAKERSFIELD POLICE

Senior Officer Steve Ashby has been recommended for an award by Bakersfield Police Sergeant Phil Clarke who is in command of the Special Projects Office. Clarke says that Ashby has been assigned to the Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving Unit for the past two years. His area of responsibility is the Old Town Kern area where he has been extremely successful in his community service efforts.

A year long investigation of prostitution activities came to a head in March of this year. Two hotels in the Baker Street area were involved, and the owners were arrested. The businesses were closed under the Red Light Abatement Act, a rarely used but highly effective weapon against illegal activities carried on in the buildings.

Clarke's letter of recommendation says that Ashby's proactive and innovative approach towards law enforcement and his genuine concern for the residents of his area of responsibility make him an asset to his department and to his community. He adds that Ashby has received numerous commendations from residents and business owners in the area praising his commitment and efforts to improve their quality of life.

CHP OFFICERS ALLEN B. SANDERS AND MATHEW MONTANA

Approximately 11:30 p.m. April 14, 1997 Deputy Sheriff Tom Morgan was severely injured by a close range 410 shotgun blast to his neck. California Highway Patrol Officers Allen B. Sanders and Mathew Montana, hearing the radio traffic regarding the incident, responded to the scene to give assistance. Upon arrival they encountered the wounded deputy and immediately began first aid. Both officers had been trained as emergency medical technicians and their efforts prevented the deputy's condition from deteriorating until the ambulance and paramedics arrived. Their efforts contributed materially to Deputy Morgan's chances for survival, and graphically demonstrated an excellent example of interdepartmental cooperation.

Officers Sanders and Montana were recommended by CHP Captain Rich Breedveld for an award based on their actions in this case.

SENIOR PATROL OFFICER DEREK BRANNAN ARVIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Senior Patrol Officer Derek Brannan has done an exceptional job in working with community leaders in Arvin and with school teachers and parents in a collaborative effort to address the problems of criminal gang activity. He has made himself an expert in gang activity and has developed skill in communicating with gang members. He has gained their respect as a police officer who will enforce the law in a fair and even handed manner. He has been very effective in combating and solving gang crimes occurring in the City of Arvin and making the city virtually graffiti free.

Bob Williams, Principal of Haven drive Middle School, says, "Officer Derek Brannan has been a great help in resolving problems that have occurred on our campus and in the community. He has great rapport with our students, and our staff respects his knowledge of gangs, graffiti and crime. For the past three years he has helped get the school year off to a good start by presenting three assemblies to all of the sixth, seventh and eighth graders. During these assemblies, he addresses searches, drugs, alcohol, gang attire, extortion, graffiti and vandalism. He has suggested changes in our dress code that keeps our students from wearing gang attire. I can only state positive results in my involvement with Officer Brannan."

According to Terry Freeman, Arvin Chief of Police, Brannan displays the type of professional law enforcement actions that speak highly of his character and devotion to duty. When assigned to investigate unsolved cases of criminal gang activity involving damages totaling thousands of dollars, his efforts resulted in the clearing of 23 cases and nine arrests.

DEPUTY DONALD THOMPSON

Christy Williford, a member of The sheriff's Civilian Service Unit at Rosamond, wrote recommending an award for Deputy Donald Thompson.

She wrote, "During his stay in Rosamond, Deputy Thompson has shown great compassion toward the citizens of the community and the victims of crime. Don had the unhappy duty of delivering a message to family members regarding the passing of their son. Deputy Thompson stayed with these people until other family arrived, a gesture greatly appreciated.

"Deputy Thompson also served as the coordinator for our CSU group. Don took charge, made decisions that needed to be made, attended all meetings and functions, showing his dedication and commitment to the program. Don treated the volunteers fairly and with respect. He showed a good sense of humor, and always had a smile for us. He has continually been available to the group, either as a coordinator or helping with training rides. He displays tact and diplomacy and a general enjoyment of what he does. Incoming CSU members always comment on how much they learned and what a good time they had while riding with Deputy Thompson."

UPDATE

SHERIFFS' TRAINING FACILITY

At its May meeting the foundation's board of directors approved the expenditure of up to \$4,100 to pay for the moving and set up of a mobile office building from a Berry Petroleum Company lease near Taft to the sheriff's proposed training facility on Norris Road.

Deputy Michael Whiting had made the request to move the building several months ago. The former owners of the lease had authorized the gift of the building to the sheriff's department. Before the cost of the move could be determined, the lease was sold to Berry Petroleum who graciously honored the gift.

Deputy Whiting envisions a state of the art training facility which will be located at the rear of the sheriff's department's buildings on Norris Road. He is involved in the dog training and handling features of the training program and has been assigned to spearhead the development of that aspect of the facility. The building will be used as an office and during training or demonstrations, narcotics will be hidden in various parts of the building to test the dogs' ability to find them.

NOMINATIONS FOR 1997-1998 OFFICERS

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MEMBERSHIP DOUBLES

Membership Chairman Brian Rehkoph reports that the goal of doubling the foundation's membership last year was met and surpassed. Membership is also off to a good start this year with as many members paid up as at this time in 1996, according to Brian.

He points out that since no other fund raisers are sponsored by the foundation, dues are the only source of the funds that are needed to finance the various projects that are requested and approved. Consequently, paid up members are extremely important.

Brian extends this invitation, "Please join us again for 1997! We need your physical support as well as your dues to make this organization a significant factor in the support of law enforcement in Kern County. Let me say a 'BIG THANKS' to each of you who has renewed your membership for this year. I look forward to seeing all of you at the awards luncheon on June 26."

HISTORIC NOTE:

Eddie Coffee, retired constable from the Taft-Maricopa Judicial District, began his career in law enforcement with the Kern County Sheriff's Office on March 21, 1941. He said that he was approached by Charlie Howell, the senior deputy in charge of the Taft Substation, who asked him, "How would you like to be a deputy sheriff?"

Coffee says that when he protested that he was probably too short, Howell replied that there were no restrictions. "It's strictly political," he said. "You can get three letters from some of Johnny Loustalot's friends here on the Westside. There's going to be an opening and I'm sure I can get you in."

Coffee continues, "On March 21, 1941 Don Furtney and I jumped in the Sheriff's car with Charley Howell and Phil Kirkpatrick and drove to Bakersfield. I met Johnny Loustalot (then sheriff) for the first time and in 15 minutes he had us sworn in as deputy sheriffs."

Coffee served three years with the sheriff's office and left the office when he ran for and won the constable's post in the Taft-Maricopa Judicial District where he served 34 years before retirement.

We report this incident because of the great contrast between the way things were done in those days and now.

1997 SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED

The Kern County Sheriff's Foundation Scholarship Committee (Harvey Hall, Chair, Diane Sandidge and Gene Tackett, members) has announced this year's Scholarship winners. Because of the quality of the applicants this year we have awarded two \$4,000.00 scholarships.

Leia Marie Klinchuch

Leia Marie Klinchuch is a graduating senior at West High School with a 3.378 grade point average. She is the daughter of Judy and Ron Klinchuch of Bakersfield and plans to attend California State University Bakersfield in the fall majoring in Public Administration with a minor in Criminal Justice. She has been a Girl Scout for 12 years and she is currently the Administrator Lieutenant for the Kern County Sheriff's Explorer Post #519. After graduating from college she would hope to join the Sheriff's Department and become a peace officer and after 2 years of experience enter the FBI. In her application she stated "I first became interested in the fifth grade when I was in the D.A.R.E. program. The officer opened my eyes to a career that encouraged my goals to help out society in the greatest way possible. I would like to eventually become an FBI agent so that I am not only helping out society but also the nation."

LaTosha Traylor

LaTosha Traylor is a graduating senior at McFarland High School and the daughter of Jimmie and Brenda Bradford of rural McFarland. She is the Associated Student Body President with a 4.00 grade point average and will attend the University of California at Santa Barbara this fall. She will major in Law and Society with emphasis on Criminal Justice. This is a quote from her application. "I have chosen to pursue a career as a Secret Service agent to serve society in the best way that I can. Honestly, I simply want to make a difference. Since I was a child I have lived by the motto, 'Serve and protect.' Whether it was protecting one of my friends on my old elementary school yard or serving my peers as a Peer Helper in high school, I have always been and am determined to make a difference."

These two young women will make the Kern County Sheriff's Foundation proud. You will have a chance to meet them at the awards luncheon.



SHERIFF'S FOUNDATION LUNCHEON

\$15.00 Per Person

12:00 Noon June 26, 1997

\$150.00 Per Table of eight on dance floor directly in front of stage upon which the Head Table will be located. There will be a very limited number of this special seating available.

With Special Guest Speaker

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