

Justin E. Mueller of Imperial was hired Jan 5 to fill a vacant road patrol position left open following the Oct. 25 resignation of Deputy Kristopher Larson.

Larson left law enforcement to take a job in the private sector with Mid America Agri Products/Wheatland LLC in Madrid.

Mueller, formerly of Ogallala, and an Ogallala High School graduate, enlisted and began training in the United States Air Force following high school graduation, but was discharged following an injury sustained during training.



Mueller began his law enforcement career in Chase County after being hired in March 2011 by the Chase County Sheriff's Office. Mueller attended the 181st Basic Training Session at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island and graduated Dec. 8, 2011.

Mueller has attended several specialized law enforcement courses since graduation from basic training.

He is no stranger to law enforcement, having been exposed to the profession his entire life. Mueller's father, Kevin Mueller, a 26-year law enforcement veteran, previously served as the Keith County Sheriff and is currently serving as the Chase County Sheriff.

Mueller's previous experience with the Chase County Sheriff's Office allowed him to complete an abbreviated field training program with the Perkins County Sheriff's Office before being released to begin patrol duties on his own.

"I am pleased that Justin decided to make a move from the Chase County Sheriff's Office to the Perkins County Sheriff's Office," said Sheriff Brueggeman.

"Justin has known since around the age of five he wanted to be a law enforcement officer and having grown up in a law enforcement oriented family is an advantage that will serve Justin well as he provides law enforcement services to our county," said Brueggeman.

Mueller is not married and currently resides in Grant. He is a member of the Defenders Motorcycle Law Enforcement Club and enjoys riding his motorcycle during his free time when weather permits.

### **Deputy Miller Promoted**

Deputy Jeffrey S. Miller, who began duties as a deputy sheriff with the Perkins County Sheriff's Office on Dec. 29, 2010 was promoted to the position of Chief Deputy Sheriff on Feb. 21 of this year.



Miller was promoted following the Feb. 20 resignation of Chief Deputy Kip Bradley who left law enforcement to take a job in the private sector with MidAmerica Agri Products/Wheatland LLC in Madrid.

In addition to his three years experience as deputy sheriff with the Perkins County Sheriff's Office and operational knowledge of the Perkins County Sheriff's Office Miller brings to the position his overwhelming desire to serve the community and office as a law enforcement officer.

Miller, who relocated from Mission Viejo, Calif. to Grant in 2010 with his family is a graduate of

Capistrano Valley High School in Mission Viejo and earned an associates degree from Fullerton College in Fullerton, Calif., as well as graduated from the Fullerton College Police Academy, with an administration of justice (law enforcement) certificate in the state of California.

Miller attended the 181st Basic Training Session at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island, graduating on Dec. 8, 2011 with Deputy Casey Griffin and Deputy Justin Mueller.

Miller has attended several specialized law enforcement training courses since graduation from basic training and will undergo state mandated training in supervision and management for his new position.

In addition to performing law enforcement duties, Miller will have additional responsibility in administrative aspects of the sheriffs office to include assisting Sheriff Brueggeman with daily and specialized operations in the law enforcement division.

“In the three years I have known Scott, I have watched Scott grow and develop as a law enforcement officer,” said Sheriff Brueggeman. “I have every confidence in Scott’s ability to be successful in the Chief Deputy Sheriff position and very much look forward to working with Scott in this new capacity.”

Miller runs a lawn care business during his days off and enjoys hunting and target shooting in his free time. Miller resides in Grant with his wife Stephanie and two daughters, Savannah and Seylah.

### **Deputy Einspahr Hired**

Duncan C. Einspahr of Omaha was hired April 29 to fill the deputy sheriff position left open following the Feb. 21 promotion of Deputy Jeffrey S. Miller to Chief Deputy Sheriff.

Einspahr was born and raised in Lincoln, but has a number of family ties to the Perkins and Chase County areas.



Einspahr’s father is from Imperial and his grandfather owned the pharmacy in Imperial for 30 years. Einspahr’s grandmother and grandmother’s parents were from Grant.

He attended Lincoln Public Schools and graduated from Lincoln East High School in 2002. Following high school graduation Einspahr joined the United States Marine Corps where he served as a machine gunner in the infantry with the 2nd Battalion 4th Marines Fox Company until 2006.

During his enlistment in the Marine Corps Einspahr was deployed three times, including a combat deployment to Ramadi, Iraq in 2004 where he was recognized for serving with distinction.

Einspahr returned to Lincoln in 2007 and attended college at the University of Nebraska where he earned a Bachelor’s Degree in criminology and criminal justice in December 2011.

Prior to coming to work for the Perkins County Sheriff’s Office Einspahr worked as housing unit casework for the Nebraska Department of Corrections at the Lincoln County Correctional Center where he ran a housing unit consisting of 64 maximum-security inmates.

Einspahr is currently participating in a 12-week field-training program at the Perkins County Sheriffs Office where he is learning how to perform the many roles and responsibilities of a Perkins County Deputy Sheriff.

Einspahr is slated to attend a 16-week basic training session for law enforcement officers at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island from Aug. 25 to Dec. 19.

“I am glad Duncan and his family accepted our offer to be a part of our law enforcement team,” said Sheriff Brueggeman. “I have every confidence in Duncan’s abilities to perform professionally the duties and responsibilities of deputy sheriff with the Perkins County Sheriffs Office.”

Einspahr’s wife, Elizabeth, is from Valley, and has worked as a skilled orthodontic assistant the past 12 years. The Einspahrs have two children, Connor, age five, and Addyson, age four.

When not working, Einspahr enjoys golfing, hunting, fishing, and spending time with his wife and children.

**Other PCSO Personnel**

Besides Sheriff James Brueggeman and the deputies previously mentioned, personnel include Deputy Casey Griffin; Karith Williams, communications supervisor; Tammy Terry, communications dispatcher; Melissa Dolezal, communications dispatcher; and Karon Harris, administrative assistant.