



DAKOTA COUNTY SHERIFF

The Front Row

"A front row seat to the greatest show on Earth..."

Dave Bellows, Sheriff
Tim Leslie, Chief Deputy

Volume 9, Week 38
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**Featuring Sheriff's
Sworn Operations
and Detention
Services Deputies:**

Commanders

John Grant
Dan Scheuermann

Captains

Brad Jeska
Joe Leko
Jim Rogers

Sergeants

Dan Bianconi
Jennifer Cho
Scott Durdall
Pat Enderlein
Jim Gabriel
Booker Hodges IV
Jim Iliff
Bruce Kammen
Chris Melton
Tim Samuelson
Rick Schroeder
Rob Shingledecker

**Special Duty
Deputies**

Brad Billmeyer
Terry Ecker
Mike Fendrick
Rob Hosking
Thomas Jacobson
Coreen Kulvich
Ryan Olson
Blake Pederson
Matt Regis
Matt Schepers
Dave Sjogren
Matt Wayne
Dawanna Witt

Deputy Sheriffs

Mark Albrecht
Scott Bensen
Ryan Brown
Rhonda Doheny
Sandy Dose
Brian Eells
Joshua Fahey
Ryan Fitzgerald
Tim Fletcher
Dan Forrey
Steve Forrey

Feed My Starving Children...

An annual event for staff at the Sheriff's Office is banding together for the purpose of packing meals for the group Feed My Starving Children. This year a large number of staff, family, and friends packed over 14,400 meals that will feed 39 kids for a year. We want to acknowledge this dedicated group for all their work on behalf of kids.



Correctional Corporal Damion Giles and his son,s **Kristopher** and **Nicholas** (not pictured), **Correctional Lieutenant Jodi Rolloff**, **Project Manager Lisa Blount** from Dakota County Information Technology, **Dayna Kerner** with the Dakota County RAP Program, **Correctional Sergeant Scott**

Fuchs (who coordinated the event), **Correctional Sergeant Ben Verby** with sons **Anthony** and **Nicholas**, **Correctional Deputy Thomas Schneider** and his wife, **Julie**, **Program Services Assistant Kathy Karnick** and her husband, **Rollie**, and **Explorer Jordan Moses**. Thanks to everyone.

Patrol Notes...

A commonly held belief is that texting is a problem with young drivers. We know that is not accurate, as was demonstrated again last week when **Deputies Ryan Gogins** and **Jeff Leopold** stopped a 64-year-old man from Hinckley, Minnesota, for texting while driving. Texting, talking on the phone, and finding the "right" song on the CD player are all forms of distracted driving. According to the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration, in 2012 distracted driving resulted in the deaths of 3,328 people on our roadways, along with over 420,000 individuals being injured. Any activity that takes the operator's attention away from their primary responsibility of driving the vehicle is considered distracted driving. Always pay attention when driving!

Deputy Ryan Brown stopped a 28-year-old man last week for obstructed view and learned shortly thereafter that he had 13 failures to appear violations; he was driving after suspension and did not have a Minnesota driver's license. What are the chances he would have been caught?

We Appreciate It...

On Friday, February 14th, **Sheriff Dave Bellows** presented a plaque to Keith and Susan Ogorek, a couple whose efforts to raise funding resulted in the purchase of a



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- Tom Hooper
- Dan Hoover
- Krystal Johnson
- John Kane
- Bruce Kleeberger
- Jeff Leopold
- Jen Lenarz
- Brent Lohmann
- Bruce Lohmann
- Matt Lohmann
- Kim Mays
- Mark McKnight
- Lester Mitchell
- Jon Napper
- Sean Qualy
- Jon Reiners
- Matt Schuster
- Dan Siebenaler
- Brian Smidt
- Phouthai vanh
- Sourignavong
- Gordy Steffel
- Steve Theriault
- Michael Vai
- Dmitriy Vecherkov
- Mike Vikesland
- Dan Vujovich
- Bryan Wagner
- Bob Wegner
- Tony Welin



(left to right)
Chief Deputy Tim Leslie, Sheriff Dave Bellows, Susan Ogorek, Keith Ogorek, Canine "Cade," and Deputy Brian Smidt (sporting his new protective vest)

protective vest for Deputy Smidt's canine partner, Cado. Their generosity, hard work, and dedication in this effort is sincerely appreciated.

Behind the Bars...

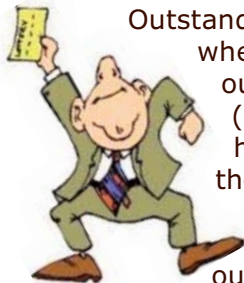
Over the past week the jail averaged 248 inmates in custody each day. This represents a slight decrease compared to last week.

Congratulations...

Go to Deputy Tim Fletcher for being selected Deputy of the Month in January. Tim made a number of DWI arrests, including one that was a felony, along with several warrant arrests. He was also testing a body camera for the DCSO. Nice work, Tim!

Thank You for Playing...

Years ago the State of Minnesota established a program called Revenue Recapture as a means of recovering outstanding debts owed by individuals for a variety of reasons. A person waiting for their tax refund, renter's credit, or lottery winnings are first responsible to pay off overdue child support or court fees first.



Outstanding jail fees are also subject to revenue recapture and that is where this story begins. Recently a former inmate with an outstanding jail debt from 2003 won \$1,000 in the lottery (congratulations). When he went to claim his winnings, he learned his jail debt would have to be satisfied first. Unfortunately (for the man) his outstanding debt was \$1,008, so he left the office no richer than he came, though his debt was reduced to \$8 (good for the taxpayer). For all of the former inmates that have outstanding debts owed to the jail, let us be the first to wish you the best of luck at the casino.



**Questions?
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