



DAKOTA COUNTY SHERIFF

The Front Row

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

Volume 9, Week 7
July 8, through
July 14, 2013

Dave Bellows, Sheriff Tim Leslie, Chief Deputy

Featuring Sheriff's Volunteer Units and Information Technology Support Staff:

Information Technology Support

Dan Anderson
Lisa Blount
Chance Munger

Special Deputies

Juan Balli
Anthony Pojman
Randal Smith

Reserve Deputies

Benjamin Brand
Jonathan Grimes
Mallory House
Bruce Kleeberger
Maria Mulvihill
Shawn Peters
Andrew Schoo

Special Deputies and Reserve Deputies

Sheriff's Office Liaison:

Sergeant Booker
Hodges

Mounted Patrol

Bonnie Brauning
Tim Burns
J. B. Dudley
Mike Dudley
Ron Hart
Ann LaBelle
Wendy Pressnall
Kourtney Rose
Cathy Snyder

Thanks for all your Service...

Deputy Mark McKnight announced his retirement from the DCSO after over 33 years of service. Mark began his career with the DCSO in 1982, after a short stint with the Maple Grove PD. During his tenure with the Sheriff's Office Mark worked as a bailiff and in the Transport Division, but most of his work was as a member of the Patrol Division. Mark is completing over 31 years of service to the DCSO and citizens of Dakota County, and his last day is scheduled for August 16th. We will let you know when his cake and coffee is scheduled. Mark, thank you for all your years of service to the DCSO.

A Day at the Beach...

Deputy Tim Fletcher was sitting in a van at Schulze Beach in Eagan working a plainclothes detail when a car with three individuals pulled in next to him. Deputy Fletcher watched as the driver held up a baggie of marijuana to show off to his passengers, as well as Deputy Fletcher. A short time later, Tim introduced himself to the three individuals. A further search of the car revealed 200 tablets of Ritalin, along with a scale, marijuana pipes, and a grinder. A juvenile in the car admitted to owning the tablets, but did not have a prescription for them. He was taken into custody and the others were cited on possession charges.



In Remembrance...

On Tuesday we remembered the 17th anniversary of the passing of **Deputy Luther Klug**. Luther was killed on the evening of July 16, 1996, when his squad car was broadsided by a drunk driver that drove through a stop sign as he was on his way home after completing his patrol shift. Luther was survived by his wife, Geri, and his son, Jordan. **Jordan Klug** is currently a Park Ranger for the DCSO and is completing his college education in Law Enforcement at Minnesota State University-Mankato. Luther remains in our hearts and minds.





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Liaisons:

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Hodges
Deputy Sean Qualy

Explorer Post 523 **Sheriff's Office**

Liaisons/Advisors:

Deputy Tim Fletcher
Correctional Deputy
Kent Themmes
Detective Dawanna Witt

Chaplains

Jim Bzoskie
Vern Hildebrandt
Clayton McDougall
Eddie Nestingen
Cory Voll
Don Voll

Questions? **Comments?**

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***"Wise sayings
often fall on
barren ground;
but a kind word
is never thrown
away."***

--Sir Arthur Helps



First Harvest...

Our jail program staff has developed a reputation in providing a variety of high quality programs for the inmates. This spring, staff opened one of the jail's enclosed courtyards to allow inmates to grow a garden. The garden has prospered under the watchful eye of Brian Swanson, and earlier this week, he harvested the first bounty of radishes. In addition to the radishes, there are a number of vegetable plants and some flowers. Like the radishes, all the vegetables upon harvest will be taken to food shelves or directly to needy families. Working with inmates on this project are **Recreation Coordinator Loren Hanson, Inmate Counselor Hal Palmer, and Outreach Coordinator Emily Clary.**



Congratulations...

To **Deputy Ryan Olson** on his appointment to the position of Special Duty Deputy in the Investigation Division, a position vacated by the retirement of **Detective Rebecca Sherman**. We wish him every success in his new assignment.

Get Well Soon...

Best wishes to **Retired Sergeant Rod Smith** as he continues to recover from injuries he recently received. Rod has enjoyed 21 years of retirement since leaving the office in 1992.

(left to right)

Head Chaplain Jim Bzoskie,
Correctional Sergeant Ben
Verby, Inmate Brian
Swanson, Recreation
Coordinator Loren Hanson,
and Assistant Chaplain Vern
Hildebrandt
