



Dakota County Sheriff

The Front Row

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

Don Gudmundson, Sheriff
Dave Bellows, Chief Deputy Sheriff

Volume 5, Week 31

January 4, through January 10, 2010

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

**Information
 Technology Support**

Dan Anderson
 Lisa Blount
 Jennifer Carey
 Chance Munger

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Tom Ahr
 Juan Balli
 Louis Henderson
 Dennis Millerbernd
 Anthony Pojman
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 Dave Stanek
 Bob Stowell
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**Special Deputies
 Sheriff's Office**

Liaison:

Sergeant Mitch Penny

Mounted Patrol

Tim Burns
 Jean Fredlund
 Kelly Haas
 Heidi Johnson
 Ann LaBelle
 Jeni Mac Enany
 Maggie Mell
 Brenda Miller
 Pamela Olson
 Peggy Olson
 Wendy Pressnall
 Cathy Snyder
 Leslie Stewart

**Mounted Patrol
 Sheriff's Office**

Liaisons:

Sergeant Mitch Penny
 Deputy Sean Qualy

A Ditch of a Call...

Last Saturday deputies responded to a report of a car in the ditch near Highway 3 and 240th Street. With the assistance of Farmington Police, they located the driver of a second car, a 31-year-old female from Northfield, now herself stuck in the ditch after she stopped to check on the first (unoccupied) car in the ditch. While speaking with the driver, **Sergeant Mitch Penny** detected those "telltale signs," indicating she should not have been driving in the first place and, a short time later, she was arrested for Driving While Impaired. Now the story gets better. **Deputy Tim Gonder**, enroute to assist Sergeant Penny, is waved down by a group of people (something I'm sure they now regret) who had also gone into the ditch. In speaking with the group, Tim learned one member of the group was the driver of the first car to have gone in the ditch. In speaking with both drivers of car one and car three, he also detected the same telltale signs and, a short time later, both drivers were placed under arrest for Driving While Impaired. In addition to the drivers being arrested for DWI, three of the passengers were also cited for consumption of alcohol by a minor. Now in hockey we call this a "hat trick," but a more appropriate moniker for this crew would be Larry, Moe and Curly et. al.

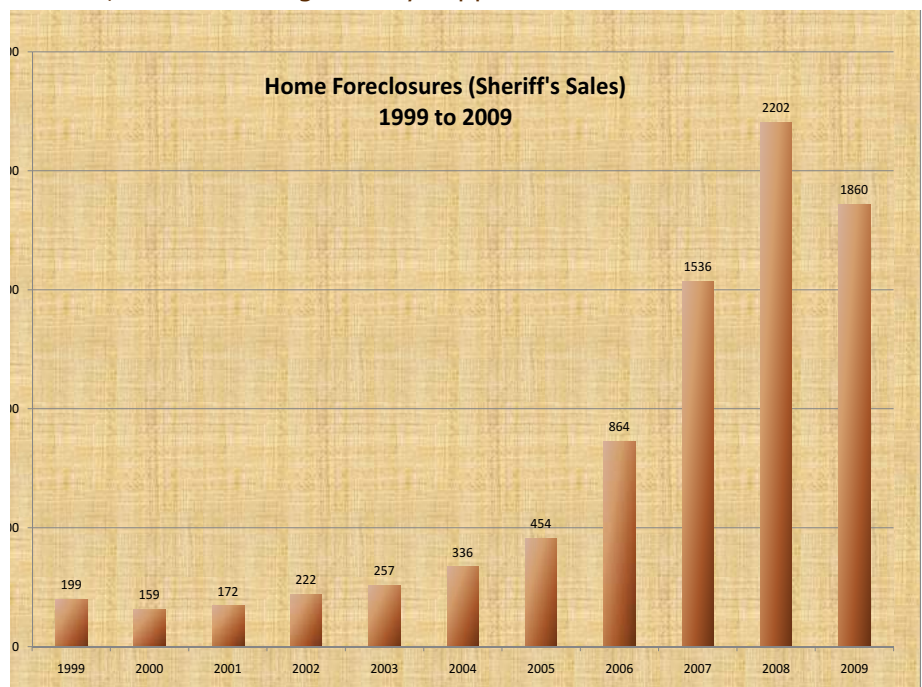
Behind the Bars...

Since the beginning of 2010, the jail has averaged 254 inmates in custody each day. Traditionally, January is one of the jail's busier months in terms of inmates in custody. In 2009, crime rates generally dipped in Minnesota and across the

country. It remains to be seen if 2010 continues the trend.

S o m e Relief...

For the first time since the year 2000, the Civil Division experienced a decrease in home foreclosures (Sheriff's Sales). Last year a total





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Sergeant Mitch Penny
Deputy Dawanna Witt

Chaplains

Jim Bzoskie
Vern Hildebrandt
Clayton McDougall
Eddie Nestingen
Cory Voll
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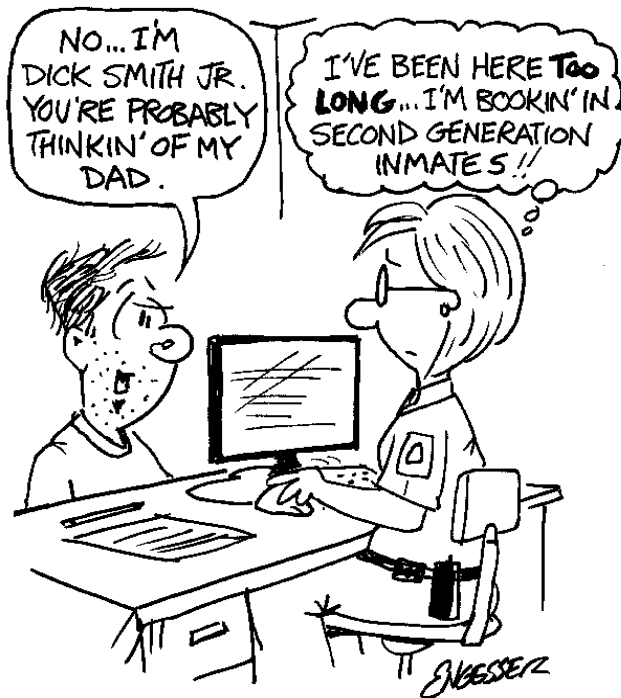
**"The difference
between the
impossible and the
possible lies in a
person's
determination."**

--Tommy Lasorda

of 1,860 homes went through a Sheriff's Sale, down 16 percent from 2008. Between 1999 and 2006, the unit processed 2,663 home foreclosures compared to 5,598 for the years 2007 through 2009. Needless to say, the Civil Division has been an active place to work for the last several years. We would like to thank all the members for their effort: **Program Services Assistants Carmen Brown, Jesse Monahan, and Judy Wachter; Special Duty Deputies Brad Billmeyer, Jim Schnoor, and Kevin Henriksen; and Sergeant Rob Shingledecker**, head of the unit. We would also like to acknowledge Program Services Assistant **Sue Ableidinger** and Sergeant **Joe Mulnix**, who both retired last year from the Civil Division.

In Our Thoughts...

During 2009, the DCSO lost three members of our retired family: **Deputy Carl Brenna, Deputy Don Krippner, and Sergeant Jack McKnight**. We appreciate the contribution they made to the Sheriff's Office and the memories they left us.



*Good Time Served...
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