



# The Steele Curtain

"A Look Into Your First Line of Defense"

## Steele County Sheriff's Office

**Don Gudmundson, Sheriff**

**Milo Dahlin, Chief Deputy Sheriff**

**Karen Meier, Administrative Ass't.**

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### Sergeants

Todd Schwanke  
Lon Thiele  
Bill Youngquist

### Investigators

Scott Hanson  
Troy Matejcek  
Gary Okins

### Deputies

Chad Forystek  
Aaron Guzman  
Darrin Helget  
Jim Holton  
Tony Padilla  
Lee Robbins  
Greg Skillestad  
Mary Ulrich  
Brady Wolhart

### Civil Process

Tony David  
Jeanne Willmott

### K-9 Unit

Brian Bennett  
With Partner Chaos

### Law Enforcement Center Records Staff

Barbara Rupprecht,  
Lead  
Renee' Babcock  
Dianne Johnson  
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### Questions/Comments

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## **YOU ARE INVITED . . .**

Monday, January 3, 2011 Steele County's elected officials, including our Sheriff Elect, Lon Thiele, will be sworn into their perspective offices. The event will begin at 8:15 a.m. at the Steele County Administration Center—630 Florence Ave. Robert Langer, District Court Administrator will be giving the Oaths. Following that, at 9:00 a.m. there will be a reception for Sheriff Thiele at the Steele County Detention Center—2500 Alexander Street.



## **WORKING TOGETHER TO PROVIDE SAFER ROADWAYS**

A 34-year-old Del Rio, Texas man was arrested for DUI by Deputy Brady Wolhart and Owatonna Officer Andrew Drenth after the officers were called to a vehicle in the ditch on December 22nd. The man also is a suspect in a stolen computer case from Wal-Mart.

Deputy Wolhart also arrested a 49-year-old Owatonna man for Gross Misdemeanor DUI on Christmas Day after the man was stopped for an equipment violation. He was assisted by Owatonna Officer Kyle Paar.

## **PROVIDING AN EXCELLENT COMMUNITY SERVICE THROUGH A JOINT VENTURE**

Steele County Attorney Dan McIntosh and the Steele County Sheriff's Office are proud to kick off "Take it to the Box." The program allows citizens to stop into the Law Enforcement Center and drop off unused prescription medications. It is entirely confidential and the medications are collected and burned at an incinerator. Prescription medications are frequently abused and they also are an environmental issue and should not be introduced



into a land fill or even into the sewer system. The box also has been used in case someone would come across illegal narcotics and would like them disposed of in a confidential and anonymous manner. The program comes from a grant written by Evelina Giobbe of the United Way for the Steele County Safe and Drug Free Communities Coalition. The "Take it to the Box" program has been very successful in the few Minnesota counties who have begun their own program. Special thanks to Deputy Tony David who did the work for the Sheriff's Office.



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## Special Deputies

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- Charlie Berg
- Grant Brossard
- Chris Clark
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- Jack Dillemath
- Gene Fisher
- Jodi Francisco
- Christopher Gannon
- Kate Joenks
- Scott Jorgensen
- Jeff Kirchner
- Mark Kreutter
- Andrew Kubista
- Eugene Linse
- Dave Macht
- Randy Mahlman
- Rich Mueller
- Brandon Noble
- Ryan Pankratz
- Marty Rethemeier
- Sean Robbins
- Jason Roncali
- Paul Schneider
- LeRoy Schroeder
- Mark Schultz
- John Standke
- Thomas Stockwell
- John Sweet
- Mounted Posse**
- Joe Schwering, Captain
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- Brian Berg
- Ed Berryman
- John Bowe
- Maralou Brose
- Jodie Briant
- Michelle Darrah
- Tine Donahue
- John Gerold
- Tim Hager
- Tom Hager
- Mike Haubenschild
- Dan Hedberg
- Darrin Helget
- William Hildebrandt
- Jake Jacobson
- Leon Kamrath
- Mike Keinz
- Mark Lang
- Monte Mowry
- Del Mullenbach
- Joyce Nelson
- Barrie & Dawn Peterson
- Lynn Pettis
- Ethel Quimby
- Gary Ringhofer
- Marilyn Schwering
- Tony Schwering
- Carl Ulrich
- Troy Utpadel



## JAIL JARGON

Jail population last week ranged from a low of 109 to a high of 116. There were only 37 bookings into the jail during Christmas week. Revenue from outside counties and the State of Minnesota for prisoner boarding was \$23,140 for the week. Transport officers only traveled 452 miles last week for civil, criminal and medical transports.

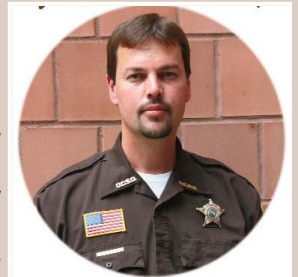
## SEARCH WARRANT WAS WORTH THE TIME & EFFORT

A Medford man also found himself arrested and in jail on Christmas Day after Sergeant Todd Schwanke and Deputy Mary Ulrich arrested the man in Medford for a Felony Probation Violation. The officers went to a home and were told that the man was not there. The officers contacted County Attorney Dan McIntosh for a search warrant and after waiting an hour, the man came out of the home.



## "Thanks Joe"

We'd like to extend our appreciation to Joe Engesser, Dakota County Correctional Deputy, for sharing with us his good humor and artistic talents. Joe is the one who provides us with the "Good Times Served" cartoons. Through comments sent to us by our readers, we know it's the cartoons, not our creative writing, that "keeps them coming back for more".



In Addition To Wishing All Our Readers A  
**Happy And Prosperous New Year,**

We'd Also Like To Encourage Everyone To Contemplate What Could  
Be Lost, If You Drive After You Have Been Drinking