



# The Steele Curtain

*"A Look Into Your First Line of Defense"*

## Steele County Sheriff's Office

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### **IT'S BACK**

The "Take It To The Box" collection container is now back in place at the Law Enforcement Center on Pearl Street. Citizens can now again stop into the Law Enforcement Center and drop off unused prescription medications. It is entirely confidential, so if anyone comes across illegal narcotics they can be disposed of in an anonymous manner. We have had to empty it several times already, so it is serving it's purpose.

### **CAR VS. TRAIN**

Last week deputies were dispatched to a car vs. train crash in Clinton Falls Township on 50th Street N.W. The driver of the vehicle, a 24 year old female from Medford was unable to stop her car due to unreasonable speed for the current road conditions. Fortunately the one-year old that was in the child restraint seat in the back seat sustained no injuries, whereas the driver was pinned in the vehicle.

This incident, once again reinforces the following two driving principles that we simply cannot stress enough: 1. The need to slow down and drive according to road conditions. 2. Child Safety Restraints are required by law for a reason ... they prevent injuries and save lives.

Deputy Mary Ulrich was at the scene.



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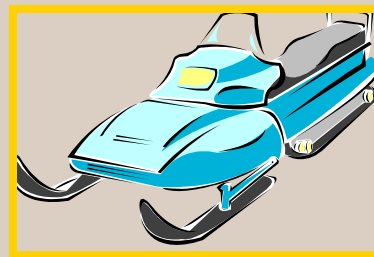
**Records Staff**  
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## **SNOWMOBILE PATROL**

Beaver Lake will be the location for a Fishing Contest on February 13th. To provide a safe atmosphere, your Steele County Sheriff's Office will be providing Snowmobile Patrols for the event. We're looking forward to warmer weather so everyone can attend.



## **SPECIAL DEPUTIES ANNUAL MEETING**

The Special Deputies were sworn in by Sheriff Thiele at their Annual Meeting held in January. Those receiving awards are pictured below. There is fifty years of dedicated service between those three members alone. Les Abraham, Coordinator, thanked them for all the time and energy they have put in.



**RANDY MAHLMAN**  
25 YEARS OF SERVICE

**CHRIS CLARK**  
15 YEARS OF SERVICE



**SCOTT JORGENSEN**  
10 YEARS OF SERVICE

## **PROVIDING EXTRA PATROL WHEN NEEDED**

The Steele County Sheriff's Office provides "contract time" for both Ellendale and Medford. We receive reimbursement from those entities for the time spent in their area. However, due to the recent break-ins in the Ellendale area, we are happy to be providing some extra patrol for the community. We also encourage anyone who might have some information on the break-ins to give us a call.



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