



Behind The Steele Star

Steele County Sheriff's Office
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A GIFT FROM HEAVEN IN 2011 - FAIR NOTES

HOW DID WE GET FROM, "I'M NOT GETTING ON A HORSE" TO "SURE I'LL RIDE A BULL" IN A FEW SHORT MONTHS ???

That is exactly what Sheriff, Lon Thiele did ... and that's no bull !! Tuesday night at the fair, "Hot Shot" had the right moves, allowing the Sheriff a 3.9 second ride. When speaking to the Sheriff after the big ride, I wanted to exemplify the concerned office assistant, so I simply offered to give him my upcoming appointment at my favorite physical therapy office. I didn't find it necessary to admit I had just spent the last two hours researching cranium transplants for him on the internet. Yes, that would be County time and a County computer, but I believe the County Commissioners would agree it was resources well utilized. Kudos Sheriff, for taking a shot at "Hot Shot".



NOT STOLEN, BUT SIMPLY LOST

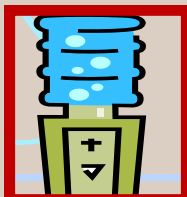
A Burnsville woman reported to deputies that her cell phone had been stolen from her front pocket. The deputies asked if she was sure it had been stolen, or if she may have just lost it. She was positive it was stolen. She also stated that she had GPS on the phone, knew the location of the phone and that she had earlier went to that address, but did not want to confront the group of individuals at that location. County Deputies then requested Owatonna Officers go with the woman and attempt to get her phone back. During their investigation one of the officers dialed the cell phone number to confirm that none of the individuals they were questioning had the phone. Imagine everyone's surprise when a phone rang in the Sheriff's Shack lost and found drawer. The phone had not been stolen, but instead was dropped from her pocket and turned in several hours earlier by a Good Samaritan. Lost and found articles can now be checked on at the Law Enforcement Center - 204 East Pearl Street.

LAW ENFORCEMENT HOURS

We want to pass along our appreciation to the members of Posse, Special Deputies, Owatonna Police Dept., Detention Center Staff and our own Sheriff's Office employees that signed up to work the shifts at the fair. It is often a thankless job where they spend many hours on their feet and in the sun. And even though our weather was quite nice this year, when you're carrying around an extra 30 to 40 lbs. of body armor and equipment, it ends up being physically draining. It was very rewarding this year to see all entities sitting around a table discussing problem areas from previous years and coming up with solutions and new ideas. It is always a major concern to keep everyone safe while visiting our fair.

THANK YOU TO TRI-M GRAPHICS / TRINITY NURSERY SCHOOL

Trinity Nursery School sponsored and Tri-M Graphics printed our child i.d. tags that we had available at the fair office.



THANK YOU TO CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING for providing a water cooler and supplies at the fair office for our employees. A cold glass of water goes a long way on a sunny day at the fair.

Sergeants

Brian Bennett
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Chad Forystek
Aaron Guzman
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WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST CORRECTIONAL OFFICER

Nicole Kappes joined the Steele County Detention Center staff on July 5, 2011. She is a graduate of Riverland Community College with an Associates Degree in Law Enforcement and Corrections. Nicole also serves as a reserve officer for the Northfield Police Department. Nicole tells us that prior to coming to the detention center, she was the manager at the Grandstay Residential Suites and Hotel



SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Picture at left is Sheriff Thiele pinning Alicyn Hinze's badge on. Alicyn began working for Steele County in April. At the same ceremony Roderick Rees's wife did the honors of pinning his badge on for him. He too began his career with us in April. Congratulations to both of you.



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