



Behind The Steele Star

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MOCK CAR CRASH

We were excited to present a mock car crash to the students at the Medford High School last week. The event played out the various stages of an automobile accident with injuries—depicting the consequences of drinking and driving.

Involved in the event were members of the Steele County Sheriff's Office, Medford Fire Department, Gold Cross Ambulance, Glen Meger with the Medford Funeral Home and the Medford SADD program. The students witnessed the following: the re-



action of a crash victim at the scene, a deputy performing Field Sobriety Testing, the ambulance personnel providing medical assistance, the fire department assisting with extrication of victims from the vehicles and finally the act of putting a deceased victim in a body bag and loading that victim into a hearse. The scene was quite sobering.

AAHHHH RETIREMENT

Long time Dispatcher, Greg Balfe, has decided to hang up his headset. Greg started with Faribault/Rice County in 1987 and followed the Rice/Steele consolidation to Owatonna in 2000. There will be a get-together in Greg's honor on Friday, May 13th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Elks Club in Faribault. All are welcome. Greg has been such an asset, giving almost 24 years of service to the Dispatch Center. Thank You Greg. You will truly be missed.



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MINNESOTA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION CASH RAFFLE

The proceeds from this annual raffle are used to support the MSA Training Programs. Raffle tickets are available at our office. The cost is \$20.00 each. The top three prizes include: \$10,000, \$3,000 and \$2,500, with a total of \$19,000 being given away. The drawing will be held June 7th and you do not need to be present to win. There will be only 2500 tickets sold and May 16th is the deadline for sales.

A TIP OF THE HAT TO OUR REPORTING PARTY

On April 17th, two males were cited for unlawful dumping. They were seen by the reporting party throwing 23 tires into the ditch of 98th Street SW and 42nd Avenue SW. Because the reporting party was able to follow the suspect vehicle, the two males were apprehended and cited. Way To Get Involved!! We encourage anyone witnessing suspicious behavior to call 911.

WELCOME

If you should call the Steele County Detention Center, you will probably be greeted by Erin Edwards. Erin is the new Records Department employee. Erin was hired last month—April 25th. After earning an Associate's Degree in Legal Administration, Erin worked as a legal assistant for an Attorney in Mankato prior to coming to Steele County.



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WE HAVE A NEW JUNIOR DEPUTY

Deputy Greg Skillestad and wife Allyson were blessed with a baby boy early Monday morning. Siblings Samuel and Elijah are welcoming Levi into their home. We send out our congratulations and wish them all the best.

TO THE SENIOR EXPO WE GO

We were happy to be a part of the Senior Expo last week. It was our first opportunity to participate in such a venue and we were very pleased with the interaction. We presented some photos of recent happenings, had some residents sign up to receive our newsletter, some potential ideas and concerns were brought to our attention, found out you should always wear comfortable shoes and were able to meet and greet a few of our neighbors we serve. We hope to take part in a few more events in the future.

THANKS TO THE STEELE COUNTY MOUNTED POSSE

We were able to use the expertise of our Mounted Posse on May 1st. We had a dozen Posse members looking for a male victim of a car crash. The incident took place in the Northwest corner of the county. Members were divided to cover the sections that needed to be searched. During the course of the search the party was located in Medford by a Steele County Deputy.