Late Night Gardner Caught—Just after 11 p.m. on Saturday, OPD officers were dispatched to 320 Hoffman Drive, the Chamber of Commerce, for a suspicious male hiding behind the business sign. When the first OPD officer arrived, a machete was found on the ground and Steven Dunnum was holding a decorative plant in his hand. Dunnum thought the plants were pretty and he wanted to relocate them for decoration outside his apartment building. Dunnum, age 55 of Owatonna, was charged by citation for criminal damage to property.

Swearing-In and Commendations Ceremony—Police officers will be sworn in and others will be recognized for outstanding performance during the May 2, 2017 City Council Meeting at the West Hills Administration Building starting at 7:00 p.m. The public is also welcome to attend.

National Day of Prayer—Please join our Owatonna Police Chaplain Reverend Brent Carlson as he leads Owatonna in the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in front of the West Hills Administration Building located at 540 West Hills Circle. This year’s theme is scripture from Daniel 9:19 which says “Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name” (New International Version). As the 2017 National Day of Prayer on May 4th approaches, thousands of individuals, churches, and communities will be working to rally millions of Christian’s to once again heed this call!

Police Officer of the Year—

The public is welcome to attend the Owatonna Police Department Police Officer of the Year Banquet. The event is sponsored by the Moonlighter’s Exchange Club on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the VFW, 135 Oakdale Street. Dinner tickets are available for $15 at Kottke Jewelers, Owatonna VFW, or the Law Enforcement Center. The public is also welcome to make nominations for the Police Officer of the Year to Ms. Rhonda Guthier at the Owatonna Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism office, 320 Hoffman Drive no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 24th.