Food Fight Lands One in Jail—

On Saturday evening, Owatonna officers were called to an address in the 100 block of Grove Avenue for a domestic. Arriving officers could hear yelling coming from within the residence and what sounded like a struggle. When they entered the residence, they found an adult male on the ground being restrained by a female—the female was indicating the male, “beat the $#%@ out of my momma”. Inside, officers found two female victims, a mother and daughter, bleeding from their heads. Officers also found signs of a struggle and blood & food spattered on the walls. The officers learned the suspect and daughter had been arguing all day long. When the mother entered the apartment, she was struck on the head with a cooking pot. When the daughter tried to defend her mother, the suspect hit her several times in the head with the pot—both victims suffered lacerations to their head because of the attack.

Cops in the Community—

On Saturday morning, eight employees from the Owatonna Police Department braved the icy, dark waters of Lake Kohlmier in support of Special Olympics Minnesota by participating in the Polar Plunge event that took place at Lake Kohlmier. A special thanks go out to Sergeants Rob Kniefel, Jason Petterson, Laddie Bata, Detective Joel Hunt, Officers Andrew Van Osdale, Jason Christensen, Community Service Officer Travis Johnson and Administrative Assistant Pam Roberts whose plunge into the lake netted over $1600 in charitable contributions that go toward programming events for more than 8,000 Special Olympic athletes statewide. This photo captures the moments as some of our officers entered the water.

A Happy Ending—

For a prolonged period of time we’ve been receiving calls of a stray dog in the area of Shady Ave. and Hammond Park. On many occasions our community service officers have located the dog; however, he had no desire to stick around long enough for them to catch him and was more intent on playing the game of catch me if you can. Well, persistence paid off and with cooperative efforts of areas residents, the Owatonna Veterinarian’s Hospital and a local elk farmer, we were able to tranquilize and capture the dog. Named Buddy by the residents in the area, the dog was found to be micro chipped and we are hopeful of locating his owner; if not, S.A.F.E. Sanctuary is in line to rescue and place Buddy into an adoptive home.