**DWI ARREST**

Joshua William Giles, age 29, of Owatonna, MN was arrested for Gross Misdemeanor Driving Under the Influence. On January 18, 2011, at about 11:48 p.m., Officer Swenson stopped a 1997 Dodge Dakota pickup for traffic violations. The officers found a drug prescription in the vehicle that was in another person’s name. A complaint was filed charging Mr. Giles with second degree DWI, erratic driving and license plate display. The 1997 Dodge Dakota was seized in accordance with the civil forfeiture laws.

**ARTIC BLAST!**

On Friday, we all woke up to temperatures hovering around -24 degrees with the wind chill in the -40 degree range. Please dress for the weather! It is recommended you wear several layers of loose fitting, lightweight, warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing. The outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent. Wear mittens, which are warmer than gloves and wear a hat! If you cover your mouth with a scarf it will help protect your lungs. If you have to travel, do it with caution. Make sure your car is winterized and it is working properly. It is suggested you maintain at least a half tank of gas during the winter season, and check road conditions before leaving. It is not a bad idea to let others know of your route and your estimated time of arrival. Be aware of and be able to recognize symptoms of exposure and potential medical conditions. Remember! Confusion, dizziness, exhaustion and shivering are signs of hypothermia. Gray, white or yellow skin discoloration, numbness or waxy skin are symptoms of frostbite. If you experience any of these symptoms, seek medical attention immediately. In the case of overexposure to freezing temperatures, remove wet clothing and immediately warm the body with a blanket or warm fluids like hot cider or soup. It is not a bad idea to avoid caffeine or alcohol. Stay Warm!

**SCHOOL STREET CLOSING**

Beginning January 24th, the high school will be closing down School Street between Grove and Harriet to all vehicle traffic other than buses between the hours of 7:30 a.m. – 8:05 a.m. and 2:20 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. The Owatonna High School will be closing and reopening the roadway each day. During the first week of the closure, the police department will be assisting at both closing points for any traffic control issues that may come up. Please be patient, the OHS and City of Owatonna is trying to mitigate any potential pedestrian issues by being proactive.