Near drowning at Lake Kohlmeier

The warm weather brought lots of swimmers to the local beach over the weekend, and some overestimated their swimming ability. Officers were already at the scene investigating an ordinance violation when they were alerted that someone needed help. Officers found two young males struggling to get out of the water and assisted the males to the shore. The males told officers they had been playing soccer and decided to cool off in the water. One of the males was unable to make it to the swimming platform and his friend was trying to help him back to shore. Although both were exhausted and had swallowed a significant amount of water, they recovered and were released to their parents at the scene. A reminder that lifeguards are only on duty from 1:00 to 6:00 pm on Saturdays and Sundays beginning June 11th. When lifeguards are not on duty, individuals may swim according to beach rules.

DWI arrests

It was a busy week for officers and DWI arrests. Of the four DWI arrests this past week, all four drivers were women and three were initially pulled over because of equipment violations.

Sweltering Heat

The record breaking heat earlier this week sparked reminders about how to avoid heat related illnesses. According to OSHA, heat related illnesses can be avoided by scheduling activities earlier in the day, observing frequent rest breaks, and keeping yourself hydrated.

Safety Fair

Just a reminder that the 7th annual Children’s Safety Fair is being held next Wednesday, June 15th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Steele County Fairgrounds. There will be tons of activities for kids of all ages, including bike helmet fittings (helmets sold for $5!), a K9 demonstration, and Mayo One lands at 6:30 pm. Don’t miss this fun and exciting event! That same day from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm, the Owatonna Safety Council invites citizens to their “Have a Safe Summer” day at the Four Seasons building.