**National Police Week**—In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Owatonna Police Officers and law enforcement officers around the country are wearing mourning bands across their badge to honor the fallen men and women law enforcement officers. Over the last decade, an average of 146 officers a year have been killed in the line of duty. And since the first known line-of-duty death, more than 20,000 law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice. 239 of those peace officers are from Minnesota agencies. Click here to view the Minnesota Officer Down Memorial Page.

**Serving Up Ice Cream at McKinley School**—On Wednesday evening, May 18th, Owatonna officers participated in the 60th Anniversary celebration of McKinley School by serving up lots of ice cream! It was a beautiful spring night to enjoy the treats, STEM Art Gallery, and the McKinley band playing in the company of the Owatonna Fire Department, the Owatonna Mayor, Steele County Sheriff and many excited McKinley Monkeys, their families, and school staff. Happy 60th Birthday, McKinley!

**Drug Charges**—On Sunday, May 15th in the afternoon an OPD officer was patrolling the area of South Cedar Avenue where he noticed a vehicle parked on the east side of the road at the intersection of Cedar Avenue and Rice Street. After the officer ran the license plate information, he learned the vehicle was stopped in Faribault the previous day for a revoked license of Jake Karow and from the driver’s license photo, he recognized Karow as the driver in this incident. The officer initiated a traffic stop and when he walked up to the vehicle, he observed the passenger, later identified as Carrie Cook quickly place both hands tight to her side. The officer detected the odor of fresh marijuana and called for the K9 unit to respond. The K9 provided a positive indication in the vehicle and a small bundle of marijuana wrapped in a plastic wrapper, tucked between the center console and driver’s seat, was found along with a digital scale with white residue, various prescription meds classified as controlled substances, and a small crystal (suspected methamphetamine) on the vehicle floor. The officer also located a small glass pipe with an odor of marijuana. Carrie Cook, age 38, was formally charged with a 5th Degree Controlled Substance Crime—a felony.