Late Night Munchies Help Land One in Jail—

During the very early morning hours on Tuesday, a Domino’s delivery person was making a pizza delivery to an address in the 1200 block of Havana Rd. When the delivery person was delivering the pie, he met with an occupant at the door. When the delivery person told the occupant he owed $19.84 for the pizza, the occupant questioned him whether he knew the owners of Domino’s. The delivery person told him he didn’t and the occupant seemed to look angry. The occupant then reached for his waistband and pulled out a revolver. The delivery person took off running, falling and scraping his arm and leg. Officers responded to the Havana Rd. address and located the occupant who talked to the officers about pulling a gun and taking a shooting stance. A subsequent search uncovered the revolver in a bedroom dresser. Jeffrey Burkett, age 41 of Owatonna, was arrested and jailed. He has been charged with 2nd Degree Assault with a Dangerous Weapon—a felony.

Night to Unite v. 2018—

It’s not too late! This year’s event will be on Tuesday, August 7th. Our information and registration page is up and running on our website. By clicking on the photo from last year’s Night to Unite, you can download a step-by-step guide, planning packet and an event registration form. If you’re looking for more information about Night to Unite, please call Pam Roberts 774-7200.

Don’t Stop Believing—

We’ve entered the second half of the 100 deadliest days (Memorial Day weekend – Labor Day) on Minnesota roads, and the tragedies so far mean Minnesotans must recommit to making safe choices. During the first 52 days of the 100 deadliest days (through Sunday of this week), preliminary numbers show 66 people have lost their lives. That’s 37 percent of all traffic fatalities so far in 2018. The 66 deaths compare with 67 traffic fatalities in the first 52 days of the 100 deadliest days last year. What can YOU do? If you are with a driver who is distracted, speak up, tell them to put the phone down and offer to be their designated texter. Refuse to drive until every passenger is buckled up. Slow down — trying to save a few minutes off your drive isn’t worth causing a crash. Plan ahead before you go out by designating a sober driver, and if you see a person who has had too much to drink, speak up and find them a safe ride home.

Department News—

On Wednesday we said good-bye to a long time Owatonna officer when Mike Earl resigned his position to retire from law enforcement. Mike began his career as a police officer back in April of 1993 when he was hired as a part-time police officer; Mike was appointed to a full-time position two years later. Mike served as an investigator trainee in 2008-2009 before being re-assigned back to the Patrol Division where he has served since. We wish Mike the best in his retirement where he’s spend time with his wife, two sons and building a new home in the Brainerd area. Similarly, albeit not at the same tenure as Mike, next Monday will mark the end of another career with the Owatonna Police Department when Dylan Ordorff will sign off-duty for the last time. Dylan will be moving on to the Apple Valley Police Department to further his law enforcement career. Dylan has been with the Owatonna Police Department since February of 2016 and has worked as a patrol officer since his hire. We also wish the best for Dylan.