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# Just the Facts

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## Dartts Park Shooting—

Following the shooting that took place at Dartts Park on July 18<sup>th</sup>, Owatonna officers and detectives identified the two vehicles believed to be involved in the shooting and additional investigation developed a suspect. On Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, detectives interviewed Zachary Schultz, age 18 of Northfield, who admitted to firing a .22 pistol at a victim over a drug deal. Subsequently, a search warrant was executed by the Northfield Police Department at an address in Northfield where the weapon believed to be used in the shooting was recovered. Schultz was charged in district court with Drive-by Shooting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Assault and Reckless Discharge of a Firearm, all felonies. This case remains under investigation.



Zachary Schultz

## Night to Unite—

Last call!!! Night to Unite is next Tuesday and we're making the last of our plans. There is



still time to register with the Owatonna Police Department for officers to stop by your block party. If registering is on your list of to-do's, please click on the NTU logo or contact Pamela Roberts at 507-774-7200 or Wendy Gasner at 507-774-7204. Again this year, we will be collecting school supplies for the Steele County Children's Remedial Fund.

## Wrong Way Driver, Drunk Driver—

Early last Saturday morning, two of our officers spotted a wrong way driver traveling north on West Park Square. The officers stopped the vehicle and saw the driver was showing signs of intoxication—when asked for his driver's license, he just handed over his whole wallet to the officer. During field sobriety testing, the driver performed the first test before declining the opportunity to keep going—the driver was placed under arrest. At the jail, the driver refused to follow directions, manipulating the breath testing procedure and providing a deficient breath sample—considered a test refusal. John Bennett, age 56 of Des Moines, has been charged with 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree DWI-Test refusal and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree DWI.



John Bennett

## Steele County Safety Camp—

On July 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, Lake Kohlmer and the Steele County Fairgrounds were the sites for the return of the Steele County Safety Camp. After a one-year, COVID-19 hiatus, the format changed from a two-day event to one-day event with different campers each day. As part of the camp, the kids attended breakout sessions on safety topics ranging from fishing safety, boating safety, camping & hiking safety, firearm safety, bicycle safety, electrical safety, equipment safety, and fire safety. All kids received a t-shirt, water bottle and backpack. Serving as camp counselors were Officers Matt Oeltjenbruns-Board Chairperson, Joel Hunt, Derrik Quinlan, Sergeant Josh Sorensen, Community Service Officer Brian Shaw, Reserve Officer Maddie Ziegler and Explorer Abby Morriss. In the photo, Officer Joel Hunt is teaching a bicycle safety class.



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