



The Point After

“Work Hard - Be Safe - Have Fun”

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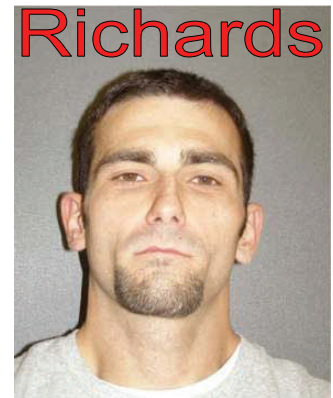
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Keep Off the Grass

On Thursday, June 7th, officers were dispatched to Wapacuta Park. The caller reported some people were smoking marijuana in a vehicle. On arrival, **Officers Mike Thul and Jeff Larson** identified five people next to the reported car, and could smell marijuana coming from inside the car. Two males voluntarily produced pipes from their pockets. Another male, who happened to own the car, shut the trunk in an attempt to conceal its contents. When the trunk was opened, Ofc. Thul

could smell marijuana. He found a glass jar containing numerous small baggies of marijuana. **Officers Erik Prink and Ben Johns** assisted with the investigation. The vehicle owner was identified as Nicholas Ross Richards, 23, who was arrested and charged with 5th Degree Drugs - Sale and Possess More than 1.4 Grams of Marijuana in a Motor Vehicle. His bail was set at \$5,000 (without conditions) by Judge Cajacob.



FBI Reports Drop in Crime Rates

On Monday, June 11th the FBI reported that preliminary figures indicated a decrease in the number of both violent and property crimes reported by law enforcement nationwide. According to their report, when comparing 2010 figures to 2011 figures, violent crimes are down 4.0 percent, and property crimes are down 0.8 percent. The report lists the statistics for Part I crimes, which are listed below. The report can be found at:

<http://www.fbi.gov/stats-services/crimestats>

The trend in Faribault is mostly downward also. Both violent crime and property crime are down 17 percent each.

For 2011, we recorded the following numbers (2010 numbers are in parentheses):

- Murder - 0 (0)
- Rape - 9 (3)
- Robbery - 8 (12)
- Aggravated Assault - 45 (60)
- Burglary - 145 (171)
- Larceny - 502 (626)
- Vehicle Theft - 32 (33)
- Arson - 13 (8)

Faribault Crime Rate (offenses per 100,000 population):

- Part I - 3,340 (4,114)
- Part II - 4,741 (5,339)

In an effort to further strengthen relationships and address quality of life issues, the department has assigned the sergeants as representatives to various areas. The sergeants have introduced themselves to the respective managers to serve as a resource for them and track incidents occurring in the units.

Sergeant Al Shuda -

Cannon River Mobile Home Park

Sergeant Russ Hartwig -

Knollwood Mobile Home Park

Sergeant Matt Knutson -

Evergreen Estates Mobile Home Park

Sergeant Dave Dillon -

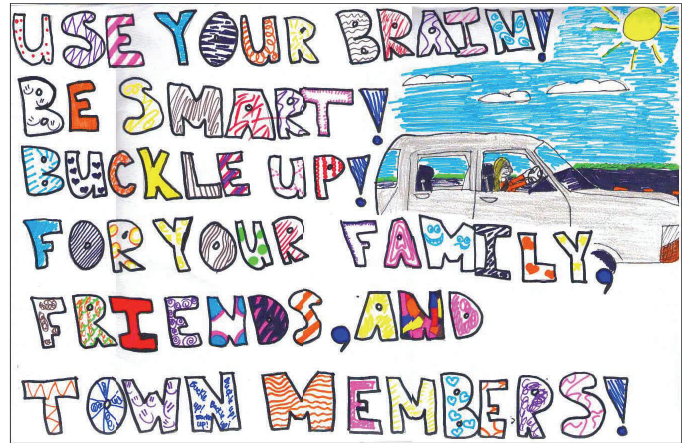
Sunrise Mobile Home Park

Sergeant Mark Krenik -

Four Seasons Apartments

Seatbelt Poster Contest

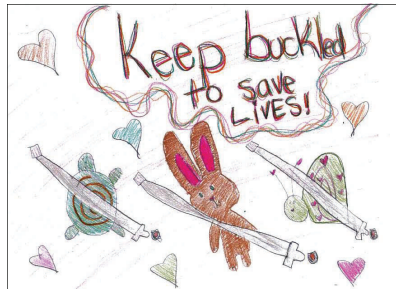
This spring, the STOPS (Students Together Offering Peer Support) organization at Faribault Schools sponsored a seatbelt poster contest. Entries were received from 130 students. **Captain Neal Pederson**, Kathy Cooper of the Safe Communities Coalition and Youth Development Coordinator Martha Schultz met to select the finalists. **Abby, age 11**, drew the winning poster (right) and will receive a \$100 gift card. The top five posters will be displayed on the digital billboard on Lyndale Avenue.



Abby, age 11

“In other living creatures the ignorance of themselves is nature, but in men it is a vice.”

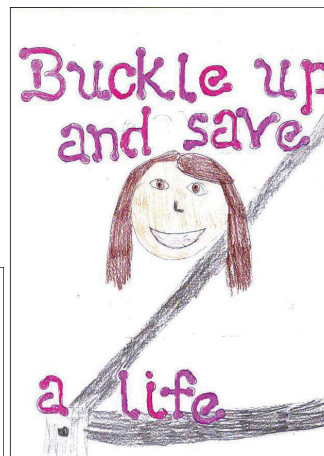
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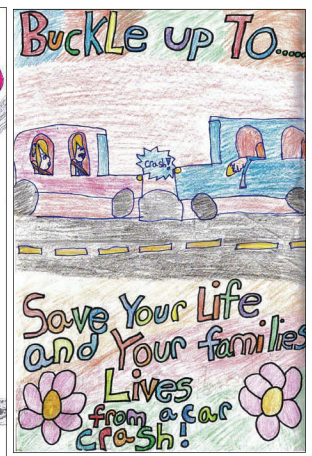
Rachel, age 9



Ely, age 11



Brianna, age 9



Andrea, age 12

Farewell

Officer Erik Prink will be leaving to join the Red Wing Police Department. Ofc. Prink has been with us for just over one year, and is taking this opportunity to return to his home area. He has been a tremendous asset to the City of Faribault, and we wish him the best in his future career endeavors!



We hope to see everyone at Heritage Days this week. Help us keep it a fun and safe celebration by not drinking and driving, wearing your seatbelts, and driving distraction-free.

Questions?

Comments?

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