

Sheriff's Office Recognizes Life Saving Measures By Officers





Awards were presented to both Wilkin County Correctional Officer Alex Jaroszewski, left, and Deputy Josh Hansen, right, for their outstanding actions that were performed on October 11, 2021. On that evening, an inmate attempted to take his life within the correctional facility. He was intercepted by CO Jaroszewski. CO Jaroszewski held the individual up off the ground for over 40 seconds while requesting help. Moments later, Deputy Hansen came on the scene and was able to cut the individual down, thwarting the life ending attempt.

On behalf of the Wilkin County Sheriff's Office, former Jail Administrator Dan Miranowski thanked the county employees and presented the Life Saving Award to both men involved in the life saving moment.

A Changing Of The Guard Takes Place At PARTNERS

For the past 10 years, Rothsay PARTNERS has been in the trustworthy hands of Director Marlys Winkels, standing on left. In December of 2021 Marlys stepped down from her position, transferring the responsibilities over to previous director Pamela Iverson. Check out the PARTNERS column in this edition of the Rothsay Regional Report for more details on Pamela and the transition. Now that Marlys is retired, she will have more time for her pastimes, one of which includes quilting. Welcome back Pamela.



On The Bright Side: Only 68 Days Until Spring...

The Harsh Winter Realities: Snow, Wind, Ice and Cold

of 2020-2021? It might be a little hard to recall because it never really happened. Balmy days, lots of sunshine, no snow to shovel or blow and an early spring.

find that the temperatures here in about the same as they were in the Sun Belt.

There was one other advantage last winter, those that stayed in Minnesota had electricity throughout the mild winter. The snowbirds in Texas had no electricity or water for the better part of a week in January.

But Mother Nature has a way of getting even. Many of those who ventured over the river and through the woods to Grandmother's house for Christmas cheer got to spend an extra day or two with Grannie.

She loved the extra time with relatives. As for the relatives, well, they were a little less enthusiastic about the whole matter.

They would have been very happy to return to work after the three-day Christmas break. But airplane flights were canceled by the hundreds and driving was downright hazardous with poor visibility for much of the weekend.

Weather dictates our every move during the winter here in the Upper Midwest. And weather we did get over the Christmas holiday.

There was an abundance of snow in addition to wind and extreme cold extending out from Christmas Eve through Monday, December 27. That should have been the start of a new work week that would already

holiday to end the year.

Beginning Christmas Day we started to pick up additional snow and lots of it. There was a few inches here and maybe four inches Snowbirds would call home from over there on Christmas Eve. On Florida, Texas or Arizona only to Christmas Day the weather became even more unsettled. There were beautiful downtown Rothsay were blinding snow squalls throughout the day resulting in very poor visibility

> There was a mishap near the Ashby-Dalton interchange on I-94 on Christmas Day that involved over 80 vehicles. That incident covered everything from serious vehicle damage to critical injuries to a few vehicles simply going in the ditch to avoid the wreckage ahead. The crash involved over 50 vehicles severely damaged, serious injuries, hospitalization for a few and wrecker calls for those not able to drive back

> Sunday, December 26, was the beginning of some very nasty weather around here. All of the loose, fluffy snow, close to a foot of it, which had accumulated over the past week, became airborne in the increasing south wind. There was also a big snow front that had us squarely in its crosshairs.

Remember back to the winter be shortened by the New Year's

and hazardous driving conditions.

out of the ditch or median.

That front hit late in the afternoon on Sunday, December 26, and continued throughout the night and most of Monday before it finally ran out of steam and quit. By the time it blew itself out, it had added another foot or so of new snow to the foot or so we already had on the ground.

Pretty much everything was shut down on Monday. City crews had



The snow covered playground equipment next to the Rothsay Community Center shows no sign of use after the storm that came through just after Christmas Day. Temps were in the negative digits, deterring most outdoor enthusiasts from venturing outside during the cold snap.

been up most of the night keeping snow routes around town open. It had been a losing battle with the thick snow. But there was really nowhere to go anyway. Both Interstate 94 and I-29 had been closed since Sunday afternoon.

Secondary roads, such as Old 52 were open and passable. Barely, if you were brave or just needed a challenge. The roads weren't really blocked, you just could not see them with the snow and blowing snow. The new snow stopped falling shortly after noon on Monday as the system moved on to the northeast.

But the visibility did not improve much until well into the afternoon

when the winds finally subsided. That allowed most people to begin the process of digging out from under the new foot of snow that

came in with the storm system. Give or take, there is now about

two feet of new and old snow to play with. In addition to roads, the weather conditions shut down at least half of the downtown businesses. Those that were open

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