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8-31-11 ripon man arrested in alleged murder plot

ARipon man accused of hiring a hit man to kill another man has been arrested. Sixty year old Lee Stellmacher is being held in the Fond du lac County Jail on charges of conspiracy to commit first degree homicide. Ripon Police Chief Dave Lukoski says the investigation is still ongoing and he cannot comment further. He says several agencies are involved in the investigation. A review of the records shows that Stellmacher is also the defendant in a civil lawsuit filed against him by a former business partner.

8-31-11 speeding teen arrested at gunpoint

AFond du Lac teenage boy has been arrested at gunpoint after he allegedly stole a car and was clocked speeding in excess of 100 miles an hour. The incident happened early Tuesday morning on Highway 41 near Military Road.

8-31-11 fitzgerald says he is "leaning" toward us senate run

The Wisconsin Assembly Speaker says he is leaning toward running for the state's open U.S. Senate seat. Republican state representative, Jeff Fitzgerald, says he expects to make an announcement soon. Fitzgerald says his accomplishments in the state legislature will carry over well to the federal level. "I'm getting closer and closer to that decision and there's some legal matters that you can't officially announce until you have the proper paperwork filed but yes I'm definitely very interested in the seat and leaning that way," Fitzgerald said. Fitzgerald made the comments on AM 1170's Between the Lines program.

8-31-11 ride the bus for free

Fond du lac residents can ride the Fond du Lac transit system for free today. Transit manager, Lynn Gilles, says hundreds of Fond du Lac students ride the bus to school every day, Gilles says Free Fare Day is an excellent opportunity to ride the new buses that have been added to the fleet this year.

8-31-11 fdl man says he robbed waupaca grocery store because he needed money for a bus ticket

Bail has been set at \$5000 cash for a Fond du lac man accused of robbing a Waupaca grocery store. Twenty five year old, Jesse Mahsem, made his initial Waupaca County Court appearance Monday on charges of armed robbery, theft, pointing a firearm at a person and carrying a firearm where alcohol is sold. Police say Mahsem was armed with an air gun when he robbed Festival Foods in Waupaca Sunday morning. According to a criminal complaint Mahsem told investigators he needed money to buy a bus ticket.

8-31-11 off duty fdl police officer tackles thief

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A 17 year old boy was arrested after an off duty cop chased him down and tackled him after the teen stole a six pack of beer. Police Captain Jon Gutzman was off duty when he stopped to fill up his truck at the South Main Street Kwik Trip store early Monday morning. " Captain Gutzman identified himself as a police officer and when the kid took off running and Captain Gutzman gave pursuit and was able to tackle him a short distance away," Police captain Steve Klein said.

8-31-11 national governors association

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The National Governors Association will meet in Wisconsin in 2013. Governor Scott Walker says the annual meeting of all 50 governors will take place in Milwaukee in early August of that year. Wisconsin last hosted an annual meeting of the NGA in 1998.

8-31-11 king sponsors legislation for families of fallen law enforcement and corrections officers

Madison—State Senator Jessica King (D-Oshkosh) added her name and support as a sponsor of legislation that she says honors the service of law enforcement and corrections officers who lose their lives in the line of duty. Senate Bill 18 extends health insurance coverage for spouses and children of officers who make the ultimate sacrifice. "When I learned of this important legislation, I immediately signed my name as a cosponsor. The loss of Officer Craig Birkholz in March of this year was a tragedy felt by everyone in the Fond du Lac community and beyond. The Birkholz family made a tremendous sacrifice to protect public safety, and it is our responsibility to provide them with support and protection," explained King. Senator King provided testimony Tuesday in support of the measure to the Assembly Committee on Urban and Local Affairs. The bill is similar to legislation passed last session that provides for spouses and children of firefighters lost in the line of duty. This measure will provide similar protection to the families of police officers and corrections officers.

8-31-11 king announces district office hours in nfdl

State Senator Jessica King (D-Oshkosh) announced today that she will hold her first meeting in a series of district office hours on Friday. These office hours allow constituents to meet with the Senator regarding any concerns, opinions, questions, or suggestions about any and all state issues. King will hold office hours and listening sessions throughout the district regularly. She will announce next week the schedule for the rest of September. The office hours will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the North Fond du Lac Community Center, 280 Garfield Street, in North Fond du Lac on Friday, September 2nd.

8-31-11 petri announces grant for fdl drug free task force

Rep. Tom Petri reports that the Fond du Lac School District's Drug Free Communities Task Force will receive a \$100,000 federal grant to help to prevent and reduce youth substance abuse. "The best time to fight drug abuse is before it starts," said Petri, a 1969-70 White House aide focusing on anti-drug efforts. "The Administration says that every dollar invested in drug education and prevention programs saves up to ten dollars in costs related to treatment for substance abuse. Even if that's only half right or one tenth right, this is money well spent." The grant will be issued by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy in partnership with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. In all, 87 new grantees were selected from 452 applicants through a competitive, peer-reviewed process.

8-31-11 brewers sell 3 million tickets

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Milwaukee Brewers have sold more than 3 million tickets this season. It's the third time in four years they've reached the milestone. The Brewers have sold out 27 games this season heading into tonight's series with the St. Louis Cardinals.

8-31-11 packer tradition

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — The Green Bay Packers' tradition of choosing children at training camp and riding their bicycles from the Lambeau Field locker room to the team's practice facility is unique in the NFL. A league spokeswoman says she knows of no other team that does anything similar. The Packers have had the tradition for 50 years as a way to build fan relationships.

8-31-11 fdl labor day parade

The Fond du Lac County Labor Council invites the community to the annual Labor Day Parade and celebration which will take place on Monday, September 5, 2011. Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. The Fond du Lac Labor Day parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. on North Main Street at Rees Street and travel north on Main Street to Lakeside Park, ending at Oven Island. This year there are over 40 entrants in the parade, including three local high school marching bands. Parade entrants should arrive at Rees and Macy Street by 10:00 a.m. for line-up and instructions. Parade planners and City Officials are asking citizens to be mindful of the new sod recently installed along the terraces on North Main Street. The festivities will continue at Lakeside Park from noon to 4:30 p.m. with food and refreshments. Live music will be provided by the Real Deal Blues Band, featuring local artist Paul Levandowski. Betty Trent will be painting faces from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., a dunk tank and amusement ride tickets will also be available. This year's parade Grand Marshal will be Roger Neubauer retired from the Communication Workers of America, Local 4622. Raffle tickets are available now from affiliated local union members and will also be available for purchase on Oven Island on Labor Day. There are 68 prizes on the ticket, including cash prizes. Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. Proceeds go back to the community by way of donations to non-profit organizations and scholarships to area schools and universities.

8-31-11 grove street temporary closure

Grove Street at the CN Railroad, between Military Road and Hickory Street, will be closed on Thursday, September 1 at about 7 am. Grove Street crossing the railroad will be closed for about one week while the railroad removes an abandoned spur line crossing Grove Street.

8-31-11 captain derek dobogai memorial run-walk

The Third Annual Captain Derek Dobogai Memorial Run/Walk is approaching quickly. The event will be held on Saturday, September 3rd. Pre-registration deadline is August 30th. Participants can also register the day of the event. Scout Platoon Leader Dobogai and his men lost their lives while fighting the war on terror when their helicopter went down in a mountainous region in Multaka, Iraq, on Aug. 22, 2007. They

were part of the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. 14 men were lost that day and this event is in remembrance of them. Please join this event to not only remember these fallen heroes, but to honor all our military members who currently serve and sacrifice, and to recognize our veterans as well. Sept. 3rd activities will begin at Captain Dobogai's high school alma mater, Winnebago Lutheran Academy (WLA), Fond du Lac, Ws., and consist of a 10K and 5K run, a 5K walk and a ½ and ¼ mile Kid's run for children 12 and under. Strollers and pets are welcome in the 5K walk. The 10K and 5K run/walk courses will include a variety of city streets and sidewalks throughout the city of Fond du Lac. The course was organized by the Fond du Lac Running Club (Road Runners Club of America) and will be police controlled at all major intersections. Registration/Package Pick-Up will begin at 7:00 a.m. with the 10K and 5K run/walk starting at 8:30 a.m. and the kids' run at 10:00 a.m. Awards will be announced at 11:00 a.m. (all times are approximate). There will be kid's activities, a fantastic raffle variety, bake sale, packages for troops and a great concession stand sponsored by the WLABooster Club. Runners, walkers and volunteers can obtain registration forms online at www.dobogaimemorialrun.com (click on event information). Included in each participant's registration packet will be a raffle ticket for a seven-day stay at a fabulous resort in Florida (see web site for complete details). Additional tickets may be purchased the day of the race up until the awards ceremony. Proceeds from this event will go toward the WLA Track Fund and Wounded Warrior Project. Running was a passion of Captain Dobogai who participated in many long distance running events during high school, college and beyond. Among his accomplishments are also many triathlons, including Ironman Wisconsin, and the Honolulu Marathon. For more information, visit www.dobogaimemorialrun.com.

8-31-11 2011 wisconsin waterfowl hunting seasons set

MADISON – The Natural Resources Board set 2011 waterfowl season dates and bag limits and approved creation of a third waterfowl hunting zone at its meeting today in Spring Green.

"Waterfowl hunters can look forward to a full 60-day duck season with a six-duck daily bag, and an 85-day exterior goose zone season," said Kent Van Horn, Department of Natural Resources waterfowl ecologist. "It was a good year for duck production in Wisconsin and across the continent. Overall conditions were very good for breeding ducks. The continental breeding duck estimates hit a record level at 45.6 million ducks making 2011 good year to be a duck hunter. "As always, the most successful hunters will be the ones doing the early season scouting, locating the smaller isolated potholes that can attract waterfowl when hunting pressure is high in other areas and securing permissions from landowners well in advance," added Van Horn. "I'd like to thank the thousands of hunters who participated in the development of our new duck hunting zones and wish all waterfowl hunters a successful and safe season."

2011 waterfowl season structure

During the 60-day season duck season, the daily bag limit is six ducks in total. The six-duck total may include no more than four mallards, of which only one can be a hen, three wood ducks, two redheads, one black duck, two pintail, two scaup and one canvasback. In addition, five mergansers to include not more than two hooded mergansers. Coot daily bag of 15. (For duck species not listed such as teal and ring-necked ducks, the combined total with all other species may not exceed six ducks).

Northern Zone-Sept. 24 at 9 a.m.-Nov. 22.

Southern Zone-Oct. 1 at 9 a.m.-Oct. 9, and Oct. 15 –Dec. 4.

Mississippi River Zone-Sept. 24 at 9 a.m. – Oct. 2, Oct. 15-Dec. 4 (12 day split Oct 3-14),

Youth Waterfowl Hunt

The youth waterfowl hunt will be Sept. 17-18. Youth may harvest Canada geese in all zones during these 2 days. All bag limits and tag requirements apply for the zone hunted. These days overlap with open goose seasons in most areas so adults will also be able to harvest geese but not ducks during the youth hunt.

Canada geese

The state is apportioned into two goose hunting zones: Horicon and Exterior. Other goose management subzones within the Exterior Zone include Brown County and the Mississippi River.

Exterior Zone: 85 days. Daily bag of two Canada geese.

North Zone: Sept. 16-23 and Sept. 24, (9a.m.)-Dec. 9.

South Zone: September 16-30, October 1 (9 a.m.)-Oct. 9 and Oct. 15-Dec. 14.

Mississippi River Subzone: Sept. 24 (9a.m.)-Oct. 2, Oct. 15-Dec. 29.

Horicon Time Periods: Hunters with Horicon zone permits will be issued six tags for the time period that they are awarded. The daily bag limit will be two geese with a possession limit of six.

Horicon: 92 days Period 1 Sept. 16-Oct. 30, Period 2 Oct. 31 –Dec. 16

Other Geese: Brant and Light geese Seasons will be the same as for the Canada goose zones/subzones. The daily bag limit will be one brant and 20 snow, blue or Ross' geese. White fronted geese season will be the same as Canada geese for the Exterior zone and within the Horicon zone the season will be from Sept. 20-Dec. 16. The daily bag limit will be one.

Third Waterfowl hunting zone added

The new three-zone season structure adds a third waterfowl zone to the existing northern and southern duck zones. The new third zone consists of the Mississippi River from roughly Prescott to the Wisconsin – Illinois border, west of the railroad, and is identical to the current Mississippi River Canada goose subzone. What is now identified as the Mississippi River Zone for duck hunters will open Sept. 24 – Oct. 2; reopening Oct 15 through Dec. 4. Goose seasons in this zone will continue through Dec. 29.

Mentored Hunting

Wisconsin's mentored hunting law allows any registered hunter age 18 and older to introduce anyone age 10 and older to hunting without the mentee first passing a hunter safety education course. It's a great way to generate excitement and interest in adding hunting to a lifestyle. Interested hunters can learn more at the Mentored Hunting Law page of the DNR website.

