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8-24-11 city wrapping up internal investigation of city engineer

The Fond du Lac city manager says he hopes an internal investigation involving the Fond du Lac city engineer can be completed shortly. City Manager, Tom Herre, says Rick Goding is on unpaid administrative leave after being formally charged with child sex assault. If Goding's job with the city is terminated Herre says the process to find a replacement would begin after a new Public Works Director is brought on board. Goding was also the deputy public works director and was in line to become public works director when Mark Lentz retires at the end of the month.

8-24-11 west bend man charged in bonfire incident

A West Bend man has been charged in connection with a bonfire in Campbellsport that injured six people. Kyle De Ruyter made his initial Fond du Lac court appearance Tuesday on seven counts of causing injury by negligent use of a weapon/explosive and one count of negligent handling of burning material. The case was referred to the District Attorney's office June 22nd. Investigators say six people were injured when gasoline was dumped on a bonfire and the suspect fled the scene. De Ruyter is free on a \$2500 signature bond.

8-24-11 two vehicle accident sends fdl woman to the hospital

A Fond du Lac woman was flown by helicopter to a Neenah hospital following a two vehicle accident Monday afternoon. Sheriff's Sergeant Ryan Waldschmidt says 20 year old, Abby Mullenbach, was driving southbound on Highway 26 when she turned sharply onto Forest Avenue Road and was struck by an oncoming vehicle. Mullenbach was treated at Theda Clark Regional Medical Center and released about noon Tuesday. The occupants of the other vehicle were treated for minor injuries at the scene.

8-24-11 conservative group plans attack ad against former governor thompson

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Anational conservative group is preparing to launch a statewide attack ad against former Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson and his expected U.S. Senate bid. The Club for Growth Action says its ad will run on cable Fox News for at least nine days starting Wednesday. The ad, which is also online, criticizes Thompson's fiscal record as governor.

8-24-11 new state railroad commissioner

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A former Democratic legislator has been appointed by GOP Governor Scott Walker to be the state's new railroads commissioner. Jeff Plale will replace Roger Breske. Plale is a former state senator from South Milwaukee.

8-24-11 downed tree removal plan

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MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Wisconsin officials have started work on a plan for removing hundreds of thousands of downed trees in the far northwestern part of the state. A series of storms in July toppled trees over more than 130,000 acres across five counties. The state estimates the storms left about two million cords of wood on the ground.

8-24-11 wolf lake beach closed...again

Wolf Lake Beach has been closed for a second time this summer due to elevated E. coli levels. Signs have been posted alerting swimmers that water quality is poor and their chances of developing a gastrointestinal illness from swallowing lake water is increased. Code Enforcement has been monitoring Wolf Lake's beach water on a weekly basis for the past several swimming seasons. The reason for the elevated level is not specifically known, but may be due to factors including an extended period of hot weather, more animal activity on or near the lake and increased human activity on the lake.

8-24-11 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 days 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: Horizon 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.

8-24-11 fdl salvation army in need of school supplies

On Saturday, August 27 the Salvation Army will be handing out more than 400 backpacks full of school supplies to needy children, and it is still in critical need of supplies. "remaining supplies out to those who missed the sign up the following Monday, which will be We fill the back packs on August 23 and 24," says Heather Merten who has organized this year's drive for supplies. "We distribute them to those who signed up last spring for school supply help, and give any August 29 this year. Generally speaking everyone who needs school supplies get most of what they need. It is our aim to provide students with a 'leg up' and ask parents and students themselves to be responsible for acquiring the last few needed supplies," she concludes. Supplies still in critical needs are 1000 spiral notebooks, 1000 multicolored folders, 150 TI-30X11s calculators, 250 binders, 216 boxes of colored pencils, 600 glue sticks, and 250 school scissors. Those who wish to make a tax deductible donation of school supplies or a financial gift to purchase supplies may bring them to the Follett Street entrance of The Salvation Army, which is located on the corner of North Macy and Follett Street any Monday through Friday between 9AM and 4PM. To volunteer to help stuff back packs on August 23 & 24, call Heather at 923-8220.

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