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8-9-11 fdl county da completes review of justice dept review of fdl police shooting incident

The Fond du Lac County District Attorney has completed a review of a Department of Justice investigation into the March 20th shooting incident that claimed the life of a Fond du lac police officer. DADan Kaminsky says he is preparing a written summary and a press conference will be scheduled for late August or early September subject to all lab findings being completed. Kaminsky says he has reviewed over 140 separate law enforcement reports and 15 disks of electronic information. Police say James Cruckson shot and killed officer Craig Birkholz and wounded officer Ryan Williams before turning the gun on himself.

8-9-11 fdl school board approves new teacher handbooks

The Fond du Lac School Board has approved a new employee handbook that reflects changes in collective bargaining laws. Superintendent Doctor Jim Sebert says the new handbooks cover items including extracurricular duties, lunch periods, work hours and retirement. Sebert says changes to a \$7000 stipend paid to an employee who does not take health insurance through the district will save approximately \$236,000. "What we did change is that if you are a married couple you can take a family plan or you can take two single plans, but what you can't do any longer is take a family plan and also the money for not taking the insurance," Sebert said. Sebert says the handbooks replace what would have previously been part of the teacher's contracts.

8-9-11 recall elections

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Six Republican state senators are trying to convince Wisconsin voters to keep them in office. Tuesday's recall elections could swing control of the Wisconsin Senate to Democrats. The races have shattered spending records and served as a referendum on Gov. Scott Walker's Republican revolution.

8-9-11 next week's recall

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Big money also is rolling into next week's recall elections targeting two Democratic state senators. According to financial reports released today, Democratic Senator Jim Holperin has raised more than \$494,000 and spent \$319,000, while his Republican challenger, Kim Simac, has raised more than \$221,000 and spent \$171,000.

8-9-11 republicans mulling lame duck session depending on recall outcome

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — An spokesman for Wisconsin Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald says Republicans haven't considered calling a lame-duck session if Democrats win enough seats tomorrow take control of the Senate. He says Republicans are focused for now on winning the six recall elections.

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8-9-11 u.s. markets fall sharply

NEW YORK (AP)—A decline of more than 600 points has dropped the Dow industrials below the 11,000 mark, on the first trading day after Standard & Poor's downgraded American debt. It's the first time since November that the blue-chip index has been that low. Fresh memories of the financial crisis of three years ago are helping to drive investors away from risky investments and into what's considered safe. Treasury prices are up, despite S&P's assessment that they are riskier than the debt of some other countries. The downgrade wasn't a surprise but it came as investors were already feeling nervous about a weak U.S. economy, European debt problems and Japan's recovery from its March earthquake.

8-9-11 gas leak

A number of buildings in downtown Fond du lac were evacuated as a precaution Monday afternoon following a gas line break. A construction crew accidentally hit a one inch main near Blakely Auto Parts. That's located near South Main and Third Streets. Alliant Energy crews were called to the scene to repair the damaged main.

8-9-11 waupun house fire

Nobody was injured in a house fire in Waupun over the weekend. Firefighters were called to the Joseph Held residence on Buwalda Drive Saturday evening to find smoke coming from the garage area. The fire was extinguished and was contained to the entry doorway and outside wall next to the door. The fire started from a plastic cigarette butt container that was on a decoration next to the entry door. Firefighters were on the scene for about an hour.

8-9-11 golf course burglary

Fond du lac police are investigating a burglary at a golf course clubhouse. Police captain Steve Klein says someone broke into the clubhouse at the Whispering Springs golf course early Monday morning. "Investigators are trying to determine exactly what was taken. It does appear an undisclosed amount of cash was taken," Klein said. Klein says police do not have any suspects. Anyone with information is asked to call police.

8-9-11 burglar trapped in storage trailer

Fond du lac police say a burglar was captured when an alert citizen locked the door on a storage trailer ...trapping the thief inside. The incident happened near Packer Street Recycling and Electrical on Packer Street Saturday night. A 19 year old man was arrested and additional arrests are expected.

8-9-11 arrest warrant issued for fdl skateboard park beating suspect



A recent severe beating incident at the Fondy skate board park has many parents wondering if it's safe for their children to go there. A 22 year old Fond du lac man was attacked, apparently unprovoked after skateboarding at the park last month. Police Captain, Steve Klein, says the department has identified a suspect and hopes to make an arrest soon. An arrest warrant has been issued for 21 year old Steven Hallam. Anyone with information on his whereabouts can contact Fond du lac police at 906-5555 or crime alert at 906-4777. The incident has raised concerns about how safe it is for children to play at the park. There have been other altercations involving skateboarders and BMX riders.

8-9-11 horicon man charged with assault with weapon

A 46 year old Hartford man is facing numerous charges after an altercation that included a handgun at a Beaver Dam residence. The Beaver Dam Police Department says at about 2:15 a.m. Thursday, officers were dispatched to the 600 block of Madison Street for a man armed with a handgun assaulting a 22 year old Beaver Dam man outside of his residence and attempting to break into the residence. The suspect fled the scene in a vehicle, but was apprehended a short time later... and a loaded .357 handgun was located in the suspect's vehicle. Beaver Dam Police say an investigation showed that the Hartford man was upset and believed money was owed to him. The victim received non-life threatening injuries in the assault and was treated at the hospital and released. It's believed no shots were fired. The suspect was arrested on a probation violation and OWI third offense, and is additional charges that include endangering safety by use of a dangerous weapon, substantial battery, criminal trespass and damage to property, and carrying a concealed weapon.

8-9-11 wolf lake beach reopens

On Thursday August 4, 2011 the Fond du Lac County Code Enforcement Office removed the beach closed signs. Water tests collected at the swimming beach on Aug 2 and 3 tested below 235 e. coli per 100 ml'. Code Enforcement will resume weekly testing of Wolf Lake's beach water. Water quality testing is done as a precaution to alert swimmers when bacteria levels are high which puts swimmers at an increase risk for developing gastrointestinal illnesses. Residents who have questions may contact the Fond du Lac County Health Department @ 929-3085 or Code Enforcement Office @ 929-3139

8-9-11 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.

8-9-11 governor seeks applicants for district attorney openings in green lake and marquette counties

Governor Scott Walker announced today that he is seeking applicants for appointment as the District Attorney for Green Lake and Marquette counties. The new appointees will replace outgoing Green Lake District Attorney Winn Collins, who will be leaving office on September 10, 2011, and Marquette County District Attorney Richard DuFour, who will be leaving office on August 20, 2011. Please submit the following:

Cover Letter

Short Resume

References (list of 3-4)

D.A. Application: found on Governor Walker's website: www.walker.wi.gov<<http://www.walker.wi.gov>>.

(Select the DA Applicants tab under "Serve" at the top of the page)

Complete application materials should be submitted to:

EMAIL

govappointments@wisconsin.gov<<mailto:govappointments@wisconsin.gov>>

Applicants should outline in their cover letters what professional and academic experiences qualify them to be District Attorney, and applicants should describe their civic activities and community involvement. Resumes, cover letters, and applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, August 26, 2011. Potential applicants with questions about the appointments process may contact Andrew Hitt or Karley Downing at 608-266-1212.

8-9-11 highway q construction update

Starting Thursday, August 4, 2011, contractor crews will begin work to remove earth and rock for a hill cut on County Trunk Highway Q a half mile west east of CTH QQ in the Town of Taycheedah. The Fond du Lac County Highway department awarded a contract to Denny Rahn, Inc. of Eden, Wisconsin to complete this work expected to be completed by the end of September. The work consists of excavating a 10-foot-deep cut through earth and rock to improve stopping sight distance and safety for traffic using the highway. The contractor will be using explosives to blast the rock. During this work, the ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC at the excavation. Outside the excavation area, CTH Q from USH 151 to CTH W remains closed to thru traffic but open to local traffic only as county crews complete other work on the remainder of the project. A detour is posted using USH 151 and CTH W.

8-9-11 pioneer road construction update

CTH W: West Pioneer Road Reconstruction

Schedule: July 2011 to November 2011

Length: 0.213 miles

Cost: \$1,848,192.39

Location: Morris Street to Main Street

Description: The project involves the reconstruction of CTH W (Pioneer Road) between Morris Street and Main Street, the reconstruction of the Pioneer Road bridge over the East Branch of the Fond du Lac River and the construction of the Wild Goose Prairie Trail within the project limits.

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Week of August 05 to August 09: Construction of storm sewer on the west end of the project will continue. Crews will continue from the FDL River and work west to Morris Street on the south side of the roadway. Grading contractor will mobilize in and begin grading the roadway from Morris Street to the bridge. The existing bridge railing will also be removed.

Traffic impacts: CTH W (Pioneer Road) will be closed to through traffic for the duration of the project. Local traffic will have access during the project except when construction is taking place in immediately in the vicinity of their residence or business. The contractor will coordinate with residents and businesses prior to any closures.

Detour Route: Fond du Lac County will post and maintain a detour during the duration of the project. The eastbound detour route is CTH W (Pioneer Road) to Hickory Street to USH 151 to Main Street and back to CTH W (Pioneer Road). The westbound detour route will be the reverse of the eastbound detour route.

