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12-12-11 two people killed in fdl county traffic accident

On Saturday, December 10, 2011, at approximately 10:46pm, the Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Office responded to a two vehicle crash with injuries on STH 26 north of Willow Creek Rd. in the Township of Waupun. Initial investigation indicates the crash occurred when a northbound vehicle, operated by a 39 year old De Pere man, lost control of his vehicle while negotiating a curve in the roadway. This northbound vehicle then travelled across the northbound lane and into the southbound lane. At this point a southbound vehicle, driven by a 22 year old Illinois woman, collided with the northbound vehicle. Both vehicles came to rest in the southbound lane of travel. As a result of the crash, the drivers' of both vehicles were pronounced dead at the scene. A passenger in the southbound vehicle, a 23 year old Illinois man, was transported by Flight For Life helicopter to Theda Clark Medical Center and later transported to University Hospital in Madison with life threatening injuries where he remains in critical condition. Assisting with the scene was Wisconsin State Patrol, Waupun Fire Department, Brooks Ambulance, and Brandon-Fairwater Police Department. The crash remains under investigation by the Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Office. Speed and alcohol are not believed to be factors in the crash at this time.

12-12-11 man arrested in fdl county on 36 yr old warrant

FOND DU LAC, Wis. (AP) — A Fond du Lac County traffic stop has led to the arrest of a 70-year-old man wanted on a 36-year-old warrant. According to the Wisconsin State Patrol, a trooper stopped a car at about 7:45 p.m. Friday on U.S. Highway 41 for having a loud exhaust and having no tail lights. When the trooper did a query of his driver's license, the trooper found that the man had a warrant issued by the Milwaukee County courts for failure to pay child support. The man, who now lives Jonesboro, Ga., was taken to the Fond Du Lac County jail.

12-12-11 dodge correctional-low morale blamed for prison attacks

WAUPUN, Wis. (AP) — Unionized prison workers say job vacancies, inexperienced staff and low morale are contributing to an increase in inmate attacks at the Dodge Correctional Institution. Four staff members were treated at the hospital in three separate attacks by inmates last month at the Waupun prison. Wisconsin State Employees Union spokesman Marty Beil says inmates understand that longtime correctional officers are leaving and less experienced guards are taking their place. Beil says the prison becomes a difficult place to work when you combine that with low morale and job vacancies. Department of Corrections spokeswoman Linda Eggert says that all posts at Waupun are covered by regular staff and by overtime. She says more than 30 vacancies are expected to be filled early next year.

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12-12-11 robbery suspect charged

A Fond du Lac man arrested in connection with a couple of robberies in Fond du Lac has made his initial court appearance. Luis Rivera is charged with armed robbery. Fond du Lac Judge Richard Nuss set bail at \$50,000 cash. Rivera was arrested in connection with the armed robbery of a man in the Briarcrest apartment parking lot and is also a suspect in the robbery of the PayDay Loan store on North Rolling Meadows Drive. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for December 16th.

12-12-11 booze and belts campaign

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Police across Wisconsin are cracking down on drunken drivers and those not wearing seat belts. The special holiday season campaign to cut down on scofflaws began Friday and runs through December 17th. The state Department of Transportation says last December there were nearly 13,000 traffic crashes in the month, more than any other that year. The crashes caused 37 deaths and more than 3,800 injuries. State Patrol Major Sandra Huxtable, director of the DOT's Bureau of Transportation Safety, says slippery roads, poor visibility and hectic holiday traffic combined with impatient and impaired drivers make this time of year especially dangerous.

12-12-11 dnr-youtube

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — The Department of Natural Resources plans to post video stories about Wisconsin's wildlife on a new YouTube channel. The videos will also be about outdoor recreation, natural resources and DNR staff, organizations and other subjects. The DNR plans to update the channel, called WIDNR-TV, on Wednesdays. People don't have to have a YouTube account to watch the videos.

12-12-11 bridge weight limits

The Fond du Lac County Highway Department has posted a 40-ton weight limit and closed the southbound shoulder on the CTH G bridge over Mullet Creek (0.8 miles south of STH 23) in the Town of Forest. Due to the deterioration of the bridge's superstructure, the bridge needs to be restricted to insure safe travel. Restricting use of the structure with continued inspections and monitoring will help insure its integrity and allow for continued use until its replacement. A timeline for its replacement has not been determined at this time.

12-12-11 fdl county tax bills due soon

Fond du Lac County taxpayers can expect to receive their 2011 tax bills in the mail by mid-December. They will also be available to view and print through the Fond du Lac County website by logging onto www.fdlco.wi.gov. Taxpayers are encouraged to pay their taxes by mail to avoid waiting in long lines. Please return the appropriate payment stub(s) with your payment. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if a payment receipt is requested. Payment for parcels located in the City of Fond du Lac and the Village of North Fond du Lac should be made payable and mailed to the Fond du Lac County Treasurer's Office, 160 South Macy Street, P.O. Box 1515, Fond du Lac, WI 54936-1515. Payments for all other municipalities (Towns, Villages, Cities) are collected by the appropriate municipality. Please see tax bill payment stub for further payment details. Real Estate taxes may be paid in full or the 1st installment is due by January 31, 2012 with the balance due by July 31, 2012.

12-12-11 red kettle campaign

Fond du Lac Salvation Army officials say the need for assistance this holiday season is greater than ever. The Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign is in full swing. "It actually started two weeks ago on the 11th of November and we are currently at six percent of our goal," Salvation Army spokesperson, Denise Schaefer, said. The goal is \$150,000. Schaefer says volunteers are needed to man the kettles. If you want to volunteer you may call the Salvation Army at 923-8220.

12-12-11 winter parking restrictions

The City of Fond du Lac Police Department and the Department of Public Works is taking this opportunity to remind the members of the community that the **WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS** are now in effect. Parking from November 15th to March 15th is restricted between the hours of 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. **On EVEN NUMBERED DAYS**, starting at 8:00 p.m. parking is restricted to the EVEN side of the street. **On ODD NUMBERED DAYS**, starting at 8:00 p.m. parking is restricted to the ODD side of the street. Any **METERED AREA** is still restricted to 60 minutes between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. This ordinance overrides all other on-street parking restrictions where parking is allowed. Please remind family, friends and overnight guests of these restrictions as violations can be costly. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions please call the shift commander at 322-3710.

12-12-11 fdl county sheriff's department law of the month

December marks the eighth anniversary of the enactment of a Wisconsin law that prohibits drivers from having any detectable amount of a controlled substance in their system, such as marijuana or cocaine, while operating a motor vehicle. The law also makes the legal penalties for drugged driving the same as drunken driving. (Wis. Stats. 346.63(1a)) The Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Office and other law enforcement agencies are continuing their efforts to combat drugged driving. Law enforcement officers throughout the state have extensive training and experience in procedures that effectively identify drivers impaired by alcohol. Officers use many of those same procedures to identify drugged drivers. Drivers who exhibit behavior or symptoms indicative of drug use must submit to a blood test that determines the presence of drugs. Refusing to submit to the blood test means an automatic revocation of the driver's license. In addition to illegal drugs, the overuse or abuse of medications, especially when combined with alcohol, will often cause impaired driving. State law prohibits drivers from being "under the influence of any drug to a degree which renders him or her incapable of safely driving or under the combined influence of an intoxicant and any other drug to a degree which renders him or her incapable of driving safely. Drivers under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or a combination of the two are deadly threats to everyone on the road. That's why officers never take a break—even over the holiday season—from arresting those who choose to get behind the wheel while impaired.

Have a Safe Holiday Season,

Sheriff Mck Fink

12-12-11 fdl police department law of the month

Inattentive driving is one of the leading causes of automobile crashes. Basically inattentive driving means a driver is driving distracted. We have all seen distracted drivers. People driving while talking on a cell phone, texting, reading a book, putting make up on, drinking coffee, etc. When we see these distracted drivers we immediately realize the dangers they impose. The Wisconsin State Statute for Inattentive Driving (SS 346.89) reads, "No person while driving a motor vehicle shall be so engaged or occupied as to interfere with the safe driving of such vehicle." This definition does not list one thing or a group of things that are illegal to engage in while driving because the list of distractions that can cause one to drive inattentively is endless. Accitation for inattentive driving can cost you from \$101.40 to \$178.40 and 4 points on your driving record. Obeying this law is especially important for drivers now that the winter months have arrived. When road conditions become poor, it is important that drivers are able to fully concentrate on the roadway. Treacherous road conditions, plus added distractions are a recipe for a devastating crash. With the numerous electronic devices available in today's society, we all must refrain from using them while driving to help ensure that the City of Fond du Lac remains a safe place to live, learn, work and play!

Officer Nate Rucker #15

12-12-11 agnesian healthcare lovelight campaign

The star atop this year's Love Light Tree, sponsored by the Agnesian HealthCare Foundation, will shine in memory of individuals lost from the Agnesian HealthCare family this past year. This year's star shines for Agnesian HealthCare Volunteers that include Dan Ewald, August "Gus" Kresbach and Kate Wallace. Proceeds from the Love Light fund drive will benefit Agnesian HealthCare's Grief Relief program, which provides a safe place where children, teens and their families can grieve openly and share experiences as they move through the grief process in a supportive environment of their peers. The Grief Relief program meets twice monthly in the lower level of the Fond du Lac Regional Clinic West building, 912 S. Hickory Street in Fond du Lac. Age-appropriate toys are available for younger children; art supplies for art therapy are available as well. Grief Relief also offers suicide support as well as a support group for widows/widowers on Wednesdays. The public is invited to attend this year's Love Light Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14 at the St. Agnes Hospital lobby. Love Lights can be purchased through December 31 at the information desks at either St. Agnes Hospital or the Fond du Lac Regional Clinic and cost \$10 each. Tammy Waidelich and Lori Tschetter are leading this year's drive. Call (920) 926-4959 for more information.

12-12-11 laconia high school holiday concert

Holiday Concert

Featuring: Laconia Concert Band and Laconia Symphonic Band

When: Tuesday, December 13th, 2011 at 7:30 pm

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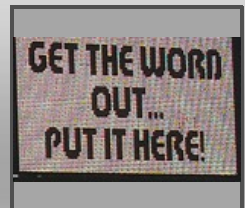
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12-12-11 seibel family christmas concert

The Seibel Family Christmas Concert will be presented this year at the Fond du Lac Performing Arts Center at Fond du Lac High School on Saturday December 17 at 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM. The 1:00 PM Concert will benefit St. Vincent DePaul Charities and the 6:00 PM concert will benefit The Salvation Army Christmas Campaign. Tickets are available starting on Sunday, November 26 at Reach Out Books which is located at 221 Peters Avenue in Fond du Lac. "The performance is free to the public," says Tom Seibel, "and the donations that result from it are our gift to both St. Vincent DePaul and The Salvation Army." The group will also be performing at The Washington County Fair Grounds the evening of December 10. The Salvation Army will "Deck the Halls" with red kettles and charming bell ringers encouraging support to the Salvation Army Christmas campaign. Sponsoring the event for The Salvation Army will be Charter Communications, Bank Mutual, Marchant Schmidt Inc., Jack's Team Sports, and Tighe Roofing Contractors. Tickets will go quickly, and those who wish to attend are encouraged to get them early. Tickets are ONLY available at Reach Out Books.

12-12-11 waupun memorial hospital blood drive

Area residents are invited to join Waupun Memorial Hospital associates, volunteers and physicians and donate an hour of time on Tuesday, January 3 to give blood to the BloodCenter of Wisconsin. Blood donations will be accepted in the Lower Level Meeting Room from 12:30 to 5 p.m. at Waupun Memorial Hospital, 620 W. Brown Street, Waupun. Giving blood is easy and takes about an hour. The process includes registering, giving a brief medical history, and having temperature, blood pressure and hemoglobin checked. Blood that is donated remains local, as the BloodCenter of Wisconsin is the sole supplier of blood to Waupun Memorial Hospital and St. Agnes Hospital, as well as 55 other Wisconsin hospitals in 27 counties.



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