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**12-14-11 merc job fair**

Mercury Marine is looking to hire more than 60 workers to start on Jan. 3, and has scheduled a job fair at which job-seekers can learn more about the positions and have an on-site interview. The job fair is scheduled for Dec. 15 at the Job and Career Center in Fond du Lac, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Interested candidates must call the Job and Career Center at (920) 929-3900 to set up an interview. Candidates also must apply for positions listed on the Supplemental Technician job posting on Mercury's careers website at [www.brunswick.com/careers](http://www.brunswick.com/careers), then print out their applications and bring them to the job fair for the interview. The open positions are in a variety of production areas such as assembly and machining and prospective candidates must be able to work all three shifts. Mercury Marine has opportunities for individuals in manufacturing-related roles. Visit the Mercury Marine website to apply today. Meanwhile a Merc spokesman says the company will pay a special one time bonus this week to more than 1,000 hourly workers. Steve Fleming says Merc demonstrated solid global growth this year due in part to the outstanding efforts of Merc employees. The company would not disclose the bonus amount but an employee said it would be close to \$1200.

**12-14-11 fdl school officials explore merit pay**

Fond du lac school officials are watching closely as other school district across the state begin to experiment with merit pay for teachers. Instead of pay raises for experience and education credits teachers are measured based on the quality of their work. Superintendent Doctor Jim Sebert says the question is how do you fairly evaluate a teacher's performance. "Its a very slippery slope trying to figure out how that works effectively," Sebert said. This month, the Cedarburg school board approved moving ahead with a pay for performance plan. Sebert says Fond du Lac school officials recently visited the Hartland-Lakeside district which will implement a performance pay plan for all teachers next year.

**12-14-11 school taxes down**

Statewide school property taxes are down for the first time in five years. According to a new report from the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance property taxes on December tax bills are dropping one percent. Taxpayer Alliance President Todd Berry says the decline is the first since 2005-06 when levies fell point five percent. Some school district saw dramatic drops including Rosendale Brandon where taxes fell 20.4 percent.

**12-14-11 murder defendant says shooting was an accident**

A Fond du Lac man accused of shooting to death his wife told police it was an accident. Jason Anderson

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says he thought he heard an intruder, grabbed the gun and it accidentally went off striking his wife. Anderson said he panicked when he realized his wife was dead and fled. He was arrested in Alabama. Police said Anderson admitted his involvement but stopped short of saying it was a confession. Anderson is charged with first degree intentional homicide.

#### 12-14-11 deer hunt

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Members of the state Natural Resources Board are questioning why hunters killed fewer bucks in northern Wisconsin this year. Preliminary findings from last month's nine-day gun deer season showed the buck kill in the state's northern region down 12 percent from last year.

#### 12-14-11 osha investigating dodge county frozen pizza company

WATERTOWN, Wis. (AP) — A federal agency is accusing a frozen-pizza maker in Watertown of exposing its workers to unsafe conditions. The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration has proposed fines of more than \$76,000 against Emil's Pizza. The company has 15 business days to comply with the fines, contest the citations or request a conference.

#### 12-14-11 federal lawsuit filed over state voter photo id law

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A federal lawsuit filed by the ACLU calls Wisconsin's new voter identification law unconstitutional. Governor Scott Walker signed the law this year requiring voters to show photo ID starting in February. The lawsuit says requiring only certain government-issued IDs imposes a severe burden on voting rights.

#### 12-14-11 car hits pole near fdl elementary school

One person was transported to the hospital after a vehicle struck a power pole. The accident happened about 8am Tuesday on South Park Avenue and 21st Street near Pier Elementary School. The driver of the vehicle was issued a citation.

#### 12-14-11 da harrassment lawsuit

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — A federal sexual harassment lawsuit against former Calumet County District Attorney Ken Kratz will not be thrown out. Stephanie Van Groll is suing Kratz for sending racy text messages while he prosecuted her ex-boyfriend for domestic abuse in 2009. The 27-year-old claims Kratz violated her constitutional equal protection rights. This summer, Kratz filed a motion asking for the case to be dismissed, saying he did not violate Van Groll's constitutional rights. U.S. District Judge William Griesbach, based in Green Bay, denied Kratz's motion on Monday.

#### 12-14-11 omro man sentenced to prison for beating puppy with baseball bat

OSHKOSH, Wis. (AP) — A 19-year-old from Omro faces up to 18 months in prison in the baseball-bat beating death of a puppy. James Albright the Third pleaded no contest in the case this week. A criminal complaint says Albright and his roommate were told in September to get rid of their two dogs because of poor conditions at their apartment. They drove to a field, where authorities say Albright beat the puppy.

#### 12-14-11 raccoon falls through kitchen ceiling

FOND DU LAC, Wis. (AP) — A little masked intruder fell through the ceiling of a Wisconsin woman's home over the weekend, but it wasn't a burglar. Sue Ripple of Brandon told AM 1170 WFDL's Between the Lines program she was getting ready to go to bed Saturday evening when she heard a loud crash. "He was sitting on that (trap door) and fell through. Oh was my kitchen a mess," Ripple said. Ripple says the raccoon went behind the refrigerator and wouldn't leave. Since it was past her bedtime she used two boards to block the kitchen doorway and went to bed. She woke up early the next morning to find the raccoon climbing up the boards. "So I took my cane and I pushed it and said get down, get down." Her son eventually helped it escape.

#### 12-14-11 contested fdl county board races

##### District 4:

Sarah Everson N8611 Ridge Road Van Dyne WI 54979	Sherry L. Behnke 1905 Chapman Avenue North Fond du Lac WI 54937
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##### District 5:

Mike Gannon N5995 Nelson Road Fond du Lac WI 54937	LeRoy J. Schmitz W6826 State Road 23 Fond du Lac WI 54937
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##### District 6:

Lowell J. Prill W12726 County Road AS Brandon WI 53919	Thomas E. Dornbrook 535 W Main Street Brandon WI 53919
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##### District 8:

John E. Muentner, Sr. W6198 County Road Y Brownsville WI 53006	Thomas Schumacher W5424 Lost Arrow Road Fond du Lac WI 54937
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##### District 12:

Dennis Stenz W2217 County Road WH Mt. Calvary WI 53057	Thomas F. Schuppe N9640 Winnebago Park Road Fond du Lac WI 54937
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##### District 15:

Donald O. Skog 306 W Scott Street Fond du Lac WI 54937	Christopher Madsen 230 E Bank Street Fond du Lac WI 54935
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##### District 16: NFDL

Martin Schroeder  
174 Twin Lakes Drive  
North Fond du Lac WI 54937

##### District 19:

John G. Zorn 749 Bragg Street Fond du Lac WI 54935	John J. Piper III 311 Muentner Avenue Fond du Lac WI 54935
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**District 20:**

Nick Heintz  
170 Sheboygan Street  
Fond du Lac WI 54935

Lisette Aldrich  
506 E 1st Street  
Fond du Lac WI 54935

**12-14-11 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](http://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.

**12-14-11 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. 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.

**12-14-11 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.

**12-14-11 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

**12-14-11 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. A citation 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

**12-14-11 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

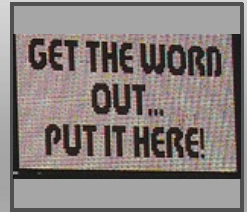
(920) 926-4959 for more information.

**12-14-11 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.

**12-14-11 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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