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12-28-11 biking study

A new study shows more biking can save lives, reduce health costs, traffic and air pollution. The UW Madison study released recently shows that replacing short driving trips with biking would benefit the upper Midwest including Wisconsin by saving at least \$3.8 billion dollars, saving 1,000 lives and cutting traffic by 20-percent. State Representative, Brett Hulseby, says the study of approximately 31 million people in six Midwest states including Wisconsin was published online in Environmental Health Perspectives

12-28-11 dead cat found on chair in middle of the road

The Fond du lac County sheriff's department is investigating the discovery of a dead cat found on a chair in the middle of the road in the town of Taycheeda over the weekend. Sheriff's Sergeant Chris Dobyms found the dead cat on a patio chair, along with a pile of boxes and chairs blocking both lanes of traffic at the intersection of County Highway WH and Sunset Drive early Saturday morning.

12-28-11 waupun school board seeks public input

The Waupun School Board is seeking public input on the qualities they would like to see in the next superintendent. A consulting firm hired by the school board will be holding public sessions at 3:45pm Wednesday January 4th at the Rock River Intermediate School and 7pm at the Junior-Senior High School. Interested parents, residents and staff are encouraged to attend. The board hopes to have a new superintendent in place by next July. Don Childs has been serving as interim superintendent since July 2010.

12-28-11 state chartered banks show improvement

Wisconsin's state-chartered banks showed signs of continued improvement in the third quarter as capital levels and the number of profitable institutions increased. Data released by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation shows the capital ratio of Wisconsin's 202 state-chartered bank was 10.69-percent as of September 20th, up from 10.52-percent in the quarter ending June 30th. Administrator of the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions Division of Banking, Mike Mach, says the stabilization of loan portfolios continues to be the key driver of bank performance. Mach says the stronger Wisconsin banks get, the better it is for the state's economy.

12-28-11 well women program

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Winnebago county will provide outreach and education services in a four county area of east central Wisconsin for the state's well women program. The announcement was made Friday by Department of Health Services Secretary Dennis Smith. The \$130,000 state-funded contract will allow Winnebago County to provide outreach and education on the importance of preventative screening in Winnebago, Fond du lac, Sheboygan and Outagamie counties. County health departments are the providers for these services in most of the state. The programs cancer screening services are funded separately with federal funds and are offered by health care providers throughout Wisconsin.

12-28-11 manufacturer of the year nominees

Three area businesses have been nominated for the 2011 Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year awards. MAG IAS LLC of Fond du lac, Northwoods Paper Converting of Beaver Dam and Patriot Taxiway Industries of Lomira are among the nominees. The winners will be announced at a ceremony February 23rd in Milwaukee.

12-28-11 waupun prison inmate sentenced for attack on another inmate

A Waupun prison inmate will spend more time in prison for attacking a fellow inmate with a toilet cleaning brush. Twenty seven year old, Abdishakur Noor Muddey has pleaded no contest to battery by a prisoner. Dodge County Judge Steven Bauer sentenced Muddey to an additional two and a half years in prison. A criminal complaint says Muddey attacked inmate, Lloyd Sellers, after Sellers refused to clean the wall of their prison cell. The complaint says Sellers stopped the attack by giving Muddey nachos, Cheetos, beans and rice and a Little Debbie snack. Muddey is serving a 10 year prison sentence on a reckless homicide conviction in Milwaukee county.

12-28-11 school aoda grants

Fond du Lac and Horicon schools are sharing in more than \$700,000 in state grant money for alcohol and other drug abuse programs. The Fond du Lac School District is receiving \$20,000 and Horicon \$10,000 to provide students with information and help them develop skills to prevent alcohol and illegal drug use.

12-28-11 united way fund drive

The Fond du Lac Area United Way is closing in on its fundraising goal heading down the home stretch. United Way spokesperson Amber Kilawee says the fund drive is nearing 80-percent of its \$731,000 goal. You can make a donation on line or by calling the United Way at 921-7010.

12-28-11 city offices closed for christmas holiday

City offices in the City/County Government Center and the Municipal Service Center will be closed the afternoons of December 23 and December 30 and all day December 26 and January 2 in observance of the holidays. Refuse collection scheduled for Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2 will be collected on Tuesday, December 27 and Tuesday January 3 along with the regular Monday collection. Please have your refuse ready for collection by 5:00 AM. Fond du Lac Area Transit will not operate on the afternoons of December 23 and December 30 and all day on December 26 and January 2 in observance of the holidays. The Senior Center will be closed on December 23, 26, 30 and January 2 in observance of the Holidays. The Fond du Lac Public Library will be closed on December 24 and 25 as well as January 1 for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays. The Library will return to regular hours on January 2. Police and Fire Departments will be fully operational throughout the holiday period.

12-28-11 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.

12-28-11 board and commission openings

The City of Fond du Lac is accepting applications from residents of the City of Fond du Lac interested in serving on a City government board or commission. City government boards and commissions are an important part of the City government structure. The boards and commissions make independent decisions or advise the City Council. Their missions vary depending on the subject matter. There are currently a number of openings available and a list of interested applicants is maintained for future openings. For information about Boards and Commissions and the application form, visit the City of Fond du Lac website at: http://www.ci.fond-du-lac.wi.us/cofuploads/CandidateInformationSheets_2011.pdf
Completed applications can be returned to:

Lori Agnew
City Administrative Offices
City of Fond du Lac
PO Box 150
Fond du Lac WI 54936-0150

Completed applications can also be emailed to lagnew@fdl.wi.gov

12-28-11 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.

12-28-11 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.

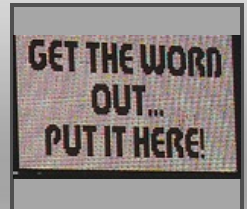
Have a Safe Holiday Season,

Sheriff Mck Fink

12-28-11 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



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