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1-9-12 johnson street corridor study

A recently completed traffic study aims to improve traffic flow along the heavily traveled Johnson Street corridor in Fond du Lac. The study investigated signal timing and traffic volumes on Johnson Street from Rolling Meadows Drive to Country Lane. Public Works Director, Jordan Skiff, says in addition to programming changes that can be made to existing signals to allow motorists to move smoothly through a series of green lights...the study also identified several infrastructure improvements. Skiff says the study also addressed the busy intersection of Main and Johnson and says the city is exploring using an unused lane south of the intersection as a second left-turn lane. Skiff says a cheaper and simpler option would restripe the lanes and widening them to remove the orange delineators. He says the city is planning to implement the selected intersection modifications this spring, although signal reprogramming may take place sooner.

1-9-12 transportation future

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — State officials are looking for the public's thoughts on the future of transportation in Wisconsin. The state Transportation Finance and Policy Commission plans to hold a listening session in Madison on Thursday to gather ideas about long-range transportation needs and financing. State lawmakers created the commission as part of the state budget to study the future of transportation finance in Wisconsin. The Madison session is the first of four the commission plans to hold around the state over the next five months. Anyone who can't attend the meetings can submit comments via email at [dottfpccommission\(at\)dot.wi.gov](mailto:dottfpccommission(at)dot.wi.gov).

1-9-12 dnr says mining bill could cost state millions of dollars a year

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — The state Department of Natural Resources says proposed legislation that would change the way it reviews mining proposals could cost the agency millions of dollars per year. The Republican bill is designed to kick-start an iron mine in far northwestern Wisconsin. Its provisions include time limits on the DNR to approve or deny an iron-mine application. It also caps the amount that a mining company could be asked to reimburse the DNR for costs associated with approval. The DNR says those changes would mean higher expenses and lower revenue. It says between pre-application costs, staff expenses and environmental-impact studies, costs could range from \$550,000 to \$3.8 million per year. Supporters of the proposed mine south of Lake Superior say it would add critical jobs. Opponents worry about environmental damage.

1-9-12 three people arrested in fdl residential burglary

Three people have been arrested in connection with a residential burglary in Fond du Lac. Two men and a

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girl were arrested early Sunday morning in connection with the burglary on Newport Avenue. Police say the homeowner heard a noise around 1:30am Sunday and found two men burglarizing his home. The suspects fled the residence. Police later stopped a car that did not have its headlights on and learned the people in the vehicle were involved in the burglary.

1-9-12 fdl county sheriff's department investigating alleged theft of body parts from medical examiner's office

The Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Department is investigating the apparent theft of body parts from the Fond du Lac County Medical Examiner's Office by the Oneida County medical examiner. Forty four year old Traci England is accused of keeping a piece of human spine from an autopsy so she could use it to train a cadaver dog. England was arrested and jailed, but was released on \$5,000 signature bond after appearing in court Thursday. She has not been charged. District Attorney Michael Bloom says England attended an autopsy Tuesday and kept part of the dead person's spine. Bloom says England told police that she intended to use the part to train one of her dogs to search for human remains. Fond du Lac County Sheriff Mck Fink says the local investigation is focused on the alleged theft. Oneida County Human Resources Director Lisa Charbameau says England was placed on paid administrative suspension Thursday while the county investigates.

1-9-12 anderson bound over for trial

A Fond du Lac man charged in the shooting death of his wife has been bound over for trial. Probable cause was found at a preliminary hearing Friday for Jason Anderson. Anderson is charged with first degree intentional homicide in the shooting death of Nicole Anderson at their Winnebago Drive home in November. Lori Johnson who graduated from high school with Anderson and now works as a nurse in a different county testified that she had an affair with Anderson in September. A friend of Anderson's, Michael Harmsen, told the court that Anderson joked about shooting his wife. According to a criminal complaint the victim died from a single gunshot wound to the head. Anderson claims it was an accident. Following the shooting Anderson fled to Alabama where he was arrested a few days later. He remains in the Fond du lac County Jail on \$100,000 cash bond.

1-9-12 wisconsin tourism fun

MILWAUKEE (AP) — No more slogans. No more logos. Just fun. That's what the Wisconsin Department of Tourism is concentrating on to promote the state. Tourism officials hope one of the directors of the outrageous comedy films "Airplane!" and "The Naked Gun" can amp up the fun in a new tourism commercial that will start airing Wednesday in Milwaukee, Green Bay, Chicago and Minneapolis-St. Paul. Wisconsin native David Zucker directed the 30-second commercial he describes as "undignified." The "Winter Wonderland" commercial features the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra performing the winter classic as snow gently falls. Things veer out of control from there. Zucker now lives in California. He says Wisconsin's wacky people and their ability to laugh at themselves makes them different.

1-9-12 recall election-cost

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A recall election to oust Republican Governor Scott Walker from office could cost at least \$9 million. The state Government Accountability Board asked local clerks to estimate the costs of a possible recall election based on statewide elections in November 2010 and April 2011. Democrats want to throw Walker out of office over his contentious collective bargaining law.

1-9-12 pension controversy

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — The state's police union says local governments are blackmailing public safety workers into contributing to their pensions. The union says municipalities are telling police and firefighters to pay into their pensions or face huge increases in their health care deductibles. But city officials say they're trying to create a level playing field between police and other public employees when it comes to funding pensions and make up for cuts in state aid to municipalities.

1-9-12 state democratic party files complaint against governor

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — The Wisconsin Democratic Party has filed a new complaint alleging Governor Scott Walker committed a campaign finance violation by not reporting the purchasing of internet web domain names by a former aide. That aide has now been charged with embezzlement. The complaint filed today with the Government Accountability Board alleges Walker's campaign did not account for the purchases as in-kind contributions or reimburse Tim Russell, Walker's former deputy chief of staff while Milwaukee County executive.

1-9-12 walker-criminal investigation

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Governor Scott Walker hasn't been charged with any wrongdoing in an ongoing criminal investigation that's ensnared people close to him, and he wants to keep it that way. Walker's former deputy chief of staff is among those facing embezzlement charges for allegedly stealing money intended for veterans and their families.

1-9-12 state representative won't seek re-election

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Independent state Representative Bob Ziegelbauer of Manitowoc says he won't seek an 11th term in the state Assembly. Ziegelbauer said today that he will serve out the remainder of his current term which ends in 2013. Republicans currently control the Assembly by a 59-39 majority. Ziegelbauer is the only independent.

1-9-12 fdl area united way close to reaching goal

Less than a week to go and the Fond du Lac Area United Way fund drive is close to meeting its goal for the first time in six years. United Way Board of Directors president, Steve Fleming, says the fund drive is only \$8000 short of its \$730,000 goal with the deadline next Friday. Last year's campaign raised \$668,000.

1-9-12 salvation army fundraising

It hasn't been easy...but it appears the Fond du lac Salvation Army will top its \$150,000 goal. Salvation Army spokesperson, Denise Schaefer, says \$147,000 has been raised so far and matching donations should put the amount raised over the top. Schaefer says the money raised stays in Fond du lac to help families pay for food, rent or utility bills. She says the need is greater than ever. Schaefer says 640 families

received Christmas assistance and more than 1600 coats were distributed to needy kids. This past year the Salvation Army served more than 4600 individuals:

1-9-12 petri-town hall meetings

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. SHEBOYGAN
Mead Public Library
710 North 8th Street
Rocca Meeting Room

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. BERLIN
City Hall, 108 North Capron Street
City Council Chambers

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. MENASHA
Menasha Public Library, 440 First Street
Company B Room

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. OSHKOSH

Oshkosh Public Library
106 Washington Avenue
Meeting Rooms A& B

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. CHILTON
Calumet County Courthouse, 206 Court Street
Room 025 (Use west entrance)

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. TWO RIVERS

Lester Public Library, 1001 Adams Street
Community Room

1-9-12 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.

1-9-12 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

1-9-12 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.

1-9-12 fdl county sheriff's department law of the month

This time of year, law enforcement officers, tow truck operators and emergency responders are busy working on the side of highways to rescue motorists and remove vehicles that have slid off icy roads or into other vehicles. Although the frigid conditions test their resolve, the greatest danger these workers face is being hit by vehicles traveling at high speeds just a few feet away. To protect law enforcement officers, tow truck operators, emergency responders, road maintenance workers, and others who work on the side of roadways, Wisconsin has a Move Over Law. The law requires drivers to shift lanes if possible or slowdown in order to create a safety zone for a law enforcement vehicle, ambulance, fire truck, tow truck or highway maintenance vehicle that is stopped or parked on the side of a road with its warning lights flashing. To create a safety zone on interstate highways and other divided roads with multiple directional lanes, you must move over to vacate the lane closest to the law enforcement or other emergency vehicle if you can

safely switch lanes. If the road has a single directional lane or you can't safely move over because of traffic, you must reduce your speed until safely past the vehicle. Violating the Move Over Law can be expensive as well as dangerous. A citation costs \$263.50 with three demerit points added to your license (Ms. Stats. 346.072). When drivers disregard the Move Over Law, they are putting lives at risk. Failure of motorists to create a safety zone by moving over or slowing down is one of the major reasons that motor vehicle crashes kill more law enforcement officers on duty than any other cause. Tow truck operators, highway maintenance workers and emergency responders also are killed and injured when drivers don't move over or slow down. By obeying the Move Over Law, drivers can protect themselves, their passengers, our officers and others who work on highways from needless injuries and deaths. Have A Safe Month,

Sheriff Mck Fink



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