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7-20-11 fdl county fair

The Fond du lac County Fair is underway...and fair officials hope the heat wave doesn't scare people away. Fair manager, Matt Immel, says fair participants are used to the sticky weather and says there are plenty of ways to cool off. "We've got a luxury of having two huge air conditioned buildings out here so people who come out...don't worry, you'll have plenty of ways to escape the heat," Immel said. Many people are questioning why there are no big name country music stars in the grandstand line-up this year. Immel says the fair board tried to get a country music performer but were unsuccessful.

7-20-11 heat wave-cappozzo

The Fond du Lac County Public Health Officer says her biggest concern during this heat wave is making sure the elderly are taking the necessary precautions to stay safe. Three people died in Fond du Lac County during the last similar heat wave in 1995. Diane Cappozzo says the humidity creates tropical conditions that can be life threatening for the elderly and people with heart conditions.

7-20-11 fdl meth lab bust

Fond du Lac police have arrested a Fond du lac man accused of running a meth lab. Police Captain Steve Klein says officers were called to a residence in the 500 block of Marshall Avenue Monday afternoon to check on the welfare of a man who was reportedly out on the front lawn acting strangely and making suicidal comments. Klein says after further investigation officers were able to determine that a meth lab was being run out of the man's house. The 34 year old Fond du lac man was taken into custody and is being held at the Fond du lac County Health Care Center.

7-20-11 heat wave

Wisconsin Emergency Management and the National Weather Service are urging people to protect themselves from the dangerous heat and humidity expected next week. Temperatures will rise to the mid-90s with heat indexes of up to 115 degrees. The NWS has already issued an Excessive Heat Watch for southwest Wisconsin and more watches and advisories are expected to be posted over the weekend. In 1995, two major killer heat waves affected most of Wisconsin resulting in 154 heat-related deaths and over 300 heat-related illnesses. Summer heat waves have been the biggest weather-related killers in Wisconsin for the past 50 years, far exceeding tornadoes and severe storms. To help keep cool this summer, here are some tips to keep safe in hot weather:

Never leave children, disabled persons, or pets in a parked car – even briefly. Temperatures in a car can become life threatening within minutes. On an 80-degree day, the temperature inside a car even with the windows cracked slightly can reach 100 degrees in less than 10 minutes!

Keep your living space cool. Cover windows to keep the sun from shining in. If you don't have an air conditioner open windows to let air circulate. When it's hotter than 95 degrees use fans to blow hot air out

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of the window rather than to blow hot air on your body. Basements or ground floors are often cooler than upper floors.

Slow down and limit physical activity. Plan outings or exertion for the early morning or after dark when temperatures are cooler.

Drink plenty of water and eat lightly. Don't wait for thirst, but instead drink plenty of water throughout the day. Avoid alcohol or caffeine and stay away from hot, heavy meals.

Wear lightweight, loose-fitting, light-colored clothing. Add a hat or umbrella to keep your head cool...and don't forget sunscreen!

Don't stop taking medication unless your doctor says you should. Take extra care to stay cool and ask your doctor or pharmacist for any special heat advice.

Infants should drink breast milk or formula to get the right balance of water, salts and energy. You may supplement your infant's fluids with an additional 4 to 8 ounces of water per day, but don't dilute formula beyond what the instructions say (unless instructed by your doctor).

Taking a cool shower or bath will cool you down. A shower or bath will actually work faster than an air conditioner. Applying cold wet rags to the neck, head and limbs also cools down the body quickly.

Symptoms of heat-related illness and what to do:

Heat Cramps - cramps or muscle spasms in the abdomen, arms or legs.

Solution: Stop activity. Cool down, drink clear juice or sports drink.

Heat Exhaustion - heavy sweating, paleness, muscle cramps, weakness, dizziness, headache, nausea, fainting.

Solution: Cool down, seek medical attention.

Heat Stroke - extremely high body temperature, red, hot, dry skin, rapid pulse, throbbing headache, dizziness, nausea, confusion, unconsciousness.

Solution: Call 911 and cool the victim with shower or hose until help arrives.

7-20-11 governor signs early release repeal bill

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Republican Gov. Scott Walker has signed a bill that ends an early prison release program put in place by Democrats two years ago. Walker signed the bill Tuesday at the Wisconsin State Patrol's Eau Claire office. Former Democratic Gov. Jim Doyle proposed the early release program, which allowed well-behaved inmates to move onto extended supervision sooner to alleviate prison crowding and save money.

7-20-11 jt. finance committee approves winter maintenance funds

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — On one of the hottest days of the year, winter was on the mind of the Legislature's budget committee Tuesday. The Joint Finance Committee has unanimously approved spending nearly \$20 million more than planned to reimburse counties for winter maintenance costs and to replenish road salt reserves.

7-20-11 redistricting

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — The shape of the state's eight congressional districts will be changing, thanks to the 2010 census. The state Senate Tuesday passed a bill that redraws the boundaries of all districts. No Democrats voted to pass the bill, which is slated to be taken up by the Republican-controlled Assembly Wednesday.

7-20-11 walker fundraising

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Gov. Scott Walker raked in the cash during the first six months of the year. A report filed Tuesday shows he raised \$2.5 million during that time, which included massive protests and national attention over his anti-union proposal. Democrats have also said recalling him from office next year will be a priority. Petitions to force a recall election against Walker can't be turned in until Jan. 3, 2012, a year after he's been in office. The state Republican Party touted Walker's fundraising figures, saying he received more than 30,000 donations during the time with 80 percent of them being for \$50 or less. Walker reported spending \$1 million and having \$1.8 million cash on hand at the end of June.

7-20-11 sleepwalking toddler

Passing motorist called the Sheriff's Department after spotting a toddler who was sleep walking along Highway 67. Fond du lac County Sheriff's Captain Dean Will says the four year old girl had wandered out of the house on Highway 67 in Campbellsport.

7-20-11 state babe ruth champions

As the 2011 State Babe Ruth Tournament Champions, the Fond du lac Babe Ruth baseball team qualified for the third year in a row for the Ohio Valley Babe Ruth Regionals in Lexington, Kentucky July 21-27th. The team competed this past weekend in Dodgeville, Wisconsin in the State Tournament and paid for all expenses except the hotel rooms. The team is asking the public for help with this tournament by sponsoring in anyway possible. Examples would be gifts of money or gift cards for supplies and food.

Coach: Dan Mueller **phone:** 920-252-0305

Coach: Joel Warner

Coach: Dean Will

Players:

Sam Warner, Kevin Seibel, Sam Wilhelms, Jordan DeBoer, Matt Smith, Jim Krug, Brad Evans, Mitch Luedtke, Cody Jackson, Zach Mueller, Mitch Beau, Logan Will, Chad Skaer

7-20-11 fdl county taxes due by end of july

Fond du Lac County Treasurer, Julie Hundertmark reminds Fond du Lac County residents that the second installment of 2010 property taxes are due on or before July 31, 2011. Payments should be made payable and mailed to:

Fond du Lac County Treasurer

P.O. Box 1515

Fond du Lac, WI 54936-1515

Apostmark (not metered mail) will determine timely payments. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if a payment receipt is requested. The County Treasurer's Office is located in the City-County Government Center 160 South Macy Street. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

7-20-11 fdl library internet service down july 26th

Road construction in Oshkosh will disrupt internet service at the Fond du Lac Public Library on the morning of Tuesday, July 26. If all goes as planned, the public will be able to access the internet on the free computers around noon. The library's catalog system will be down as well. The work is weather-dependent, so the outage date may change. The Fond du Lac Public Library is located at 32 Sheboygan St. For more information, visit www.fdlpl.org.

7-20-11 petri announces grants conference

Rep. Tom Petri has scheduled a Government Grants and Program Assistance Conference in Fond du Lac on August 15. "This conference is designed to help local governments and non-profits leverage their limited resources for the benefit of the public," Petri said. "We will explore various resources and grants which may help." The conference will take place from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm on Monday, August 15, 2011, at Moraine Park Technical College at 235 N. National Avenue in Fond du Lac. The conference will feature specific workshop sessions for local government and non-profits including grant proposal writing, sources of assistance through private foundations, training and technical assistance for local governments and non-profit financing opportunities to name a few. For more information, registration forms or to register online, potential attendees are invited to visit Rep. Petri's website at: <http://petri.house.gov> Information is also available by calling Rep. Petri's Fond du Lac Office at (920) 922-1180 or toll free at (800) 242-4883.

7-20-11 public meeting bridge replacement

Oakfield will be discussed at an open-house meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 28, 2011 by the consulting firm Donohue & Associates, Inc. The CTH Y bridge is located approximately ¼ mile north of the intersection with CTH D in the Village of Oakfield. Construction of the project is anticipated to occur in the spring or summer of 2012. The open-house meeting will be held at the Village Hall located at 130 North Main Street from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The meeting is being held as an open house so the public can attend at their convenience. No formal presentation is planned. The project engineer from Donohue & Associates and local elected officials will be available to answer questions and listen to comments. Proposed improvements include removal and replacement of the CTH Y Bridge and the construction of new asphalt roadway approaches. CTH Y at the bridge site will be closed to traffic during construction and additional right-of-way acquisition is anticipated. The preliminary project plans will be presented and can be discussed in detail at the meeting. Persons unable to attend the meeting can make their comments known by contacting Tammy Kuehlmann, PE, Transportation Engineer at Donohue & Associates, Inc., 3311 Weeden Creek Road, Sheboygan, WI 53081, phone (920) 208-0296. Persons with an interest in or knowledge about historical and archaeological resources in the project area are invited to include such information as part of any comments submitted. Note: The Oakfield Village Hall is wheelchair-accessible. Persons with hearing impairments who wish to comment on the project or obtain project information can do so through the Wisconsin Telecommunications Relay System at 1-800-947-3529

7-20-11 hwy g reopens to traffic

Construction on County Trunk Highway G (Hwy HH to Hwy HHH) in the Town of Calumet and unincorporated Marytown is now substantially complete. The highway has been opened to traffic. Punch list work continues, so shoulder closures or lane closures with flaggers may be expected.

7-20-11 dodge county highway work

The Dodge County Highway Department begins sealcoating a few stretches of highway this week. Road crews will be applying oil and chip seal in the Town of Theresa on County Highway D from State Highway 175 to the county line, and on State Highway 175 from West Bend Road to the county line. Crews will also be sealcoating County Highway DJ from Juneau to State Highway 60, and on State Highway 67 from Ruedebusch Avenue in Mayville to State Highway 33. The Highway Department says if possible, motorists should use an alternate route during the sealcoat application. The work should be completed by July 29th, weather permitting.

7-20-11 division street resurfacing project

On Monday July 18, the Department of Public Works will begin repairs to the pavement and associated drainage structures on Division St. from Marr St. east to Oaklawn Ave. The street will remain open to one lane of traffic in each direction at all times, so delays should be minimal. No detour will be set up during this work, which is anticipated to take up to four weeks. This work is being done in preparation of an asphalt overlay of the street later this summer.

7-20-11 fdl county sheriff's department law of the month

Sophisticated sound systems and GPS devices are popular accessories for vehicles. But there's another technologically advanced piece of equipment—called an ignition interlock device—that you definitely don't want to have to attach to your dashboard. Under a state law enacted in 2010, (Wisconsin Act 100 and Wis. State Statute 343.301) first-time OVI offenders convicted with high alcohol levels and repeat drunken drivers must install an ignition interlock device (IID), which detects alcohol, for a minimum of one year on every vehicle they own or have registered in their names. IIDs require drivers to provide a breath sample that proves they're sober before they can start their vehicle. Drivers also must blow into the device periodically while driving to ensure they remain alcohol-free. Courts will order installation of an IID for drivers convicted of first-offense OVI if their blood/breath alcohol was .15 or higher and drivers convicted of a second or subsequent OVI offense. In addition, drivers who refused a chemical test to measure their alcohol level at the time of arrest will have to install an IID. Convicted OVI offenders who do not comply with a court-ordered installation of an IID or who disconnect or tamper with an IID to avoid detection are subject to fines of \$150 to \$600 and up to six-months in jail as well as a six-month extension of the required IID period. Proof of IID installation is required before an occupational driver's license is issued. Offenders must pay the expense of installing and maintaining an IID as well as a \$50 surcharge. OVI offenders with an IID restriction have a prohibited alcohol concentration of .02 instead of .08. We hope that court-mandated IID installations will help combat drunken driving so that we can reduce the number of preventable traffic deaths to zero in Wisconsin. Last year in Wisconsin there were approximately 40,000 drunken driving convictions. Although law enforcement officers are always on the lookout for drunken drivers, there still are far too many tragic deaths and injuries. Last year in Wisconsin, alcohol-related traffic crashes killed 220 people and injured more than 3,500.

7-20-11 local energy tour

The public is invited to attend a Local Energy Tour on Friday, July 29 from 8:30am-noon by the Fond du Lac County UW-Extension office. The tour will give residents, businesses, and local government officials an

opportunity to:

- view energy efficiency and renewable technologies,
- ask questions of people who use them every day,
- learn how to engage employees or family members in energy-smart choices,
- make easy energy changes immediately in their own buildings.

This guided bus tour will visit:

- The Harris-Morris home, heated by a geothermal pond system and a tankless hot water heater,
- Wildlife Acres Subdivision, built to accommodate geothermal and passive solar systems,
- Mid-States Aluminum Corporation, saving \$86,000/year through efficient equipment and engaged employees,
- J. F. Ahern Co., using rain water and highly efficient technologies in their LEED Gold headquarters.

The tour will depart from and return to the north parking lot of UW-Fond du Lac (400 University Dr., Fond du Lac), rain or shine. Participants should dress for the weather and wear comfortable, close-toed shoes. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$10/person payable in cash or check made out to "UW-Extension." Seating is limited. Email Diana.Tscheschlok@ces.uwex.edu or call 920/929-3173, 920/748-7565, or 920/324-2879 to register.



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