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7-9-11 concealed carry

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Someone who wants to carry a concealed handgun legally in Wisconsin needs to be trained first. However, the state's new law apparently allows someone to satisfy that requirement without ever touching a gun. The concealed-carry measure became law Friday and goes into effect in November. It allows about a half-dozen ways for a concealed-carry applicant to meet the training requirement and qualify for a permit. One way is to complete a firearms safety course conducted by a certified firearms instructor. The law isn't specific about what constitutes a safety course. That could mean someone could just sit through a 90-minute online course, such as one offered by American Firearms Training in Harrisonburg, Va. The Wisconsin Department of Justice says its lawyers are currently trying to understand what the law means.

7-9-11 new report says wisconsin protests could have been handled better

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A new report reviewing the state's response to the Capitol protests says state officials had no idea the protests would be so big and prolonged and did not prepare adequately. The Department of Administration released the report Friday by the Wisconsin Emergency Management. The protests over Gov. Scott Walker's budget repair bill started Feb. 14 and continued into March inside and outside the Capitol. The report notes there was no clear decision maker, with direction coming from the governor's office and the Department of Administration. It also notes agencies were not allowed to coordinate plans as the protests unfolded, which diminished a coordinated response early on. The report says planning between agencies was not finished until after the protests started.

7-9-11 teacher schedule

Starting next school year Fond du lac teachers will work eight hour days. Superintendent Doctor Jim Sebert says under the schedule teachers will be required to work an extra hour each day. In a memo to the school board Sebert says District has worked collectively for several years to find time during the workday for collaboration with little success. He says the one hour addition to the teacher workday does not impact the student day and says the additional time will be used by teachers for collaboration around increased student learning. Elementary staff members will work from 7:30am to 4pm and secondary staff from 7am to 3:30pm. But Fond du Lac Education Association President Hedy Eischeid says she is concerned that teachers weren't part of the decision process. "We have this long history of collaboration and we're really saddened and disappointed that the district has kind of moved away from this," Eischeid said. In other business the board is being asked to consider naming the Fond du lac Youth Baseball Complex in honor of longtime coach Marty Paulsen. Coach Paulsen will enter his 43rd year as varsity baseball coach next season and has the third most wins of any active coach in Wisconsin.

7-9-11 redistricting

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MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Republicans in control of the state Legislature have released maps they made redrawing political boundaries for the state's eight congressional districts and all 132 legislative seats. The maps were released this afternoon. Republicans control both houses of the Legislature and the governor's office during redistricting for the first time since the 1950s. Democrats don't have the votes to stop their passage.

7-9-11 street resurfacing project

A Street resurfacing project near Fond du lac's Saint Agnes Hospital will begin soon. The asphalt resurfacing project on East Division Street between Oaklawn Avenue and Portland Street will begin July 18th. Meanwhile, on Tuesday July 12, the Department of Public Works will be doing storm sewer repairs on the south side of Western Ave. just west of S. Main St. Traffic intending to go south on Main St. will be directed south on Linden St. Eastbound through traffic will also be directed south on Linden until the excavation is completed, and then will be directed back on to Western Ave. The work is scheduled to complete by the end of the work day on Wednesday, July 13.

7-9-11 retired ceo accused of trying to kill his wife

WEST BEND, Wis. (AP) — A retired chairman and CEO of Wisconsin Energy has been charged with trying to kill his wife. The criminal complaint says Charles McNeer hit his wife in the head with a hammer at their Washington County home before trying to kill himself. Ann McNeer regained consciousness after last month's assault and called authorities.

7-9-11 rail ceo gets probation in campaign donation case

WEST BEND, Wis. (AP) — A Wisconsin railroad executive has been placed on two years probation for violating state campaign finance laws. Washington County Circuit Judge James Poulos also ordered William Gardner to perform 100 hours of community service at a charter school in Milwaukee. Gardner is president and chief executive officer of Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Co. Prosecutors had charged Gardner with one count of excessive political contributions and one count of unlawful political contribution, both felonies. They accused him of asking his employees to make tens of thousands of dollars in political contributions, including donations to Gov. Scott Walker, and then reimbursing his workers. Gardner agreed in May to plead guilty to both counts in exchange for prosecutors' recommendation that he serve two years on probation.

7-9-11 wisconsin marine awarded purple heart

MEDFORD, Wis. (AP) — A Medford Marine who suffered major injuries while saving another Marine has been awarded the Purple Heart. Twenty-year old Lance Corporal Isaac Blunt received the award last week. Last month Blunt shoved a fellow Marine out of the way so he could take the blast of a roadside bomb himself. He lost parts of his legs, as well as three fingers and a thumb. The other Marine survived, but a third was killed during a patrol in Afghanistan.

7-9-11 johnson street bridge

The Department of Public Works would like to give notice that the south (east bound) traffic lane and sidewalk of the Johnson Street (STH 23) Bridge, between Military Road and Hickory Street, will be closed for about 2 weeks beginning June 27th. The lane closure is due to bridge painting. In about two weeks the south lane will be re-opened and the north outside lane will be closed while that railing is repainted. The bridge will be open to traffic with two lanes open in one direction and one lane open in the other direction next to the painting operation. There will not be a detour route marked.

7-9-11 wfdl, wtcx are wba award winners!

WFDL and WTCX captured 13 awards at the recent Wisconsin Association of Broadcasters Awards for Excellence Gala in Madison. The program is sponsored annually by the WBA to recognize outstanding achievement by Wisconsin broadcasters. The Sunny 97.7 WFDL morning show team of Nick Rusch and Heather Robins took home 3rd place for **Best Morning Show**. WFDL FM also received two awards in the **Significant Community Impact** category for the Relay for Life cancer fundraiser. Golden throat veteran WTCX announcer Gregg Owens captured first place for **Best Commercial** with the "Bob's 151 Wheel of Misfortune" commercial. Owens also won awards for **Best On-Site Broadcast Remote**... "Master Spas Wet Test" and **Most Entertaining Client Commercial**... "Its Cold." Owens is also a past winner in the **Best Morning Show** category. WFDL AM 1170 received awards for **Best Sports Play by Play**... the "Randolph Football Playoffs" and **Significant Community Impact**... "Cut the Calories, Count the Cash." WFDL news director, Greg Stensland, won first place in the **Best Continuing Coverage** category for his coverage of a Fond du lac woman who tried unsuccessfully to have several books removed from a middle school library. Stensland also received awards in **Hard News** for his coverage of a Fond du lac police officer and firefighter involved in a hit and run and attempted cover-up of the incident, **Spot News**... for the Last Stop Bar and Lanes arson fire, **News Writing**... for a feature story on a local woman in Haiti during the massive earthquake, and **Live On The Scene Reporting**, for his coverage of a house fire. Stensland and Owens also took home first place for their **Information Block Morning News** on WTCX. The WBA competition was established to encourage the highest standards of reporting, community service and production creativity.

7-9-11 wfdl news wins big at associated press awards banquet

Sunny 97.7 WFDL news has won more awards this year for excellence in broadcast journalism than any other radio station in the state. News Director, Greg Stensland, received eight first place awards at the Wisconsin Associated Press Broadcast Journalism Excellence Awards Banquet. The awards dinner was held recently at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. For the fourth year in a row Stensland took home first place for **Best Newscast**. Stensland also received first place in the **Hard News** category for his coverage of the Fond du Lac police officer and firefighter involved in a hit and run crash and subsequent cover up. Stensland received first place for **Spot News** for his stories on the fire that destroyed a Fond du Lac bowling alley, first place in the **Best Enterprise Reporting** category for his investigative reporting of the Fond du Lac police officer accused of using excessive force on a handcuffed prisoner, first place for **Best Continuing Coverage** for overall coverage of the Fond du Lac Management Information Systems embezzlement scandal, first place in **Best Series Reporting** for a Sunny 97.7 series on drunken driving, first place for **Best Feature** for a story on the Iraq war, and first place for **Best Audio** for a feature story on grease fires. Over the years Stensland has received more than 80 awards from the AP and Wisconsin Broadcasters Association, plus numerous local awards.

7-9-11 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.



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