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6-7-11 heat advisory

The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a heat advisory from Noon today through 8 pm June 8. The NWS issues Heat Advisories when it expects daytime Heat Indexes to equal or exceed 105 for 3 hours or more while nighttime Heat Indexes equal or exceed 80 for any 24-hour period. When the temperature along with the humidity climbs sunstroke, heat cramps and heat exhaustion is possible.

6-7-11 dangerous heat

Heat can kill. That's why Wisconsin Emergency Management and the National Weather Service are reminding people of the dangers associated with extreme heat and to promote safety measures. Heat is the number one weather-related killer in the United States. In 2010, excessive heat claimed 138 lives across the country. 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:

1. 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!
2. 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 of the window rather than to blow hot air on your body. Basements or ground floors are often cooler than upper floors.
3. Slow down and limit physical activity. Plan outings or exertion for the early morning or after dark when temperatures are cooler.
4. 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.
5. Wear lightweight, loose-fitting, light-colored clothing. Add a hat or umbrella to keep your head cool...and don't forget sunscreen!
6. 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.
7. 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).
8. 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

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neck, head and limbs also cools down the body quickly.

A complete version of this release is available as a .PDF [here](#). The complete release includes:

- * information about people at increased risk of heat-related illness
- * symptoms of heat-related illness
- * an explanation of the National Weather Service's "Heat Wave Program" in Wisconsin
- * a chart of Wisconsin weather-related fatalities from 1982 - 2010
- * graphics on heat waves in Wisconsin and the speed at which a closed automobile heats up in direct sunlight

6-7-11 plea deal reached in dennis case

A former Fond du lac High School cross country and track coach accused of having a sexual relationship with a student has copped a plea. 35 year old Henry Dennis pleaded no contest today to amended charges of misconduct in office and entry into a locked building. Dennis was originally charged with sexual assault of a student by school staff and four counts of child enticement. The plea deal avoids a jury trial that was scheduled for June 20th. Dennis remains free on a \$25,000 signature bond. He is accused of having sexual contact with a 16 year old girl on multiple occasions between December of 2009 and last April.

6-7-11 bonfire investigation

The Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Office is investigating a bonfire incident which occurred at 639 Stonehedge Circle, Village of Campbellsport, on Saturday, June 4th 2011, that resulted to burns to six individuals. A preliminary investigation notes that some type of explosion or combustion of gas from a five gallon gas can occurred. Five of the six people are currently being treated at Columbia St Mary's Burn Center in Milwaukee. One of the six injured was flighted from St Joe's Hospital in West Bend to Columbia St Mary's shortly after the incident that evening, with serious burns. The burned parties were privately transported to St Joe's Hospital in West Bend. The property is owned by Dustin J. Mueller. The incident is still under investigation.

6-7-11 fdl man charged in domestic incident

Bail has been set at \$10,000 cash for a Fond du lac man charged in connection with a domestic incident. Jason Kieckbusch made his initial Fond du lac court appearance Tuesday on charges of strangulation-suffocation, disorderly conduct and intimidating a victim. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for June 17th.

6-7-11 fdl county republican party leader defends "fake" democratic candidate

The chairman of the Fond du lac County Republican Party is defending the local party's decision to field a fake Democratic candidate on the ballot in upcoming recall elections against two Republican state senators... but political observers say the move could backfire. 6th District Republican Party Chairman, Dan Feyen, says the idea is to allow senators Randy Hopper of Fond du lac and Luther Olsen of Ripon more time to campaign before the July 12th recall. "I'm not sure I would use the word fake democratic candidate. What its called is a protest candidate," Feyen told WFDL news. Responding to critics who question if its ethical or fair. "Well I'd say its fair for 14 state senators to leave the state when they have a job to do in Madison and we have people who left schools in other districts to go protest in Madison while we had to shut down the schools. I don't think that's fair," Feyen said. "We're playing by the rules right now and these are the rules established by the state of Wisconsin and its well within our right to do it." Feyen admits there is some concern that some moderate Republicans may be turned off by the tactic. "We've explained it to a lot of Republicans we've fielded a lot of phone calls from Republicans and they understand in the end why we're doing this," Feyen said. WisPolitics.com editor, J.R. Ross, says he's not totally surprised by the move. But Ross says there is a possibility the move could backfire by giving Democrats more time to fire ammunition during a campaign. Ross says Hopper's personal problems... including affair with a staff intern adds to his vulnerability. "For somebody like Hopper who is considered very vulnerable and very beatable right now, in a crowded day when everybody is going up for election the same day its harder for outside groups to focus on just one person. But when you're out by yourself its a lot easier to do," Ross said. Feyen says in the end he's still confident Hopper will retain his seat.

6-7-11 mailbox vandals

The Fond du lac County Sheriff's Department is investigating a rash of mailbox vandalism incidents over the weekend. The sheriff's department says multiple reports of mailbox vandalism incidents were reported early Sunday morning. Also included is vandalism and graffiti to road signs and the road itself. There were also several signs stolen including road name signs and a stop sign. Anyone with information is asked to call the sheriff's department.

6-7-11 house fire-lightning strike may be to blame

A lightning strike may have started a car on fire that spread to a nearby house. Firefighters were called to the Heather and Jamie Connor residence at 426 Doty Street shortly after 10am Monday. Heather tells WFDL news on the scene she didn't know the house was on fire until a neighbor across the street alerted her. Connor says the fire caused considerable damage to the house. The Connors had lived at the residence for 13 years.

6-7-11 sex offender community notification meeting

The Fond du lac County Sheriff's Office is holding a community notification meeting to inform residents that a convicted sex offender will be living in their community. Charles Buckarma will be living at a supervised living facility in Byron and will be closely monitored 24/7 by facility staff. In 2004 Buckarma sexually assaulted a 16 year old boy in Washington County and has an offending history that includes similar behaviors. The notification meeting will be held at 6pm Tuesday, June 7th at the Oakfield Community Center.

6-7-11 waupun baseball complex

The city of Waupun is moving forward with two million dollar Little League baseball complex. The Waupun Common Council will meet in special session this evening to approve bids for the project. City Administrator, Kyle Clark, says the project will be funded through a TIF District and will not require additional tax dollars. He says the public has also stepped forward eager to help in any way they can. Construction would begin this summer and completed in time for next year's baseball season.

6-7-11 community reception for new st. mary's springs academy administrators

A community reception will be held this evening for three new administrators at Saint Mary's Springs Academy. Kevin Shaw has been selected as the new president of the Catholic parochial school system. Shaw succeeds Sister Judith Schmidt who is retiring. Shaw is a Fond du Lac native and St. Mary's Springs High School graduate. He was involved in business development, enrollment management at St. Norbert College and management within large companies, according to a press release. Doug Olig was named Principal last month and the new Assistant Principal is Erin Flood. The public reception will be held from 6:30 to 7:30pm Wednesday June 8th at Holy Family Parish Hall.

6-7-11 school vouchers

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Wisconsin state Superintendent Tony Evers says expansion of school vouchers for Green Bay should be removed from the state budget. Evers says expanding the voucher program at the same time money for public schools is being cut is "just wrong" and will have massive effects for the whole state.

6-7-11 collective bargaining law

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Dane County District Attorney Ismael Ozanne has asked Wisconsin Supreme Court justices to allow an appeal over the union rights law being overruled to follow the normal process. Republicans have asked the high court to take the case early.

6-7-11 state capitol arrests

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Five people were arrested at the state Capitol during arguments over a bill taking away collective bargaining rights. Capitol Police Chief Charles Tubbs says four people were arrested for disorderly conduct. A fifth person was arrested for trying to prop open a door presumably so others could enter later to avoid police.

6-7-11 fdl county highway reconstruction project

The Fond du Lac County Highway department has started work to rehabilitate County Trunk Highway Q (CTH) from US Highway 151 to CTH W in the Town of Taycheedah. In general, the county will replace deteriorated culverts and extend culverts as necessary, regrade several ditches, pulverize the existing asphalt pavement, resurface the highway with asphalt pavement, and upgrade signs. In addition, the county will make safety improvements to several hills by cutting down three hills on the highway. A hill about 1/10 mile east of Lakeview Road will be cut down about 2 feet, a hill 1/4 mile west of CTH QQ will be cut down about 3 feet, and a hill about 1/2 mile east of CTH QQ will require rock blasting to cut it down 10 feet. The county is awarding a construction contract for the rock excavation work on last hill to Denny Rahn, Inc. of Eden. As part of the project, several utilities will be relocated. In particular, Alliant Energy will be moving utility poles away from the road to near the right-of-way line to provide a greater "clear zone", a safety area that allows a driver of an errant vehicle to safely regain control or come to a safe stop. Earlier this year, the county removed several trees in this zone to also provide greater safety. The highway will be closed to thru traffic starting June 6 when work to pulverize the existing pavement begins. The highway will be open to local traffic only. A detour will be posted via USH 151 and CTH W. During construction of the hill cut east of CTH QQ, the road will be closed to all traffic at that hill. The county anticipates completing most of the paving work by early to mid July with those completed portions of highway reopened to traffic at that time. The rock excavation portion of the project is anticipated to start at the end of June or early July and is estimated to be completed by mid to late August depending on the timing of utility relocations and weather. For updates on this project or for information on other Fond du Lac County Highway projects, check out our highway construction webpage at www.fdlco.wi.gov/Index.aspx?page=1112.

6-7-11 fdl county 175th anniversary

The Fond du Lac County Board Chair and Executive's Office announces plans to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the 1836 establishment of Fond du Lac County, on June 21, 2011 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers of the City/County Government Center, 160 S. Macy Street, Fond du Lac. The celebration will begin with a re-enactment based upon the minutes of the first meeting of the Board of County Commissioners which was held on October 7, 1839. Following the re-enactment, a community reception with light refreshments will be held at the Historic Postilion, 220 Old Pioneer Road, Fond du Lac. The public is invited to attend. Anyone is welcome to come dressed in attire from that time period. The re-enactment will be broadcast on Charter Cable Channel 21. The Fond du Lac County Board of Supervisors monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 beginning at 5:45 p.m.

6-7-11 police warn residents about scam

The Fond du Lac Police Department is making citizens aware of a recent scam that took place in the City. The incident involved an elderly gentleman who allowed a white male posing as an electrical worker to enter his home. The supposed electrical worker preoccupied the homeowner in the basement, while it is believed a second individual entered the house and took a large amount of cash. Investigators have determined that similar cases have occurred in the Milwaukee area in the last few months. Investigators believe this is the work of transient groups who are posing as home repair, asphalt or electrical contractors and are targeting the elderly population. Citizens are cautioned in dealing with unsolicited contractors and are urged to use known reputable contractors.

6-7-11 community of unity

A Community of Unity. That's the theme of a fundraising luncheon this month in honor of a fallen Fond du Lac police officer. UW Fond du Lac Foundation Director, Amanda Kemmel, says all proceeds will benefit the Foundation and Fond du Lac Police Department K9 fund. Kemmel says the March 20th shooting incident that claimed the life of officer Craig Birkholz affected the lives of many in an instant. The fundraising luncheon will be held on Tuesday June 14th at the UW Fond du Lac Commons. Cost per person is \$35 or \$275 for a table of eight.

6-7-11 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.

6-7-11 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.

6-7-11 fdl county sheriff's department law of the month

Slower traffic keep right - Drivers must allow faster traffic to pass in the left lane on divided highways. Many divided highways in Wisconsin have signs that warn "slower traffic keep right." That advice is backed by state law - Wis. Stats. 346.05(3). Any vehicle traveling "at less than the normal speed of traffic" must be driven in the right lane (or as close as practicable) except when overtaking or passing another vehicle, according to Wisconsin law. A citation for violating this law costs \$213.10 with four demerit points assessed on the driver's license. Even when you're driving at the posted speed limit, you should not try to force faster drivers to slow down by blocking the left lane, which usually leads to more tailgating, road rage and other problems. It certainly doesn't slow down other drivers for long. We hope that drivers will leave enforcement of speed limits to our deputies and other law enforcement officers. If faster drivers want to waste gasoline and risk a speeding ticket, you should move to the right lane and get out of their way. The Sheriff's Office advises motorists to follow these guidelines to help maintain a safe flow of traffic on Interstate and other divided highways:

- * If you're not passing another vehicle, use the right lane as much as possible.
- * If you're in the right lane, allow other drivers to merge from the left lane into the right lane so that faster traffic can pass in the left lane. In addition, provide space for vehicles to merge into the right lane when they are entering a roadway from an on-ramp.
- * If you're in the left lane, don't tailgate or try to make a slower vehicle ahead of you move to the right lane. Be patient and courteous.

When slower moving vehicles use the right lane, traffic flows more smoothly with less congestion and road rage, which certainly helps make our highways safer and more efficient. Have a Safe Month,

Sheriff Mck Fink

6-7-11 fdl police department law of the month

For June, officers from the Fond du Lac Police Department will be paying particular attention to drivers who are texting. The new state law that took effect on December 1, 2010 falls under the inattentive driving statute. Research from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has shown drivers who send and receive text messages end up taking their eyes off the road for an average of 4.6 seconds out of every 6 seconds while texting. Of all fatal traffic accidents in 2008, the U.S. DOT reported 16 percent involved distracted drivers and nearly 6,000 people were killed. Wisconsin state statute 346.89(3)(a) states that, no person may drive any motor vehicle while composing or sending an electronic text message or an electronic mail message. This does not include when the vehicle is stopped, including when a vehicle is stopped at a traffic light, stop sign or in traffic due to congestion. The texting ban is only enforceable when the vehicle is in motion. The fine for texting while driving starts at \$101.40. This does not apply to an operator of an authorized emergency vehicle. The use of any device whose primary function is transmitting and receiving emergency alert messages and messages related to the operation of the vehicle or an accessory that is included in the vehicle, including a global positioning system device. An amateur radio operator who holds a valid amateur radio operator's license issued by the federal communications commission, when he or she is using dedicated amateur radio two way radio communication equipment and observing proper amateur radio operating procedures. The use of a voice operated or hands free device, if the driver of the motor vehicle does not use his or her hands to operate the device, except to activate or deactivate a feature or function of the device. Texting while driving is a primary law, which means officers, can pull over drivers solely for texting without having to identify another violation first, such as speeding or a lane violation. Even though the law does not ban reading messages or using the internet while driving a motor vehicle, these activities can be just as dangerous and should be avoided while driving. So, even though it may only take a few seconds to send that text, remember that it can wait!

6-7-11 walleye weekend kickoff

Walleye Weekend is just around the corner and this year, the weekend starts on Thursday! Kick off a great weekend with a show from Oil Can Harry from 6:30-9:30 on Thursday, June 9. "We're really excited that the City of Fond du Lac has given us the opportunity to open on Thursday for Walleye Weekend this year," said Alexander Ullenberg, President of the Fond du Lac Festivals Board of Directors. "For those of us who work on the weekends, Thursday gives us a sampling of what the festival has to offer." Noon Kiwanis and Lakeside Evening Kiwanis concession tents will be open to serve up food and beverage for guests, so

make sure to stop over and get a fish sandwich, brat or hamburger! As always, at Walleye Weekend a wristband must be worn to consume alcohol. Proceeds from the wristband booths and concession tents all benefit non-profit organizations within the community. All other activities and stages will open on Friday at 3 p.m. just like in the past. For a complete line up of all bands and events, visit ivalleyeweekend.com. Walleye Weekend is June 9, 10, 11 and 12 at Lakeside Park in Fond du Lac. Admission is free to the public, and all proceeds from this event go to benefit almost 200 non-profit organizations. Walleye Weekend is sponsored by Mercury Marine, Charter Communications, Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, Miller Lite and Michels Corporation.

6-7-11 agnesian healthcare blood drive

Area residents are invited to join Agnesian HealthCare employees, volunteers and physicians and donate an hour of time on Wednesday, June 29 to give blood to The BloodCenter of Wisconsin. Blood donations will be accepted from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Agnesian HealthCare's Plaza Level Conference Center, 430 E. Division Street, Fond du Lac. 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 St. Agnes Hospital and Waupun Memorial Hospital, as well as 51 other Wisconsin hospitals. To donate, make an appointment by calling 926-4960. Walk-ins are also welcome.

6-7-11 rienzi cemetery walk

What do you get when you combine outdoor exercise with stories of local history? You get Tracy Reinhardt's Rienzi Cemetery walk. When you add Fond du Lac Community Theatre actors and actresses to the mix, history comes to life. This is the 6th year for these popular cemetery walks, and the upcoming walk takes place on June 18 at Rienzi Cemetery starting at 9:30 a.m. The tour highlights the lives of some of the ordinary, as well as more prominent people who helped to create and settle the city of Fond du Lac, and some of the struggles they lived through. You'll meet Gov. Nathaniel Tallmadge, the most powerful politician of his time. As a Senator from New York, he was known as a great orator, and frequently debated the slavery issue with John C. Calhoun. He worked tirelessly behind the scenes to keep President Van Buren from getting a nomination for a second term. His efforts were successful, and he was offered several political positions as a reward, but elected to move to Wisconsin instead. Rienzi Cemetery was originally part of the Tallmadge farm, and Gov. Tallmadge created the cemetery after the death of his 19 year old son. You will also hear from Sophia Walker, who wrote under the pen name of Lisle Lester. Sophia was a pioneer in the publishing industry, starting the very first magazine in Wisconsin, called the Badger State Monthly. She also was a champion of giving women opportunities to work, and is credited with hiring the first women type-setters in both Wisconsin and California. Sophia expanded her studies into acting, and then spent her life giving presentations and lectures throughout the world. Unfortunately, her retirement used up her fortune, and she died a pauper. Within the last 10 years it was discovered that Sophia's ashes were still sitting unclaimed, in the basement of a New York mortuary, but when inquiries were made to transport them to her plot in Rienzi, the mortuary decided to tack on a 100-year storage fee of \$10,000, so Sophia remains in a New York mortuary basement. Mason Darling is often called the Father of Fond du Lac. He was first brought here by the Fond du Lac Land Company, to help establish Fond du Lac as a prime destination for settlement. He helped to build the fledgling city by offering many of the city lots for free, to anyone who could start building immediately. He was the first Village President, the first Mayor of the City, and after statehood, he was the first Congressman. New this year, you'll learn about the Fond du Lac native named "Skinny Bill" Hooker, and hear the story of his young career, and his many exploits as a "Bullwhacker" driving wagon trains in the west. Hear him tell the story of how the state of Wyoming erected a monument to him, and credits him with opening up that state for settlement. You'll also learn about Joe Roukis, a small restaurant owner who disappeared one night in 1941 and was never heard from again. Hear the story of his murder and its aftermath. There are other short stories of Fond du Lac history that will be discovered as you walk the hills of Rienzi. Also featured is the monument for Lulu Parker, and discover just why her monument was listed in Ripley's Believe It or Not! Find out which Fond du Lac business has a special connection to the South Pole. The Rienzi Cemetery receiving vault, opened in 1865, will also be open for viewing during the tour.

