



Radio Plus Info



HOME	LOCAL WEATHER	LOCAL NEWS	LOCAL SPORTS	EVENTS	LOCAL PODCAST	CONTESTS	CONTEST RULES	EEO	CONTACT US
----------------------	-------------------------------	----------------------------	------------------------------	------------------------	-------------------------------	--------------------------	-------------------------------	---------------------	----------------------------

Local News

[CBS News](#)[Watch Latest AP Videos Click The Graphic](#)[Latest Local News](#)**5-6-11 fdl police chief testifies at state capitol**

The Fond du lac police chief has testified in favor of a bill that would allow surviving spouses of fallen police officers to continue to receive health insurance. Police Chief Tony Barthuly testified at a public hearing at the state capitol this week. "Its Senate Bill 18. Last year they (legislature) passed into law that if a firefighter is killed in the line of duty that his survivors would have health insurance covered until they either remarry or until they are eligible for medicare. This bill would allow any police officer the same opportunity," Barthuly said. Chief Barthuly told the committee he knows first hand the impact following the shooting death of police officer Craig Birkholz who leaves behind a wife. Barthuly says there seems to be bipartisan support.

5-6-11 fdl county sheriff says air rescue boat is an essential piece of equipment

The Fond du Lac County Sheriff says it should be considered an essential piece of equipment for his department. Sheriff Mck Fink says the department's air rescue boat is in need of replacement. The Public Safety Committee is recommending the county appropriate \$120,000 from the county general fund to pay for a replacement. "2003 we had that incident where those seven kids went into the water off Lakeside Park. Shortly thereafter Sheriff Pucker purchased the Ice Angel air boat," Fink said. "It was certainly a unit that worked at the time but its really reached the end of its emergency operational period." Fink says his original intent was to upgrade the air boat "...but after we had two sets of engineers look at it they said it (repairs) wouldn't be cost effective." The county board will consider the request at their meeting this month.

5-6-11 republican party files open records request on uw oshkosh prof

The Republican Party of Wisconsin has filed an open records request for e-mails from the university e-mail account of an UW Oshkosh professor. The director of the Republican Party of Wisconsin, Mark Jefferson, says professor Stephen Richards used class time to actively campaign for the recall of Republican Senator, Randy Hopper of Fond du Lac. Jefferson describes the professor's actions as professional misconduct. Jefferson says an audio tape raises "serious red flags about not just Richards' conduct, but potentially the conduct of others." Jefferson says on that tape Richards claims that over 100 faculty members are involved in the effort to recall Senator Hopper. "He is essentially, in my opinion, using the classroom almost as a satellite campaign office for the Democrats," Jefferson said. He made the comments on AM 1170 WFDL's Between the Lines program.

5-6-11 hopper recall campaign kickoff-saturday

Republican state senator Randy Hopper is gearing up for a recall fight. Senator Hopper and the Fond du Lac County Republican party are holding a campaign kick-off and open house this weekend. The program begins at 12:30pm Saturday at Republican party headquarters on West Johnson Street. Senator Hopper is one of several Republican senators to face a recall election over his vote in favor of ending collective bargaining for public employees. The woman who challenged Hopper three years ago and lost by less

LISTEN LIVE

[CLICK HERE TO LISTEN LIVE!](#)

BARGAINS**NO SCHOOL CLOSINGS**

**Click Here For
Your Free Quote**



than 200 votes, Jessica King, is running against Hopper in the recall election.

5-6-11 fdl human resources director retiring

The man who replaced the Human Resources Director who was fired after viewing child pornography on his work computer is retiring. Fond du Lac Human Resources Director Rodney Pasch is retiring May 18th after five years and eight months on the job. Pasch was hired after Ben Mercer was fired for viewing child porn on his work computer. Mercer was later convicted of possession of child pornography and is serving a jail sentence.

5-6-11 50 jobs in 50 states

From working as a cheesemaker in Wisconsin, a border patrol agent in Arizona to a surfing instructor in Hawaii, Daniel Seddiqui has held down some pretty interesting jobs. In fact Seddiqui has worked 50 jobs in all 50 states over a period of 50 weeks. Today the San Francisco native is on the road again promoting his new book about his adventures. "After I graduated from college at USC with an economics degree, pretty much everyone turning me down and I was wondering where the opportunities were in this country so I had to go out and explore." Seddiqui chose jobs that reflect the culture and economy of the state. In Wisconsin it is the Widmer Cheese company in Theresa. Seddiqui says cheesemaking was the most backbreaking work of any job he did. And he says it was the only place on his journey where he had a confrontation with co-workers. "I was so busy setting up future jobs, always worrying about what's coming next. They (co-workers) said are you here because you want to learn how to make cheese or what?" Still, Seddiqui says he enjoyed his cheesemaking experience and says the whole process was "really eye-opening." Along the road Seddiqui has met some interesting people...and had some unusual experiences. "I wish anyone and everyone could experience this because it really changes your life." Seddiqui says "it really makes you appreciate people, caring about each other, understanding different industries, what shapes us as a whole."

5-6-11 fdl water main flushing starts monday

The City of Fond du Lac Water Utility has scheduled annual citywide unidirectional water main flushing to begin on Monday, May 2nd in the northeast section of the city. Flushing will continue in a clockwise rotation with southeast neighborhoods on Tuesday, the southwest area on Wednesday and finish in the northwest region on Thursday, May 5th. Flushing operations will take place each day between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM. The city is divided into quarters with Main Street, 4th Street and Western Avenue used as boundary lines. If unexpected problems occur, the schedule could extend into Friday. The objective of this program is to improve overall water quality. Flushing rids the water of mineral sediment by scouring and cleaning the pipes. When water is systematically pulled in one general direction by opening hydrants, these sediments are flushed out. During hydrant flushing, residents may notice a slight discoloration of water. This is temporary and poses no health risk. However, you are asked not to do laundry or use automatic ice machines until the water runs clear from your tap. It is advisable to avoid running water while the crew is flushing on your street. If homeowners encounter discolored water after City flushing has occurred, water service pipes to individual homes can be flushed by running a cold water tap for about 5 minutes. If pressure or volume seems low, check faucet screens for trapped particles. If you still experience problems with water quality or pressure after the flushing event, please contact the City of Fond du Lac Water Utility at 322-3680.

5-6-11 pioneer road bridge closing

The Department of Public Works would like to inform the motoring public that the Pioneer Road bridge over the Fond du Lac River will close starting Monday, May 9th. The roadway will be closed approximately 500 feet west of South Main Street to a point just west of the bridge. The closure is necessary for installation of new sanitary sewer and water main across the river. This work is being done in advance of an upcoming bridge replacement project by Fond du Lac County later this summer. The bridge will reopen to traffic once the contractor has finished work in the immediate area of the bridge, which is expected to be about two weeks. Partial lane closures will occur as work proceeds west into the Morris Street and Hickory Street intersections. An anticipated completion date for the entire utility replacement project is late July. Access will be maintained to local businesses and residential properties through the duration of the project.

5-6-11 representative thiesfeldt announces additional town hall meetings

Rep. Jeremy Thiesfeldt announced he will be holding three day time listening sessions on Friday, May 6, 2011. Rep. Thiesfeldt previously held a night time listening session on Monday, April 11. About 200 people attended that session and it lasted for 4 hours. Times and locations include:

Taycheedah Town Hall
W4295 Kiekhaefer Parkway
Fond du Lac, WI 54937
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Fond du Lac Police Department
Meeting Room A
126 North Main Street
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

North Fond du Lac Community Center
280 Garfield Street
North Fond du Lac, WI 54937
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

"By adding these additional times and locations I hope to appeal to those who couldn't make the night listening session and maybe make it even closer to where constituents live. I want to be sure to hear from everyone who wants to share their constructive ideas on the 2011-13 State Budget or any other legislative ideas." Thiesfeldt stated. Representative Jeremy Thiesfeldt represents Wisconsin's 52 Assembly District. The district includes the City of Fond du Lac and the communities of North Fond du Lac, Eldorado, Taycheedah and Friendship.

5-6-11 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 this month 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.

5-6-11 fdl county sheriff's department law of the month

Does tailgating force the driver in front of you to speed up or get out of your way? No, tailgating typically won't get you where you're going any sooner, but it will increase your risk of a crash. Drivers who tailgate cause countless crashes—from fender benders to fatal collisions—that could be avoided if they would just leave sufficient space between their vehicle and the one ahead of them. It doesn't matter if you're driving on a busy highway or a city street, if the vehicle in front of you stops unexpectedly, you're likely to crash unless you leave enough room to stop completely. You should also slowdown to leave sufficient space when approaching stop lights, intersections, and when changing lanes. To avoid rear-end crashes, you should anticipate potentially hazardous situations, like traffic slowdowns in work zones, that could cause the driver in front of you to stop suddenly. According to state law, drivers "shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent" based on the speed of the vehicle, road conditions, and traffic. A violation of the law costs \$200.50 along with three demerit points. In addition, car insurance premiums often will skyrocket for drivers who hit another vehicle while following too closely. During the upcoming summer travel season when traffic increases, it's extremely important to always wear a safety belt just in case you're rear ended by a tailgater. Taking a few seconds to ensure that you and your passengers are buckled up may be the best decision you'll ever make.

Drive Safely,
Sheriff Mck Fink

5-6-11 uw fdl commencement

The University of Wisconsin-Fond du Lac will hold its annual spring Honors and Commencement ceremony at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 20 in the Prairie Theater, 400 University Dr., Fond du Lac. This year's Commencement speaker is Kevin Miller, executive director of the Fond du Lac Arts Council, which owns and operates Windhover Center for the Arts. With over 20 years of experience in the performing arts as administrator, director, performer and fundraiser, Miller has worked with several professional theater companies including The Pearl Theatre and The Lark Theatre in New York City and the First Stage Children's Theater in Milwaukee. He received his bachelor's degree from UW-Eau Claire and his master's in fine arts from UW-Milwaukee. Locally, Miller serves on the board of directors for the Downtown Fond du Lac Partnership (DFP) and is chair of the DFP Economic Restructuring Committee. He has been part of a unique collaboration that has created the vision plan for a vibrant arts and entertainment district in downtown Fond du Lac. He was named Main Street's Volunteer of the Year for 2011 for his work with DFP. Eric Pamperin of Hartford has been selected as the student speaker. Pamperin graduated from Winnebago Lutheran Academy in 2009. He is majoring in sports management and plans to transfer to Marian University in the fall. While a student at UW-Fond du Lac, Pamperin was active as a student ambassador, served as a Student Government Association senator and was a member of the Multicultural club. He was the recipient of a UW-Fond du Lac Foundation scholarship in each of his two years at the university and was the student speaker for the Foundation's Donor and Scholarship Recognition reception in September 2010. Pamperin was honored as Morning Rotary Student of the Month in November 2010. Graduates at the spring Commencement will be awarded the Associate of Arts and Science Degree. A reception for graduates and their families will be held in the University Center Commons following the ceremony. UW-Fond du Lac is one of the 13 freshman/sophomore campuses which comprise the UW Colleges, serving approximately 13,000 students across the state of Wisconsin.

5-6-11 samaritan raffle house tickets on sale

Tickets for the 16th annual Samaritan Health Clinic House Raffle, sponsored by the Agnesian HealthCare Foundation, are now on sale, with the drawing slated at noon on Tuesday, May 17 at the raffle house. Tickets will cost \$50 each or \$150 for four. State raffle regulations mandate that ticket sales need to occur on a face-to-face basis, which means tickets are unable to be sold through the mail or by phone. Beginning April 30, the house will be open to the public for viewing each weekend until the drawing. Public open houses are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 30 & May 1, May 7 & 8 and May 15; from 4 to 8 p.m. on May 13 & 16; and from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on May 17. Tickets are available for sale at each open house. In addition to open houses, tickets will be on sale on Saturday, April 23 at Festival Foods, 1125 E. Johnson Street, Fond du Lac, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets will also be available to purchase at either Agnesian HealthCare Information Desk, Jet Stream Car Wash, Partners by Design, Fox Valley Saving Bank and the Agnesian HealthCare Foundation. Tickets can also be picked up at other locations in the area. Gruenewaldt Construction is building the raffle's grand prize - a 2,272-square-foot upscale, one-story home at 605 Whispering Springs Drive in The Highlands subdivision in the city of Fond du Lac. The three-bedroom house with oversized three-car garage features natural stone exterior; a deck with access from the dining area; a spacious master suite with large walk-in closet and custom-tiled walk-in shower; vaulted ceilings, bookcases and shelving in the great room; an advanced security alarm system and surround sound system donated by Shea Electric & Communications; central air; and a central vac system and active radon system donated by Cutter Vac. Partners by Design coordinates the furnishings and decoration of the house for the open houses. This year's raffle house has been tested and designed a Wisconsin Energy Star home which places it in the top five percent of all homes built in Wisconsin for energy efficiency and air tightness. It incorporates products and construction methods that contribute to the safety, energy efficiency, durability, indoor air quality (including radon control) and comfort of the occupants. The grand-prize winner can choose to keep or sell the \$290,000 house, or accept \$145,000 in cash. Raffle ticket purchasers can also win three \$1,000 cash prizes; Area Rug donated by Twohig Flooring America (valued at \$1,000); 32" Sony TV donated by Advanced Audio & Video (valued at \$550); \$500 gift certificate donated by Partners by Design & Fine Furnishings, Inc.; Golf Foursome w/ Cart & Dinner for Four donated by South Hills Golf & Country Club (valued at \$400); Seasons by Linstrom's \$200 gift certificate

donated by Dave and Heather Linstrom; and Culver's gift certificates donated by Rick & Pat Miller, Culver's of Fond du Lac & Oshkosh (valued at \$200). The Samaritan Health Clinic's annual house raffle is the main source of funding for the Samaritan Health Clinic's operations. All proceeds help provide patients with important diagnostic tests, medications and health services. These patients may not be eligible for medical assistance or have limited or no insurance. For more information, call the Agnesian HealthCare Foundation at (920) 926-4959.

5-6-11 police bike auction

The Fond du Lac Police Department will be holding its annual spring bike auction on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 starting at 4:30 pm. The auction will be held at the Police Department at 126 North Main Street. Citizens will be able to view the bikes beginning at 4:00 pm the day of the auction. Citizens can enter the auction area on the west side of the police department via the west garage doors. It is estimated there will be more than 100 bikes up for auction.



Powered By [InterTech Media, LLC](#)