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**11-2-11 birkholz capitol ceremony cancelled again**

For a second time in about a week a ceremony to honor a fallen Fond du Lac police officer has been called off. State Senator Jessica King says she was notified less than an hour before the ceremony was to begin that it had been pulled from the Assembly calendar. The Assembly was scheduled to recognize officer Craig Birkholz who was killed in the line of duty earlier this year. King says the idea was to hold the ceremony after the legislature voted on a measure that would have provided health insurance benefits to families of fallen police officers. That bill was passed out of the Jt. Finance Committee last week...but the Assembly has yet to take action on it. "At 8:15am Tuesday I was informed that the ceremony to honor the life of officer Craig Birkholz had been pulled from the Assembly calendar. There was a resolution that I co-authored along with representative Thiesfeldt," King said. "I'm very surprised and disappointed and I think this has something to do with the fallen officer bill that had passed through Joint Finance last Wednesday." Aspokesman for Fond du Lac state representative, Jeremy Thiesfeldt, says the ceremony was cancelled at the request of the Birkholz family.

**11-2-11 woman convicted in bowling alley arson sentenced**

The girlfriend of a Fond du lac man convicted of burning down his bowling alley is not going to prison. At a sentencing hearing Tuesday Fond du Lac Judge Peter Grimm ordered two years probation-withheld for Linda Stiller-Devoe. She was also ordered to pay nearly \$36,000 in restitution. Earlier this year Stiller-Devoe pleaded no contest to criminal damage to property and a charge of party to the crime of arson was deferred for two years in exchange for her cooperation with the prosecution in the case of her boyfriend, Lyle Huss. Huss was convicted of arson and recently sentenced to seven years in prison for setting fire to the Last Stop Bar and Lanes on West Division Street. Police say he started the fire to collect insurance money on the building.

**11-2-11 sadoff fire**

On Tuesday, November 1, 2011, at 12:37 p.m. the Fond du Lac Fire Department responded to a reported fire in a scrap metal shredder at 240 W. Arndt. Upon arrival firefighters met with workers who were attempting to extinguish the fire at the base of the machine. Heavy black smoke could be seen in the area as the fire burned. Fire crews were able to extinguish the fire and keep it contained to the machine. There were no injuries and no estimate on the extent of the damage.

**11-2-11 concealed carry permit applications-first day**

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — The state Justice Department has received more than 100 concealed carry permit

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applications so far. As spokeswoman says the agency has received 110 applications, approved 90 and printed 42 permits. Today is the first day Wisconsin residents can apply for concealed carry permits.

#### 11-2-11 new secretary of state department of employee trust funds

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Robert Conlin has been named as secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Employee Trust Funds. He will take over in January, replacing the retiring David Stella. Conlin has been serving as deputy secretary. The ETF administers the Wisconsin Retirement System pension and other public employee benefits.

#### 11-2-11 wisconsin recalls

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Proposals that would make it more difficult to recall incumbent Republican state senators from office appear to be dead. The Senate elections committee held a hearing Monday on the bills and originally scheduled a vote for Tuesday, but that was delayed until Wednesday. But late Tuesday that vote was canceled. The bills also do not appear on the agenda for the Senate to take up Wednesday, the last day it was scheduled to be in session this year. One measure would put new Republican-friendly districts in effect for any recalls that occur before November of next year. Another bill stalled in committee would require recall petition circulators to have their signature notarized on any papers they handle.

#### 11-2-11 democrat-jobs bills

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Wisconsin Democrats have introduced a package of bills they say are designed to jump-start job creation in the state. One of the bills would create grants for technical colleges that enroll students for specific projects, such as welding work or infrastructure repair. Another proposal would create the Wisconsin Agriculture Corps, which would connect young people with farm work. Still another would reinstate apprenticeship programs for state construction projects. The bills have little chance of advancing. Republicans control the Senate and Assembly as well as the governor's office. But Assembly Minority Leader Peter Barca, a Kenosha Democrat, says he hopes the legislation will at least spark a discussion on meaningful job creation initiatives among Republicans.

#### 11-2-11 wisconsin schools-report card

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — New test scores show fourth- and eighth-grade students in Wisconsin performed slightly above the national average on math and reading. The state Department of Public Instruction Tuesday released results of this year's National Assessment of Educational Progress, also known as the 'nation's report card.' Results show math and readings skills for fourth- and eighth-graders in Wisconsin remain relatively the same from the last time the test was administered in 2009. In a state-by-state comparison, Wisconsin's overall math score for fourth-graders is higher than 30 states. At grade eight, the average math score is higher than 29 states. Fourth-grade reading scores were higher than 15 states and higher than 20 states for grade eight. State Superintendent Tony Evers says there's clearly more room for improvement.

#### 11-2-11 chevrolet celebrates its centennial



Holiday Automotive of Fond du Lac has kicked off a special weeklong event celebrating Chevrolet's 100th Anniversary. The dealership's Centennial Open House and Sale runs from November 1st to November 7th, and is dual themed around the iconic brand's rich history and its place today as a mainstream global car company. Guests visiting the Holiday Automotive showroom will be treated to a collection of Chevy vehicles, from classic models to brand new. Elements of Chevy's nostalgic ad campaign, baseball, hot dogs, apple pie and Chevrolet will serve as a backdrop in the form of complimentary Johnsonville hot dogs, Little Farmer apple pie and other surprises for showroom visitors. "For generations Chevrolet has been a part of the American landscape, people's lives and memories" stated Holiday Automotive President Mike Shannon. "Bring up Chevrolet in conversation and people often recount stories about their first Chevy, or that of their parents. It is often cited as the car that took them to school, or on their first date, and as time went on Chevy often became their first new car. Here we are, 100 years later, and Chevrolet continues to reflect the times we live in with technology, innovation and value. Look at the line-up of Chevy's we offer today and you'll find those characteristics in each. There's a reason a new Chevrolet is sold about every 7 seconds worldwide", Shannon continued "and is Wisconsin's best selling auto brand. That's a point of pride for all of us here."

#### 11-2-11 wolf trackers

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — State wildlife officials are renewing their plea for volunteer wolf trackers. The Department of Natural Resources relies heavily on volunteer trackers to estimate the size of the state's wolf population. Trackers teamed with DNR biologists to count at least 782 wolves from late December through March. The DNR will offer tracker training sessions Nov. 5 in Ashland, Dec. 3 in Babcock and Dec. 10-11 in Tomahawk. The agency also recommends volunteers attend a wolf ecology course. Sessions are scheduled for January and February in Babcock and Tomahawk.

#### 11-2-11 sex offenders released into fdl community

**James E Miller**  
**Birthdate:** April 15, 1955  
**Race:** White  
**Height:** 6' 0" **Weight:** 210  
**Hair:** Gray  
**Eyes:** Brown (glasses)

James E. Miller will be released from prison on November 8, 2011 after serving 5 years for 2nd Degree Sexual Assault of a Child and 3rd Degree Sexual Assault and Manufacture/Deliver Cocaine. Miller also has a previous conviction for Sexual Battery in the State of Tennessee. Miller was convicted of sexually assaulting a 6-year-old female acquaintance on multiple occasions and an 8-year-old female acquaintance.

**Special conditions of James E. Miller's supervised release:**

- 1) No contact with victim, no unsupervised contact with minors, no presence in taverns, bars, or liquor stores, and no use of alcohol or illegal drugs.
- 2) Comply with all rules of high risk sex offender supervision and cooperate with GPS monitoring.
- 3) Face-to-face contact with law enforcement as required, lifetime registration with Wisconsin Sex Offender Registration Program.

James E. Miller will be living at 457 Thomas Street in the City of Fond du Lac when he is initially released from incarceration on November 8, 2011.

**Gregory L. Smack**

**Birthday:** January 28, 1973

**Race:** Black

**Height:** 5' 7" **Weight:** 172

**Hair:** Black

**Eyes:** Brown

Gregory L. Smack will be released from prison on November 8, 2011 after serving 7 years for 2-counts of 2nd Degree Sexual Assault of a Child. Smack's victims were 13-year-old female acquaintances. Smack was released from prison on extended supervision in July of 2009 and returned to prison 4 months later for violating his supervision.

**Special conditions of Gregory L. Smack's supervised release:**

- 1) No contact with victim, no unsupervised contact with minors, no presence in taverns, bars, or liquor stores, and no use of alcohol or illegal drugs.
- 2) Comply with all rules of high risk sex offender supervision and cooperate with GPS monitoring.
- 3) Face-to-face contact with law enforcement as required, lifetime registration with Wisconsin Sex Offender Registration Program.

Gregory L. Smack will be living at 457 Thomas Street in the City of Fond du Lac when he is initially released from incarceration on November 8, 2011.

**Contact Information:**

Fond du Lac Police Department: Emergency Dial 911 - Non Emergency: 322-3700

Division of Community Corrections: 929-2983

Information on the Internet: <http://www.fdlpolice.com>

<http://offender.doc.state.wi.us/public/>

**11-2-11 salvation army asks for turkey donations for thanksgiving food basket distribution**

The Fond du Lac Salvation Army is asking for the public's help by donating turkeys for the annual Thanksgiving food basket distribution this month. The Salvation Army teaming up with the Broken Bread Food Pantry this year to provide a Thanksgiving meal for those in need. The annual Thanksgiving basket distribution will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Friday November 15th. The Salvation Army says approximately 900 turkeys are needed for distribution. On Thursday the Salvation Army will be holding a "Turkey Drive Thru"...encouraging people to "Drive Thru" the Salvation Army parking lot on Follett Street and drop off a turkey into the waiting arms of volunteers. Many of the other fixings including potatoes, cranberry, pumpkin and the rest will be made available through the Broken Bread Food Pantry distribution program.

**11-2-11 fdl county health report**

The public is invited to attend the release of Fond du Lac County's health priorities at a gathering on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 7am at the Fond du Lac Family YMCA. The Task Force, whose membership includes individuals from public health, health care providers, education, business and United Way has been meeting since November of 2010 reviewing key health data. The Task Force also conducted a telephone survey that collected the opinions of 800 Fond du Lac County adults and 84 community stakeholders. Diane Cappozzo, Fond du Lac County Health Officer states, "The Health Department has a statutory requirement to conduct a health needs assessment at least every 5 years and with the passage of the Affordable Care Act our local hospitals also have a similar requirement". She goes on to state, "Even though this is a requirement, our goal is to engage our citizens and community partners by sharing information and creating opportunities to improve their health and the health of Fond du Lac County." Julie Willems Van Dijk, Associate Scientist at the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute will present on "Mobilizing for a Healthier Community". There is no cost to attend but residents are asked to RSVP by calling 920 -929-3085 or 1-800- 547-3640 by November 11.

**11-2-11 new marian university board of directors chair**

The Marian University Board of Trustees elected John K. Nelson, former CEO of ABN Amro Bank N.V., North America, as Chair of the Board at its annual meeting on October 19, 2011. Nelson replaces John Korb who completed a two-year term as Chair. During his tenure at ABN Amro, Nelson led both global and regional lines of business, operating from offices in New York, London, Amsterdam, and Chicago. He served on the executive committees of the Global Markets and LaSalle Bank Corporation business units, and was a member of the bank's Top Executive Group. Nelson, who lives in Lake Bluff, Ill., currently serves on the boards of ALDA Capital Corporation, Core12 LLC., DS Funding LLC. and St. Edmund's Preparatory School in New York City, as well as serving Fordham University as a director for the Curran Center for Catholic American Studies and on the President's Council. He is a graduate of Fordham University and holds a bachelor's in economics and a master's degree in finance. Anthony J. "Tony" Ahern, executive vice president of J. F. Ahern Co.'s Pipe Fabrication Division, has been appointed as a member of the Marian Board of Trustees. Ahern, a Fond du Lac native, directs and manages J. F. Ahern Co.'s Pipe Fabrication Division. His board service includes the Mechanical Contractors Association of America, Pipe Fabrication Institute, St. Agnes Hospital Foundation, Fond du Lac Area United Way and St. Mary's Springs High School.

**11-2-11 leaf collection**

The City of Fond du Lac's annual leaf collection will begin on Monday October 17, 2010 with crews starting in the northeast section of the city. The collection will proceed in a clockwise direction – to the southeast, southwest, and northwest sections. The leaf collection process will continue for six weeks, ending on Friday, November 25. Again this year there will be a map available on the City's website indicating the

progress that collection crews have made to date. On the website, click on Leaf Collection Progress Map, and you can see which areas have been covered by collection crews, and arrows indicating in which direction the crews will be moving. The map will be updated toward the end of each work day. A sample of the map is available now at <http://www.ci.fond-du-lac.wi.us/>. For collection purposes, Main Street divides the city into east and west halves, and Western Avenue and Fourth Street divide the city into north and south halves. The Public Works Department anticipates that crews will complete approximately two clockwise sweeps through the city this fall, weather and time permitting. During the first round of collection, raking by the crew is limited. As an alternative to the collection, residents may haul their leaves to the City's yard waste drop off site located on the north side of the Municipal Service Center located at 530 Doty Street. Bags must be emptied and disposed of properly at the site.

- **Leaves should be raked in rows next to the curb for collection by City crews. Please do not rake leaves into the street.**
- **City crews will not pick up leaves in plastic bags.**
- **Park vehicles and garbage carts away from leaf windrows.**
- **Your garbage cart is for garbage only. Please do not place leaves inside the automated garbage collection carts.**
- **Cut garden material such as vines and corn stalks into lengths of one foot or less.**
- **Fruit and vegetables (such as apples or pumpkins) will not be collected. These should be disposed of at the City's yard waste drop off site on Doty Street. Some streets are still under construction at this time.**

City crews will make every effort to get in to those areas still under construction, or will make a thorough cleanup later in the season after the construction is completed.

#### **A Green Alternative: Leave 'em Lay!**

As an alternative to raking leaves to the curb, residents are encouraged to try chopping up moderate amounts of leaves with a lawnmower. This can be done during normal lawn mowing. Just don't allow the leaves to mat and make sure that ample grass shows through them. This will save you work and time, add nutrients to your lawn, reduce windblown leaves in your neighborhood and reduce the amount of labor and fuel the City needs to use for leaf collection. If you really like to rake, composting your leaves in a backyard garden is another alternative which will provide you with useful organic material next year. Anyone who wishes to receive full seven cubic yard loads of leaves should contact the Municipal Service Center at 322-3544.

#### **11-2-11 waupun fire department food drive**

The Waupun Fire department will be doing its 3rd annual food drive on November 5th from 9:00 to 1:00 PM. Last year we collected \$1,150.00 and 2200 pounds of food. Drop off locations will be here at the fire station, Waupun Piggly Wiggly Foods Market Fresh Foods. Fire department members will be at all three locations. The goal is to surpass last year's totals.

#### **11-2-11 donut sale to benefit local disaster relief services**

This year's donut sale to benefit local Red Cross disaster services is expanded to include \$10 cake gift certificates to be applied toward any Bob and Bonnie's delicious custom cakes. Orders for donuts and cake gift certificates can be made online, from a Disaster Action Team member or calling the Fond du Lac office. Orders are being taken until Tuesday, November 1. For nine years the Fond du Lac Disaster Action Team (DAT) of the American Red Cross has teamed up with Bob and Bonnie Badura, owners of Bob and Bonnie's Donuts, to generate needed funds to support the services delivered when disasters strike. This partnership over the years has helped provide necessary funding for DAT volunteers to assist families in the Fond du Lac area with the critical needs of food, shelter, and clothing at a time of need after a disaster. A complete list of offerings from Bob and Bonnie's is available at [www.bobandbonniesdonuts.com](http://www.bobandbonniesdonuts.com). Place orders prior to Tuesday, November 1, by phone or order online at [www.newredcross.org](http://www.newredcross.org) and check out Upcoming Events. Phone orders to the Fond du Lac Red Cross office may be made by calling 922-3450 during business hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, or 922-3146 after hours. All orders must be prepaid prior to November 1. Donut and cake gift certificate pre-orders will be available for pick-up at the South Main Street Fire Station (815 South Main Street, Fond du Lac), 6:30 am until 11 am on Friday, November 11.

#### **11-2-11 temporary bridge closure**

On Monday morning, October 31, the Scott Street (USH 45) Bridge at the Fond du Lac River will be closed to all vehicular traffic for about two weeks while the concrete bridge deck is patched. At least one sidewalk crossing the bridge will remain open to pedestrians at all times. The bridge location is immediately west of Brooke Street. Bus service on Scott Street will be moved to Arndt Street from Brooke Street to Hickory Street. A detour route for USH 45 will be marked from USH 45 southbound to Scott Street; west on Scott Street; south on Hickory Street and east on Johnson Street to Main Street. The northbound detour will be marked from Main Street; west on Johnson Street; north on Hickory Street and east on Scott Street to USH 45 north. If you have questions about the project please contact Tony Lang at the City of Fond du Lac Engineering Division.

#### **11-2-11 highway t closure**

County Highway T from Nelson Rd to Townline Rd will be closed starting October 5, 2011 to reconstruct the bridge over a branch of the West Branch Fond du Lac River in the Town of Lamartine. Construction to replace the load posted and structurally deficient bridge is expected to be completed by mid November, weather permitting. The highway will be closed to all traffic and a detour will be posted via County Highway T (Esterbrook Road), State Highway 23, and County Highway Y.

#### **11-2-11 west pioneer road reconstruction update**

##### **CTH W; West Pioneer Road Reconstruction**

**Schedule: July 2011 to November 2011**

**Length: 0.213 miles**

**Cost: \$1,848,192.39**

**Location: Morris Street to Main Street**

**Description:** The project involves the reconstruction of CTH W (Pioneer Road) between Morris Street and Main Street, the reconstruction of the Pioneer Road bridge over the East Branch of the Fond du Lac River and the construction of the Wild Goose Prairie Trail within the project limits.

**October 24 to October 28:** Bridge contractor will form up and pour parapet walls and sidewalk on the bridge. Paving contractor will pour the eastbound & westbound lanes on the west half of the project, they will form up and pour approach slabs, sidewalks, driveways and the intersection at Woodbine Park Road. Asphalt contractor will pave sections of the recreational trail.

**October 31 to November 4:** Bridge contractor will remove forms from the bridge deck and work on polishing the bridge. Paving contractor will work on forming & pouring driveways and sidewalks. Asphalt contractor will asphalt miscellaneous areas on the project. Grading contractor will work on topsoiling the project. Landscape contractor will seed, fertilize and emat, install signs and guardrail. Pavement marking will be done.

**Traffic impacts:** CTH W (Pioneer Road) will be closed to through traffic for the duration of the project. Local traffic will have access during the project except when construction is taking place in immediately in the vicinity of their residence or business. The contractor will coordinate with residents and businesses prior to any closures.

**Detour Route:** Fond du Lac County will post and maintain a detour during the duration of the project. The eastbound detour route is CTH W (Pioneer Road) to Hickory Street to USH 151 to Main Street and back to CTH W (Pioneer Road). The westbound detour route will be the reverse of the eastbound detour route.

#### 11-2-11 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** go into effect shortly. 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.

#### 11-2-11 fdl county sheriff's department law of the month

Although the official start of winter this year is not until December 22, Wisconsin likely will be hit with the usual onslaught of ice, snow, and limited visibility that makes driving difficult-if not impossible-at times. To survive treacherous winter driving conditions, motorists must be patient and follow common-sense precautions. When there's ice or snow, many motorists skid off the road or crash because they were driving too fast for conditions. The posted speed limits are for dry pavement, and those speeds may be hazardous when roads are slick. The slogan 'Snow Means Slow' also applies to four-wheel drive and other heavy duty vehicles, which need ample distance for stopping on slippery roads, just like other vehicles. Acitation for driving too fast for conditions Wis.Stat.346.57(3) costs \$213.10 with four demerit points. Winter weather also can limit visibility, so drivers must remove all frost, ice and snow from their vehicle's windows. You must be able to see in all directions at all times to avoid crashes. Clearing only a small patch on a windshield or rear window is not sufficient. Clearing snow and ice from the lights, hood and roof also helps improve visibility and safety. According to state law, a vehicle's windshield, side wings, and side and rear windows must be kept clear at all times Wis.Stat. 346.88(4). Violating this law costs \$175.30 with two demerit points assessed on the driver's record. During severe winter storms, the wisest decision often is to stay put and not drive. Our officers frequently respond to vehicles in the ditch and chain-reaction crashes when there was no real need for the drivers to be on the road at all. Slowed or stalled traffic on slippery roads also delays snowplows and tow trucks that are trying to get the roads cleared. To minimize the dangers of winter driving follow these safety tips:

**Always** wear your seat belt even if traveling a short distance. You and your passengers absolutely need this protection even in low speed "fender-bender" collisions.

**Watch** for slippery bridge decks. They ice up quicker than adjacent pavement.

**Look** farther ahead than you normally do. Loss of traction and other actions by vehicles ahead of you will alert you sooner to upcoming slippery spots and other hazards.

**Brake** early and correctly. It takes much longer to stop in adverse conditions.

**Don't** pump anti-lock brakes. With anti-lock brakes, the correct braking method is to "stomp and steer."

**Don't** be overconfident about the traction of four-wheel drive vehicles, which generally won't stop or grip the road in curves any better than two-wheel drive vehicles.

**Avoid** cutting in front of trucks, which take longer than automobiles to slow down or stop.

**Leave** plenty of room for snowplows. By law, you must stay back at least 200 feet from the rear of a snowplow.

Have a Safe Month,

Sheriff Mck Fink

#### 11-2-11 fdl police department law of the month

As the seasons change, the Fond du Lac Police Department would like to remind everyone the importance of keeping all vehicle windshields and windows clear of any obstructions. Please brush leaves, snow and ice from all windows before driving. Use your defrost and wipers when necessary. Remember to check your blades and wiper fluids to assist in keeping window cleaning easier. Wash windows when they start getting clouded with salt and dirt from the roadways. Wisconsin State Statute 346.88 Obstruction of Operators View or Operating Mechanism, states (4) The windshield, side wings, and side and rear windows of a motor vehicle shall be kept reasonably clean at all times. Drivers who fail to keep their windows clean and unobstructed not only increase the chance of an accident, but also run the risk of receiving a \$88.80 citation and 2 demerit points on their driving record. Fond du Lac Police Officers will be paying particular attention to these violations during the month of November. As always buckle up and arrive alive.

Officer Rebecca Berg #22



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