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11-9-11 fdl murder investigation



Fond du Lac police say what started as a suspicious death investigation is now a homicide investigation...and a search is underway for a suspect. Police were called to a home in a northeast Fond du lac neighborhood shortly after 6:30 pm Tuesday to check on the welfare of a person who had been missing for a couple days. Police captain Steve Klein tells WFDL news that officers found the body of a person inside the home. An officer reported on the police scanner that the victim had a bullet wound to the

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head. Klein would not say if the victim is a male or female, and did not give the address of the residence. He says more information would be released Wednesday.

11-9-11 fdl city budget hearing

The public gets a chance to comment on the proposed 2012 Fond du Lac city budget. A public hearing on the proposed budget starts at 7pm. The budget includes staff cuts, a 5.1 percent cut in library funding and a proposal to privatize the city assessors office and to close the Taylor Park swimming pool. Councilmember Jim Sabel defends the decision not to touch the \$240,000 earmarked for the Senior Center. "That's going back to those folks that paid taxes all their life. There's over 2500 members in that organization," Sabel said. A budget workshop is scheduled for Thursday evening...and again next week if necessary.

11-9-11 waupun prison inmate found dead in cell

Authorities are investigating the death of an inmate at the Waupun Correctional Institution. The inmate, 31 year old David Wapp, was found dead in his cell around 10am Tuesday. Efforts to revive him in his cell were unsuccessful. Court records indicate that Wapp had a long criminal record including convictions of first degree intentional homicide, kidnapping and sexual assault of a child.

11-9-11 three fdl men arrested following bar fight

Three Fond du Lac men are in custody following a fight outside a Fond du lac bar. Police were called to a report of a fight outside the Somewhere Bar on Forest Avenue late Monday night. Police say the suspects fled the scene before officers arrived and were arrested near Hamilton Park.

11-9-11 neenah woman accused of stealing from non-profit center

APPLETON, Wis. (AP) — A Neenah woman has pleaded no contest to three theft counts for stealing nearly \$500,000 from a nonprofit center that supplies donated blood to hospitals. Tina Jacobsen was an account specialist at Community Blood Center in Grand Chute. She was accused of using fraudulent expense reimbursements and drafting checks to herself that were intended for vendors.

11-9-11 50 dogs removed from green lake home

About 50 dogs that suffered from ringworm have been removed from a woman's home near Green Lake. They're quarantined and housed separately at the Green Lake Area Animal Shelter. Sheriff's and health officials acted on an anonymous tip when they visited the woman's home last week. According to shelter manager Janine Rubeck, the woman agreed to give up 47 toy fox terriers and Terrier-Chihuahua mixes. Her town government lets residents keep up to a dozen dogs without licenses. She'll keep those, and Rubeck says she'll get help in having them vaccinated, spayed, and neutered. Rubeck says the woman apparently never intended to have so many dogs. She had done some breeding in the past. And Rubeck says she tried to end the process, but could not afford to spay and neuter for all those pets. The Green Lake Animal Shelter will be looking for groups to help treat the dogs. They're also asking for donations to help cover the veterinary bills.

11-9-11 dnr names new big game ecologist

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — State wildlife officials have selected a new big-game ecologist. Kevin Wallenfang, a regional biologist for Pheasants Forever, will begin his new position at the Department of Natural Resources on December 19th. The DNR's big-game ecologist is responsible for managing the state's deer, bear and elk herds. The position has become a lightning rod for controversy as hunter gripes about the DNR's deer management strategies have intensified.

11-9-11 generac-jobs

Amaker of electric generators in southeast Wisconsin says it will add over 400 jobs in the next few weeks, in response to a big rise in sales. Generac Holdings says it will expand at its plants in Waukesha, Eagle, and Whitewater. And it will add up to 60 jobs at Magnum Products in Berlin, a maker of light towers that Generac bought recently. Company spokeswoman Heather Gaedtke says all the new employees will be hired within the next year, mostly in the next 90 days. And it will add to a workforce that now totals around 16-hundred. A job fair will take place Wednesday evening at Generac's headquarters in Waukesha. Gaedtke also said the project is being entirely financed privately, and it will not cost taxpayers a thing. The company recently reported a 49-percent increase in its quarterly sales over the past year – and it had a 63-percent jump in its profits to 37-million dollars from July-through-September.

11-9-11 new mayville police chief

The City of Mayville has its new chief of police. Monday night, the Mayville Police and Fire Commission selected Captain and interim Police Chief Chris MacNeill to head the department. MacNeill says he's honored. Commission President Michael Schmidt says the commission was unanimous in its selection of MacNeill. Schmidt says while serving as interim chief, MacNeill was able to raise morale and bring the department together. MacNeill was selected from five finalists, four from Wisconsin and one from Illinois.

11-9-11 hickory street closure

County Highway WW (Hickory Street) from County Highway W (Pioneer Rd) to Dixie Street in the City of Fond du Lac will be closed Monday, November 7th to place a culvert across the road. Work is anticipated to be completed in three days, weather permitting. A detour will be posted via Pioneer Road, Morris Street, and Dixie Street.

11-9-11 marian university homeland security symposium

Marian University's Institute for Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness is hosting the Third Annual Homeland Security Symposium on Tuesday, December 6 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. at Whispering Springs Golf Club in Fond du Lac. This year's theme is "Building Community Resilience: A Practical Approach" and the keynote speaker will be Major General Warren Edwards (Ret), director of the Community and Regional Resilience Institute (CARRI) in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The mission of CARRI is to develop and share critical paths communities may take to strengthen their ability to prepare for, respond to, and rapidly recover from significant man-made or natural disasters with minimal downtime of basic community, government, and business services. CARRI supports communities in their resilience building efforts and works with state, regional and national stakeholders to create incentives and support for community resilience. A discussion, featuring a panel consisting of Governor Scott McCallum, Nadav

Morag, Ph.D., Naval Postgraduate School, Rick Meyers, Colorado Springs Police Department along with former Milwaukee Fire Chief, Doug Holton, currently the associate dean of Human and Protective Services at Madison Area Technical College is scheduled. Dr. Michelle Majewski, Dean of the School of Criminal Justice and Director of Marian's Institute for Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness states, "We are especially pleased to be able to bring such a distinguished group of professionals to Fond du Lac for this year's symposium. This is an opportunity for interested individuals to learn more about community resiliency and the work being done on this topic. One of the goals of this symposium is to assist individuals with identifying concrete steps toward helping their respective community assess the level of resilience and to put a plan in place for enhancing community resiliency." Interested individuals may register online no later than Thursday, December 1 at www.marianuniversity.edu/hssymposium and completing the online form. The registration fee for this event is \$20.00 and it includes lunch. Space is limited.

11-9-11 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.

11-9-11 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.

11-9-11 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.

11-9-11 walleye weekend co-chair named

Fond du Lac Festivals, Inc. has announced Rose Ahern of BCI Burke Company, as the new co-chair for Walleye Weekend 2012. Ahern will be working alongside Senior Co-Chair Brian Twohig of Twohig Flooring America. "I am honored to give back to the Fond du Lac community by serving as co-chair of Walleye Weekend," said Ahern. "I have always been amazed at the unflinching volunteer and giving spirit of this community and am proud to be a part of this event to do my part to continue this tradition." Each year, a new junior chairperson is selected for Walleye Weekend. Accepting the position is a two year commitment, since the junior chair serves as the senior chair the following year. "Rose is a great choice to co-chair the 2012 Walleye Weekend event. She brings a tremendous amount of talent to this fantastic event. Rose has volunteered and served on many committees in the Fond du Lac area which has helped to keep Fond du Lac moving in a positive direction," said Twohig. "She has also been a friend for many years. I look forward to serving alongside her for this upcoming Walleye Weekend in June of 2012." Walleye Weekend 2012 will be held June 7, 8, 9 and 10 at Lakeside Park. For more information, please visit the Fond du Lac Festivals

Web site at www.fdlfest.com.

11-9-11 laconia high school jazz band concert

Event: Just Jazz XI

When: 7:30pm Tuesday Nov 15

Where: Laconia High School Auditorium

Cost: Free Admission

Music: For everyone, featuring music ranging from classic jazz tunes like Birdland to contemporary Rock and Roll like Sharp Dressed Man. The Laconia Jazz Band is directed by Mark Pieplow

11-9-11 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.

11-9-11 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.

11-9-11 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.

11-9-11 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.

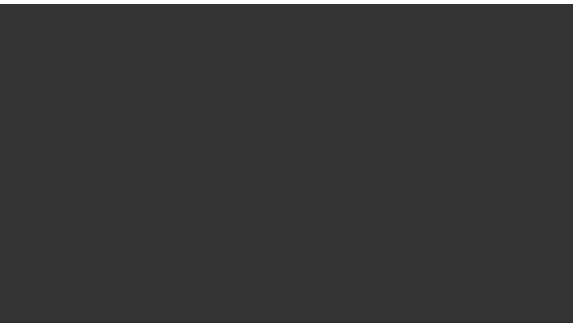
11-9-11 fdl high school gay-straight alliance participate in anti-bullying event

The Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) at Fond du Lac High School (FHS) organized and participated in "Spirit Day" on Thursday, October 20, by wearing purple and taking part in discussions related to ending bullying. Spirit Day is an event held across the country in response to all the young Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual-Transgendered (LGBT) people who have taken their own lives following relentless anti-LGBT bullying. Approximately 211 staff and students participated and numerous discussions took place throughout the building on the harmful effects of bullying and what each person can do to help those being victimized by bullying. The color purple was chosen because it symbolizes spirit on the rainbow flag. With the spirit of compassion, tolerance, and support, people wore purple to show they're making a stand against bullying. At FHS, it was amazing to see the numbers of students who want bullying to end, who care and want to help others who are being bullied, and who are willing to be visible to their peers as someone who will not tolerate bullying. Cassidy Duquaine, GSA member, shared "I believe everyone should be treated equally and I stand up and help when someone is being bullied—I try to stop it." and Dasia McKnight- freshman stated "I'm wearing purple to show that I care about bullying, and I'm willing to speak up and help someone who is being bullied."

11-9-11 agnesian healthcare lovelight campaign

The Agnesian HealthCare Foundation has kicked off its annual 2011 Love Light fund drive. This year's drive is being led by co-chairpersons, Tammy Waidelich and Lori Tschetter. Proceeds from the Love Light fund drive will benefit Agnesian HealthCare's Grief Relief program, which provides a safe place where children, teens and their families can grieve openly and share experiences as they move through the grief process in a supportive environment of their peers. The Grief Relief program meets twice monthly in the lower level of the Fond du Lac Regional Clinic West building, 912 S. Hickory Street in Fond du Lac. Age-

appropriate toys are available for younger children; art supplies for art therapy are available as well. Grief Relief also offers suicide support as well as a support group for widows/widowers on Wednesdays. Individuals can support Love Lights by purchasing a light in honor of someone they wish to remember or celebrate during the holiday season. This light will shine on the beautifully lit evergreen in front of Agnesian HealthCare. The cost is \$10 per person. The names of those honored and remembered will be displayed through the holiday season in the St. Agnes Hospital and Fond du Lac Regional Clinic lobby areas. Love Lights can be purchased at both the hospital and clinic information desks, 430 E. Division Street. The 2011 Love Light Tree Lighting Ceremony is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14 at the St. Agnes Hospital lobby. For more information on this year's Love Light project, call the Agnesian HealthCare Foundation at (920) 926-4959.



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