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### 9-1-11 former town of ripon police officer accused of trying to hire a hit man to kill business associate

ARipon man accused of hiring a hit man to kill a former business associate and to injure another former business partner has been ordered held without bail. Fifty year old Lee Stellmacher made his initial Fond du Lac court appearance Thursday on charges of conspiracy to commit first degree homicide and conspiracy to commit battery. Stellmacher is a former town of Ripon police officer. Apreliminary hearing is scheduled for September 9th.

### 9-1-11 fdl county len bias homicide trial adjourned

Atrial has been adjourned for a Fond du lac man charged in the drug overdose death of another Fond du Lac man.. Zachary Mallon is charged under the Len Bias law with first degree reckless homicide. Mallon and others are accused of supplying heroin to Dustin Lamb who died of an overdose in September of 2010. Defense attorney Mke O'Rourke, says the trial scheduled for this week was adjourned after Mallon's DNA was not detected on evidence tested at the state crime lab. "The state had tested for DNA on the packaging materials that the heroin was supposed to be in and those lab reports indicated that my client was excluded as having contributed DNA to that," O'Rourke said. "The lab analyst was not available this week to testify and of course I would want that lab analyst to testify."

### 9-1-11 police searching for suspicious person spotted near fdl park

Fond du lac police are asking for the public's help in finding a man who was observed masturbating while watching children at Hamilton Park. Police say the incident happened shortly before 2pm Monday August 29th. A witness told an officer a dark blue Chevy Impala with tinted windows was parked near the park. Anyone with information is asked to call police.

### 9-1-11 speeding teen arrested at gunpoint

AFond du Lac teenage boy has been arrested at gunpoint after he allegedly stole a car and was clocked speeding in excess of 100 miles an hour. The incident happened early Tuesday morning on Highway 41 near Military Road.

### 9-1-11 jury trial set for defendant in fox valley drug bust

Ajury trial is set for one of the men arrested in connection with a large heroin and crack/cocaine ring in the Oshkosh area. 25-year-old Lavonte M. Jones is charged with conspiracy to deliver cocaine after being involved in a large-scale drug operation that was broken up in July. Police say Jones was one of nine men taken into custody. Those individuals were responsible for large amounts of heroine being brought into the area from Illinois over the past year. Police say they were responsible for the sale of over 6,000 grams of

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crack/cocaine valued at \$900,000 and over 9,000 grams of heroin valued at \$3.6 million. Prosecutors say 28-year-old Lorenzo Curry and 26-year-old Lord Wilson were the ringleaders of the operation. Jones will be back in court October 3rd for a pre-trial conference, then October 18th for trial. If found guilty, he faces up to 44 years in prison.

#### **9-1-11 fox lake man charged in owi lawn mower incident**

A Fox Lake man has been charged with OWI 5th offense for allegedly driving drunk on his lawn mower. 73 year old Gordon Curtis has made his initial Dodge County Circuit Court appearance. Dodge County Sheriff's Patrol Captain Molly Soblewski says last Tuesday, residents along Blackhawk Trail in the Town of Fox Lake called the Sheriff's Department to report a man who appeared to be intoxicated and driving his lawn mower. Sheriff Todd Nehls says Curtis' previous OWM convictions include two in 1997, and one each in 1991 and 2001. A preliminary hearing in the latest case has been scheduled for October 6th.

#### **9-1-11 fdl police chief letter to the community**

On July 01, 2011, I officially and very proudly assumed the duties of Chief of Police for the City of Fond du Lac Police Department. As I knew would be the case, the men and women of the Police Department have been incredibly helpful in assisting me with this transition. I began my law enforcement career in 1988 with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department. Approximately four years later I moved to the North Fond du Lac Police Department. I remained with the North Fond du Lac Police Department for nearly twenty years, spending the last ten serving as the Chief of Police. Over the course of my career I have in addition to being a police chief, worked as a patrol officer, investigator, drug task force member, patrol commander, and deputy chief of police/operations commander. I have also had a fairly extensive background and experience in field training, unified tactics training, and community policing. I was born and raised here in the City of Fond du Lac and the greater Fond du Lac area has basically been home for my entire life. My wife Terri and I have two daughters, and currently live in North Fond du Lac. However, we will be moving to the City of Fond du Lac as soon as possible. The opportunity to serve my hometown as its chief of police is one that I am obviously very grateful to have been given. I am looking forward to meeting and working with the various city officials, community leaders, and members of the community to help keep the City of Fond du Lac a "safe place to live, learn, work and play."

Respectfully,

Chief William B. Lamb

#### **9-1-11 state employees unions wants to negotiate salary increases**

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — The Wisconsin State Employees Union is asking state lawmakers to put pressure on Governor Scott Walker's administration to negotiate salary increases with the union. The union sent letters to lawmakers today to follow up on its request made to Walker's administration on August 18th. A spokesman for Walker had no comment.

#### **9-1-11 voter photo id**

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — The Wisconsin state bar's civil rights section chairwoman wants the U.S. Department of Justice to review the state's new voter photo identification law. In an August 26th letter to Attorney General Eric Holder released today, Sally Stix says the law could suppress the vote of thousands of Wisconsin residents without solving any voter fraud problems.

#### **9-1-11 republicans can march in wausau labor day parade after all**

WAUSAU, Wis. (AP) — The Marathon County Labor Council has reversed a decision to exclude Republican politicians from Wausau's Labor Day parade. Wausau Mayor Jim Tipple had responded to the earlier decision by threatening to withhold financial support for the parade unless everyone -- including Republicans -- was included.

#### **9-1-11 wisconsin-germany sister-state agreement**

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Governor Scott Walker has met with the leader of a western German state to recognize a 35-year-old sister-state agreement. Walker and Volker Bouffier, the minister president of Hessen, signed a memorandum at the Capitol reaffirming annual exchanges between Wisconsin and Hessen college students. Bouffier's delegation planned to visit several Wisconsin businesses today.

#### **9-1-11 labor day travel**

AAA is forecasting a slight decrease in Labor Day holiday travel this year compared to last year. Wisconsin AAA spokesperson, Pam Moen, says 31.5 million Americans will travel 50 miles or more from home during the holiday weekend...defined as Thursday September 1st to Monday September 5th. Moen says automobile travel will be up slightly...but the number of air travelers is down. Gas prices are up significantly over last year at this time:

#### **9-1-11 king announces district office hours in rfdl**

State Senator Jessica King (D-Oshkosh) announced today that she will hold her first meeting in a series of district office hours on Friday. These office hours allow constituents to meet with the Senator regarding any concerns, opinions, questions, or suggestions about any and all state issues. King will hold office hours and listening sessions throughout the district regularly. She will announce next week the schedule for the rest of September. The office hours will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the North Fond du Lac Community Center, 280 Garfield Street, in North Fond du Lac on Friday, September 2nd.

#### **9-1-11 fdl labor day parade**

The Fond du Lac County Labor Council invites the community to the annual Labor Day Parade and celebration which will take place on Monday, September 5, 2011. Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. The Fond du Lac Labor Day parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. on North Main Street at Rees Street and travel north on Main Street to Lakeside Park, ending at Owen Island. This year there are over 40 entrants in the parade, including three local high school marching bands. Parade entrants should arrive at Rees and Macy Street by 10:00 a.m. for line-up and instructions. Parade planners and City Officials are asking citizens to be mindful of the new sod recently installed along the terraces on North Main Street. The

festivities will continue at Lakeside Park from noon to 4:30 p.m. with food and refreshments. Live music will be provided by the Real Deal Blues Band, featuring local artist Paul Levandowski. Betty Trent will be painting faces from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., a dunk tank and amusement ride tickets will also be available. This year's parade Grand Marshal will be Roger Neubauer retired from the Communication Workers of America, Local 4622. Raffle tickets are available now from affiliated local union members and will also be available for purchase on Owen Island on Labor Day. There are 68 prizes on the ticket, including cash prizes. Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. Proceeds go back to the community by way of donations to non-profit organizations and scholarships to area schools and universities.

#### **9-1-11 division street temporary closure**

Division Street is scheduled to be closed to through traffic for about a week for asphalt resurfacing from Park Avenue to Oaklawn Avenue beginning early Wednesday morning, September 7. Division Street from Portland Street to Park Avenue is scheduled to be closed the following week for asphalt resurfacing. Bus service on Division Street will be moved to Merrill Avenue from Marr Street to the east. Bus service will be moved to Sheboygan Street from Main Street to Marr Street. Access to adjacent properties on Park Avenue will be maintained during construction. Traffic without a home or business destination within the construction project on Park Avenue should avoid using the street to help protect the construction workers, reduce inconvenience to adjacent properties and to avoid potential damage to vehicles. Park Avenue and Oaklawn Avenue will not be part of the road work however all non-construction traffic access to Division Street at these two points and at Marr Street will be closed. Local traffic may access Division Street from local side streets except while an intersection is closed for construction work. One lane of thru traffic will be maintained at all times on Marr Street (USH 45).

#### **9-1-11 grove street temporary closure**

Grove Street at the CN Railroad, between Military Road and Hickory Street, will be closed on Thursday, September 1 at about 7 am. Grove Street crossing the railroad will be closed for about one week while the railroad removes an abandoned spur line crossing Grove Street.

#### **9-1-11 west pioneer road reconstruction project 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.

**August 29 to September 02:** Bridge crew will cut & grade the base, install heavy riprap, begin pile driving, and work on forming & tying rebar for the west abutment of the new structure.

**September 05 to September 09:** Bridge crew will work on forming up & tying rebar, pouring concrete, curing the concrete and removing forms from the new west abutment.

**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.

#### **9-1-11 labor day holiday city offices**

City offices in the City/County Government Center will be closed on Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day. The Municipal Service Center will be closed and refuse normally collected on Monday, September 5th will be collected on Tuesday, September 6th along with the normal Tuesday collection. Residents are reminded to have their refuse at the curb by 5:00 AM. The Senior Center and the Fond du Lac Public Library will be closed on September 5th and City Transit Buses will not operate on the 5th. As always, Police and Fire Departments will be fully operational throughout the holiday period. All City government activities will be fully operational on Friday, September 2nd.

#### **9-1-11 captain derek dobogai memorial run-walk**

The Third Annual Captain Derek Dobogai Memorial Run/Walk is approaching quickly. The event will be held on Saturday, September 3rd. Pre-registration deadline is August 30th. Participants can also register the day of the event. Scout Platoon Leader Dobogai and his men lost their lives while fighting the war on terror when their helicopter went down in a mountainous region in Multaka, Iraq, on Aug. 22, 2007. They were part of the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. 14 men were lost that day and this event is in remembrance of them. Please join this event to not only remember these fallen heroes, but to honor all our military members who currently serve and sacrifice, and to recognize our veterans as well. Sept. 3rd activities will begin at Captain Dobogai's high school alma mater, Winnebago Lutheran Academy (WLA), Fond du Lac, Wis., and consist of a 10K and 5K run, a 5K walk and a ½ and ¼ mile Kid's run for children 12 and under. Strollers and pets are welcome in the 5K walk. The 10K and 5K run/walk courses will include a variety of city streets and sidewalks throughout the city of Fond du Lac. The course was organized by the Fond du Lac Running Club (Road Runners Club of America) and will be police controlled at all major intersections. Registration/Package Pick-Up will begin at 7:00 a.m. with the 10K and 5K run/walk starting at 8:30 a.m. and the kids' run at 10:00 a.m. Awards will be announced at 11:00 a.m. (all times are approximate). There will be kid's activities, a fantastic raffle variety, bake sale, packages for troops and a great concession stand sponsored by the WLA Booster Club. Runners, walkers and volunteers can obtain registration forms online at [www.dobogaimemorialrun.com](http://www.dobogaimemorialrun.com) (click on event information). Included in each participant's registration packet will be a raffle ticket for a seven-day stay at a fabulous resort in Florida (see web site for complete details). Additional tickets may be purchased the day of the race up until the awards ceremony. Proceeds from this event will go toward the WLA Track Fund and Wounded Warrior Project. Running was a passion of Captain Dobogai who participated in many long distance running events during high school, college and beyond. Among his accomplishments are also many triathlons, including Ironman Wisconsin, and the Honolulu Marathon. For more information, visit [www.dobogaimemorialrun.com](http://www.dobogaimemorialrun.com).

#### **9-1-11 uw fdl to host national touring war-memorial exhibit**

The University of Wisconsin-Fond du Lac will host the nationally touring exhibit "Always Lost: A Meditation

on War," Sept. 16-Oct. 28 in the University Center Commons, 400 University Dr. The exhibit can be viewed Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m.-noon. There is no admission charge. An opening reception for the public will be held 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15 in the Commons. The evening will include a short program at 5:30 p.m. and light refreshments. "Always Lost" is a unique collection of photographs, poems and prose. It began in 2008 at Western Nevada College where professors Don Carlson and Marilee Swirczek worked with students to create an exhibit that began as a consideration of the effects of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars and evolved into a powerful meditation on the effects of war on the individual. The name for the exhibit was suggested by retired Marine Corps Major and English instructor at Western Nevada College Kevin Burns from an observation by writer Gertrude Stein: "War is never fatal, but always lost. Always lost." Central to the traveling exhibit is a collage of photos and the names of United States military war casualties in Iraq and Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001. Also included are the 2004 Pulitzer Prize-winning Iraq war combat photos of David Leeson and Cheryl Meyer courtesy of "The Dallas Morning News" and literary work of Swirczek's creative writing classes, veterans and their families. Locally, the exhibit has been expanded to include a "Never Forgotten" memorial to those soldiers from the Fond du Lac area who died serving our country from the Civil War period to the present day. UW-Fond du Lac Dean and CEO John N. Short noted that the Fond du Lac aspects of the exhibit have been designed, in part, to engage the Fond du Lac community in both a remembrance and celebration of the sacrifice, dedication and contributions that local veterans and their families demonstrate in our community every day. "Hosting the exhibit 'Always Lost' will permit us to honor those who sacrificed their lives in Afghanistan and Iraq and also to celebrate the accomplishments of living veterans from Afghanistan, Iraq and all of our other armed conflicts," said Short. UW-Fond du Lac Art Professor John Scotello is curating the exhibit and working with UW-Fond du Lac student veterans and art students, local veteran organizations and the Fond du Lac Historical Society to localize the exhibit. "Always Lost" is funded, in part, by the Nevada Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. It is being brought to UW-Fond du Lac by the Student Life and Interest Committee (SLIC) and the Engaging Students in the First Year (ESFY) committee. This exhibit is the beginning of a year-long theme "War at the Personal Level" at UW-Fond du Lac. A few of the events planned for the upcoming academic year include the theater department's presentation of the play "My Soldiers" by Richard Kalinoski Nov. 2-6, a panel discussion on the "Always Lost" exhibit at noon on Oct. 20 and the common read of the book "The Things They Carried" by Tim O'Brien.

#### **9-1-11 volunteer fair**

Volunteers develop new skills, learn more about diverse cultures, make new friends, and help build a stronger community. Volunteers gain experience that enriches their lives. Individuals interested in learning more about how and where to volunteer are invited to attend the annual Marian University Volunteer Fair on Wednesday, September 7, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Representatives from All About Life Rehabilitation Center, American Red Cross (Fond du Lac Chapter), ASTOP Sexual Abuse Center, Inc., Big Brothers Big Sisters of Fond du Lac, Boys & Girls Club of Fond du Lac, Center for Spirituality & Healing, Cerebral Palsy of Midwest Wisconsin, Children's Museum of Fond du Lac, Free S.P.I.R.T. Riders, Fond du Lac Historical Society, Fond du Lac YMCA, Gottfried Prairie & Arboretum, Grief Relief, Habitat for Humanity, Hospice Advantage, Just Fare Market, Lakeview Estates, ManorCare, Opportunity Center Fond du Lac Public Library, Rienzi Cemetery Senior Center/Community Cares, St. Vincent de Paul Store, The ARC of Fond du Lac, The Salvation Army, The Solutions Center. Volunteer Center of Fond du Lac County will be on hand to explain their programs and volunteer opportunities. Kay Vandervort, executive director of the Volunteer Center of Fond du Lac County, said, "for individuals who want to know more about an agency before deciding to volunteer, this is the perfect opportunity to gain that information." The volunteer fair will be held in the Stayer Center. The public is invited to attend. Parking is available in the Stayer Center parking lot. The event is co-sponsored by Marian University and the Volunteer Center of Fond du Lac County. The Volunteer Center is a United Way Agency. For more information about the Volunteer Fair or about volunteering in Fond du Lac County, call 926-1414.

#### **9-1-11 fdl county farm bureau annual meeting**

Members of the Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau will hold their Annual Meeting on Sept. 26, at 8 p.m. at the Holiday Inn on Rolling Meadows Drive in Fond du Lac. All Farm Bureau members are encouraged to attend this important meeting to help create policy resolutions and vote in elections for county board directors. Also being selected will be Fond du Lac County's voting delegates for the state Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Wisconsin Dells this Dec. 3-5. As a grassroots organization, it is Farm Bureau's members on the county level who set the policy goals of the state's leading farm organization. The Wisconsin Farm Bureau is often asked to get involved in issues affecting production agriculture and rural Wisconsin both in Madison and Washington D.C. This fall, Farm Bureau members across the state will be forwarding resolutions on a variety of issues regarding agriculture, land-use, natural resources, property rights and energy. For more information, call Becky Hibicki at 866.355.2029.

#### **9-1-11 2011 wisconsin waterfowl hunting seasons set**

MADISON – The Natural Resources Board set 2011 waterfowl season dates and bag limits and approved creation of a third waterfowl hunting zone at its meeting today in Spring Green.

"Waterfowl hunters can look forward to a full 60-day duck season with a six-duck daily bag, and an 85-day exterior goose zone season," said Kent Van Horn, Department of Natural Resources waterfowl ecologist. "It was a good year for duck production in Wisconsin and across the continent. Overall conditions were very good for breeding ducks. The continental breeding duck estimates hit a record level at 45.6 million ducks making 2011 good year to be a duck hunter. "As always, the most successful hunters will be the ones doing the early season scouting, locating the smaller isolated potholes that can attract waterfowl when hunting pressure is high in other areas and securing permissions from landowners well in advance," added Van Horn. "I'd like to thank the thousands of hunters who participated in the development of our new duck hunting zones and wish all waterfowl hunters a successful and safe season."

#### **2011 waterfowl season structure**

During the 60-day season duck season, the daily bag limit is six ducks in total. The six-duck total may include no more than four mallards, of which only one can be a hen, three wood ducks, two redheads, one black duck, two pintail, two scaup and one canvasback. In addition, five mergansers to include not more than two hooded mergansers. Coot daily bag of 15. (For duck species not listed such as teal and ring-necked ducks, the combined total with all other species may not exceed six ducks).

**Northern Zone**-Sept. 24 at 9 a.m.-Nov. 22.

**Southern Zone**-Oct. 1 at 9 a.m.-Oct. 9, and Oct. 15-Dec. 4.

**Mississippi River Zone**-Sept. 24 at 9 a.m. - Oct. 2, Oct. 15-Dec. 4 (12 days split Oct 3-14),

#### **Youth Waterfowl Hunt**

The youth waterfowl hunt will be Sept. 17-18. Youth may harvest Canada geese in all zones during these 2 days. All bag limits and tag requirements apply for the zone hunted. These days overlap with open goose seasons in most areas so adults will also be able to harvest geese but not ducks during the youth hunt.

#### **Canada geese**

The state is apportioned into two goose hunting zones: Horicon and Exterior. Other goose management subzones within the Exterior Zone include Brown County and the Mississippi River.

**Exterior Zone:** 85 days. Daily bag of two Canada geese.

**North Zone:** Sept. 16-23 and Sept. 24, (9a.m.)-Dec. 9.

**South Zone:** September 16-30, October 1 (9 a.m.)-Oct. 9 and Oct. 15-Dec. 14.

**Mississippi River Subzone:** Sept. 24 (9a.m.)-Oct. 2, Oct. 15-Dec. 29.

**Horicon Time Periods:** Hunters with Horicon zone permits will be issued six tags for the time period that they are awarded. The daily bag limit will be two geese with a possession limit of six.

**Horicon :** 92 days Period 1 Sept. 16-Oct. 30, Period 2 Oct. 31 –Dec. 16

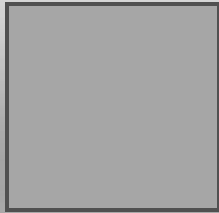
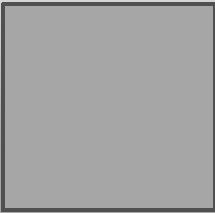
**Other Geese:** Brant and Light geese Seasons will be the same as for the Canada goose zones/subzones. The daily bag limit will be one brant and 20 snow, blue or Ross' geese. White fronted geese season will be the same as Canada geese for the Exterior zone and within the Horicon zone the season will be from Sept. 20-Dec. 16. The daily bag limit will be one.

**Third Waterfowl hunting zone added**

The new three-zone season structure adds a third waterfowl zone to the existing northern and southern duck zones. The new third zone consists of the Mississippi River from roughly Prescott to the Wisconsin – Illinois border, west of the railroad, and is identical to the current Mississippi River Canada goose subzone. What is now identified as the Mississippi River Zone for duck hunters will open Sept. 24 – Oct. 2; reopening Oct 15 through Dec. 4. Goose seasons in this zone will continue through Dec. 29.

**Mentored Hunting**

Wisconsin's mentored hunting law allows any registered hunter age 18 and older to introduce anyone age 10 and older to hunting without the mentee first passing a hunter safety education course. It's a great way to generate excitement and interest in adding hunting to a lifestyle. Interested hunters can learn more at the Mentored Hunting Law page of the DNR website.



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