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9-6-11 four vehicle accident slows traffic on hwy 41

Inattentive driving is being blamed for a multiple vehicle accident on Highway 41 near Oshkosh that sent one person to the hospital. Rescue personnel were called to the scene in the southbound lanes of 41 near the Buttes des Morts bridge shortly after 4:30pm Monday. A passenger in one of the vehicles was transported to the hospital with what were described as non life threatening injuries. The southbound lanes of 41 were shut down for about an hour and a half.

9-6-11 survey shows fewer fdl students drinking alcohol

A recent survey has some good news when it comes to students and alcohol. Fond du lac School District Health and Safety Coordinator, Marian Sheridan, says the latest survey shows fewer students in the Fond du Lac School district have reported they consumed alcohol in the last 30 days. Sheridan says fewer Fond du lac students also report binge drinking. Sheridan says another concern is drinking and driving and students getting into a vehicle of someone who has been drinking.

9-6-11 skilled labor force

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Even though thousands of workers in Wisconsin are unemployed, manufacturers in the state are concerned about the availability of skilled workers. Some manufacturers say they've lost business or face stagnant growth because they can't find qualified help. Department of Workforce Development employment centers posted 31,000 job openings statewide last month, including thousands at plants. But the state's unemployment rate was 7.8 percent as of July. The availability of skilled workers is a top concern of manufacturers. Manufacturers say one problem is a lack of basic math skills. And, they say, the shortage of skilled workers could get worse as older employees retire in coming years.

9-6-11 good samaritans come to the aid of sheboygan woman

SHEBOYGAN, Wis. (AP) — A Sheboygan woman whose car was totaled after vandals flipped it over says her nightmare turned into a dream when a local car dealer offered her a replacement for \$1. Forty-year-old single mother and leukemia survivor Cristina Earls says she was devastated after her car was vandalized this week. But she says her faith was restored when several Good Samaritans stepped forward.

9-6-11 south milwaukee man arrested in fdl county for 7th owi

AMilwaukee man was arrested in Fond du Lac County for his 7th owi. The state patrol says the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department received a report Friday night that a vehicle struck the median

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barrier twice on Highway 41 southbound at County Road N. A state trooper in Fond du lac County stopped the vehicle. The driver was arrested for OWI 7th offense, possession of a schedule two narcotic without a prescription and operating after revocation.

9-6-11 two dead following house fire in baraboo

BARABOO, Wis. (AP) — Two people are dead after a house fire in Baraboo. Authorities in Sauk County say they are still investigating the cause of Saturday night's fire. Officials had a hard time putting out the fire because of water supply and the remote location. Officials learned two people possibly lived in the house. One body was found after the fire was put out. A second body was found Sunday when officials returned to investigate.

9-6-11 fdl bank robbery suspect bound over for trial

A Fond du lac bank robbery suspect has been bound over for trial. Twenty-two year old, Deangelo Hull, waived his preliminary hearing Friday in Fond du Lac County circuit court on a charge of robbery of a financial institution. The Milwaukee man was arrested last month in connection with the Hometown Bank robbery. According to a criminal complaint Hull handed the teller a note stating he had a bomb and then fled with nearly \$17,000 cash.

9-6-11 motorcycle versus car accident sends man to the hospital

One person received serious but non life threatening injuries in a car versus motorcycle accident Friday in Fond du lac County. Investigators say the accident happened when the motorcycle operator suffered a "medical condition" and collided with a car on Highway 151 near Highway 26 Friday morning. The man was transported to a Madison hospital with leg and foot injuries.

9-6-11 fdl man arrested for drunken driving hit and run in sheboygan county

A Fond du lac man was injured and faces charges in connection with a drunken hit and run crash with a hay baler in Sheboygan County. The Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department says a car driven by Calvin Drew ran a stop sign on Highway N at Highway A, went through a driveway before entering a farm field, striking a hay baler. Investigators say Drew was arrested after he fled the scene on foot. He was transported to the hospital with serious injuries. A passenger in his car was unhurt. Drew has a pending drunken driving case in Fond du lac County.

9-6-11 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).

9-6-11 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.

9-6-11 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.

9-6-11 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.

9-6-11 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.

9-6-11 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.

9-6-11 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.

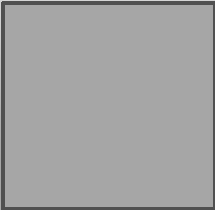
The daily bag limit will be one brant and 20 snow, blue or Ross' geese. White fronted geese season will be the same as Canada geese for the Exterior zone and within the Horicon zone the season will be from Sept. 20-Dec. 16. The daily bag limit will be one.

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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