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7-18-11 wisconsin heat wave

Wisconsin Emergency Management and the National Weather Service are urging people to protect themselves from the dangerous heat and humidity expected next week. Temperatures will rise to the mid-90s with heat indexes of up to 115 degrees. The NWS has already issued an Excessive Heat Watch for southwest Wisconsin and more watches and advisories are expected to be posted over the weekend. In 1995, two major killer heat waves affected most of Wisconsin resulting in 154 heat-related deaths and over 300 heat-related illnesses. Summer heat waves have been the biggest weather-related killers in Wisconsin for the past 50 years, far exceeding tornadoes and severe storms. To help keep cool this summer, here are some tips to keep safe in hot weather:

Never leave children, disabled persons, or pets in a parked car – even briefly. Temperatures in a car can become life threatening within minutes. On an 80-degree day, the temperature inside a car even with the windows cracked slightly can reach 100 degrees in less than 10 minutes!

Keep your living space cool. Cover windows to keep the sun from shining in. If you don't have an air conditioner open windows to let air circulate. When it's hotter than 95 degrees use fans to blow hot air out of the window rather than to blow hot air on your body. Basements or ground floors are often cooler than upper floors.

Slow down and limit physical activity. Plan outings or exertion for the early morning or after dark when temperatures are cooler.

Drink plenty of water and eat lightly. Don't wait for thirst, but instead drink plenty of water throughout the day. Avoid alcohol or caffeine and stay away from hot, heavy meals.

Wear lightweight, loose-fitting, light-colored clothing. Add a hat or umbrella to keep your head cool...and don't forget sunscreen!

Don't stop taking medication unless your doctor says you should. Take extra care to stay cool and ask your doctor or pharmacist for any special heat advice.

Infants should drink breast milk or formula to get the right balance of water, salts and energy. You may supplement your infant's fluids with an additional 4 to 8 ounces of water per day, but don't dilute formula beyond what the instructions say (unless instructed by your doctor).

Taking a cool shower or bath will cool you down. A shower or bath will actually work faster than an air conditioner. Applying cold wet rags to the neck, head and limbs also cools down the body quickly.

Symptoms of heat-related illness and what to do:

Heat Cramps - cramps or muscle spasms in the abdomen, arms or legs.

Solution: Stop activity. Cool down, drink clear juice or sports drink.

Heat Exhaustion - heavy sweating, paleness, muscle cramps, weakness, dizziness, headache, nausea, fainting.

Solution: Cool down, seek medical attention.

Heat Stroke - extremely high body temperature, red, hot, dry skin, rapid pulse, throbbing headache, dizziness, nausea, confusion, unconsciousness.

Solution: Call 911 and cool the victim with shower or hose until help arrives.

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7-18-11 truck vs. motorcycle crash

On Sunday, July 17, 2011, at 2:48pm, deputies from the Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Office responded along with the North Fond du Lac Ambulance and Van Dyne Fire Department to a truck versus motorcycle crash at Lakeshore Drive and Northwestern Avenue in the town of Friendship. Investigating deputies learned that a motorcycle driven by 32 year old Jeremy Cumberland of Fond du Lac was northbound on Lakeshore Drive and attempted to pass a northbound Canadian National Railroad truck driven by 32 year old Jeffrey Stewart of Menasha. The truck started to make a left turn on to Northwestern Ave. at the same time the motorcycle was passing, and the motorcycle struck the drivers side of the truck. Cumberland was ejected from the motorcycle and came to rest in the ditch. Flight for Life helicopter responded to the scene and he was transported to Theda Clark Medical Center for treatment of numerous severe injuries. He was wearing a helmet. The North Fond du Lac and City of Fond du Lac Police Departments assisted with traffic control while Lakeshore Dr. was closed for approximately one hour. The crash remains under investigation by the Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Office.

7-18-11 fdl house fire

On July 16, 2011, at 9:01 a.m., the Fond du Lac Fire Department responded to a garbage can on fire next to the house at 136 6th Street. Upon arrival, the fire had spread to the outside of the house with the homeowner attempting to extinguish the fire with a garden hose. Despite the homeowner's efforts, the fire quickly extended into the attic space. The fire was extinguished, but not before it caused extensive fire damage to the attic space. The remainder of the house suffered smoke and water damage. Alliant Energy responded and secured utilities. The Fond du Lac Police assisted with traffic control. The cause of the fire was discarded hot embers emptied into a garbage can.

7-18-11 former fdl attorney loses law license

The State Supreme Court has revoked the license of a Fond du lac attorney accused of taking money from clients and not following through on the cases. The Supreme Court has ordered that Christopher Mutschler's law license be revoked and ordered Mutschler to pay \$246,000 in restitution to clients within 180 days. The Office of Lawyer Regulation says Mutschler has 59 pending investigations against him. According to a complaint with the OLR Mutschler would ask for an advance fee to represent a person in a case...and would advise his client to enter no contest pleas in drunk driving and traffic cases...promising to win them on appeal. The complaint says in some cases Mutschler would not notify his clients about upcoming court hearings and would not appear in court himself to represent his clients.

7-18-11 waupun teen vandals

Five teenagers have been arrested in connection with a rash of vandalism incidents in Waupun over the 4th of July holiday. Police say the five Waupun males, ages 14 and 15, admitted to spray paint seven vehicles and a fence and bridge at Harris Mill Park.

7-18-11 unusual train death

FERRYVILLE, Wis. (AP) — A 29-year-old man is dead after his sports utility vehicle rolled down an embankment and threw him into the path of a train in western Wisconsin. According to the Crawford County Sheriff's Department, the Bridgeport man was traveling south on Highway 35 at around 5 a.m. Saturday when his Jeep Grand Cherokee left the road and struck a sign. The vehicle continued south behind the guardrail, spun around and rolled down the embankment toward the tracks. The driver was ejected and landed on the tracks where he was struck by a westbound train. His passenger, a 23-year-old Wauzeka man, was taken to a local hospital with non life-threatening injuries.

7-18-11 badger poll-rural residents more satisfied than urban residents about direction of the state

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A new poll shows that slightly more rural residents are satisfied with the way things are going in Wisconsin than urban dwellers and suburbanites. The University of Wisconsin-Madison's Badger Poll released today shows that just 32 percent of urban residents are satisfied with the state's direction. The random telephone poll was conducted between June 17th and July 10th.

7-18-11 redistricting

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Democrats are denouncing a map redrawing all 132 state legislative districts as a Republican power grab. The GOP-led state Senate committee passed the Republican-drawn boundaries today by a 3-2 vote. The bill makes no changes to the state's congressional map.

7-18-11 waupun redistricting

The Waupun Common Council has approved a resolution to establish aldermanic wards following redistricting. City officials say they expect few changes when the redistricting plans are finalized this fall. Waupun city clerk, Angie Hull, says to equalize voting districts, prison inmate populations at the correctional institutions were spread out over several county supervisory districts and three Waupun aldermanic districts. Hull says only about 15 residents will have a new aldermanic district.

7-18-11 townhouse development proposed for tobin site

A Fond du Lac developer is proposing a housing project on a former industrial site. A public hearing will be held Monday on the proposed creation of a Tax Increment District to help finance the redevelopment project on the former Tobin Tool and Die site at Brooke and Ruggles Streets. CommonWealth Development has agreed to purchase the property and plans to redevelop the entire block into 28 townhomes...similar to those construction nearby on Brooke Street. Community Development Director, Wayne Rollin, says in order to make the project financially feasible the city will pay the developer the incremental taxes generated by the project until \$225,000 is reached...in about 13 years. The city is also assisting with Community Development Block Grant funding.

7-18-11 paul ryan fundraising

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Wisconsin Congressman Paul Ryan has an early cash advantage over his likely challenger in next year's election campaign. But Democrats say Kenosha County supervisor Rob Zerban is just getting started in his fundraising against the U.S. House Budget Committee Chairman. A spokesman for Ryan says the seven-term GOP incumbent has \$3.8 million cash for his campaign.

7-18-11 discrimination lawsuit

SHEBOYGAN FALLS, Wis. (AP)—AWisconsin building products manufacturer has agreed to pay more than \$22,000 to settle a discrimination lawsuit brought by a former employee who says she was sexually harassed at a company Christmas party. The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission accused Richardson Industries of violating federal law when it fired Morgan Rae Brocker after she complained about coworkers' at the party in December 2005. The company denies wrongdoing but says it settled to avoid costly litigation.

7-18-11 waupun school board hires new district business manager

The Waupun School District has a new business services director. Brian Walters replaces John Stellmacher who left the district after just one year to accept a position in Hartford. Walters comes to Waupun from the Westfield School District where he was the business manager. Before that he taught business education in the Green Bay School District.

7-18-11 public meeting bridge replacement

Oakfield will be discussed at an open-house meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 28, 2011 by the consulting firm Donohue & Associates, Inc. The CTH Y bridge is located approximately ¼ mile north of the intersection with CTH D in the Village of Oakfield. Construction of the project is anticipated to occur in the spring or summer of 2012. The open-house meeting will be held at the Village Hall located at 130 North Main Street from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The meeting is being held as an open house so the public can attend at their convenience. No formal presentation is planned. The project engineer from Donohue & Associates and local elected officials will be available to answer questions and listen to comments. Proposed improvements include removal and replacement of the CTH Y Bridge and the construction of new asphalt roadway approaches. CTH Y at the bridge site will be closed to traffic during construction and additional right-of-way acquisition is anticipated. The preliminary project plans will be presented and can be discussed in detail at the meeting. Persons unable to attend the meeting can make their comments known by contacting Tammy Kuehlmann, PE, Transportation Engineer at Donohue & Associates, Inc., 3311 Weeden Creek Road, Sheboygan, WI 53081, phone (920) 208-0296. Persons with an interest in or knowledge about historical and archaeological resources in the project area are invited to include such information as part of any comments submitted. Note: The Oakfield Village Hall is wheelchair-accessible. Persons with hearing impairments who wish to comment on the project or obtain project information can do so through the Wisconsin Telecommunications Relay System at 1-800-947-3529

7-18-11 hwy g reopens to traffic

Construction on County Trunk Highway G (Hwy HH to Hwy HHH) in the Town of Calumet and unincorporated Marytown is now substantially complete. The highway has been opened to traffic. Punch list work continues, so shoulder closures or lane closures with flaggers may be expected.

7-18-11 dodge county highway work

The Dodge County Highway Department begins sealcoating a few stretches of highway this week. Road crews will be applying oil and chip seal in the Town of Theresa on County Highway D from State Highway 175 to the county line, and on State Highway 175 from West Bend Road to the county line. Crews will also be sealcoating County Highway DJ from Juneau to State Highway 60, and on State Highway 67 from Ruedebusch Avenue in Mayville to State Highway 33. The Highway Department says if possible, motorists should use an alternate route during the sealcoat application. The work should be completed by July 29th, weather permitting.

7-18-11 division street resurfacing project

On Monday July 18, the Department of Public Works will begin repairs to the pavement and associated drainage structures on Division St. from Marr St. east to Oaklawn Ave. The street will remain open to one lane of traffic in each direction at all times, so delays should be minimal. No detour will be set up during this work, which is anticipated to take up to four weeks. This work is being done in preparation of an asphalt overlay of the street later this summer.

7-18-11 fdl county sheriff's department law of the month

Sophisticated sound systems and GPS devices are popular accessories for vehicles. But there's another technologically advanced piece of equipment—called an ignition interlock device—that you definitely don't want to have to attach to your dashboard. Under a state law enacted in 2010, (Wisconsin Act 100 and Wis. State Statute 343.301) first-time OVI offenders convicted with high alcohol levels and repeat drunken drivers must install an ignition interlock device (IID), which detects alcohol, for a minimum of one year on every vehicle they own or have registered in their names. IIDs require drivers to provide a breath sample that proves they're sober before they can start their vehicle. Drivers also must blow into the device periodically while driving to ensure they remain alcohol-free. Courts will order installation of an IID for drivers convicted of first-offense OVI if their blood/breath alcohol was .15 or higher and drivers convicted of a second or subsequent OVI offense. In addition, drivers who refused a chemical test to measure their alcohol level at the time of arrest will have to install an IID. Convicted OVI offenders who do not comply with a court-ordered installation of an IID or who disconnect or tamper with an IID to avoid detection are subject to fines of \$150 to \$600 and up to six-months in jail as well as a six-month extension of the required IID period. Proof of IID installation is required before an occupational driver's license is issued. Offenders must pay the expense of installing and maintaining an IID as well as a \$50 surcharge. OVI offenders with an IID restriction have a prohibited alcohol concentration of .02 instead of .08. We hope that court-mandated IID installations will help combat drunken driving so that we can reduce the number of preventable traffic deaths to zero in Wisconsin. Last year in Wisconsin there were approximately 40,000 drunken driving convictions. Although law enforcement officers are always on the lookout for drunken drivers, there still are far too many tragic deaths and injuries. Last year in Wisconsin, alcohol-related traffic crashes killed 220 people and injured more than 3,500.

7-18-11 local energy tour

The public is invited to attend a Local Energy Tour on Friday, July 29 from 8:30am-noon by the Fond du Lac County UW-Extension office. The tour will give residents, businesses, and local government officials an opportunity to:

- view energy efficiency and renewable technologies,
- ask questions of people who use them every day,
- learn how to engage employees or family members in energy-smart choices,

- make easy energy changes immediately in their own buildings.

This guided bus tour will visit:

- The Harris-Morris home, heated by a geothermal pond system and a tankless hot water heater,
- Wildlife Acres Subdivision, built to accommodate geothermal and passive solar systems,
- Mid-States Aluminum Corporation, saving \$86,000/year through efficient equipment and engaged employees,
- J. F. Ahern Co., using rain water and highly efficient technologies in their LEED Gold headquarters.

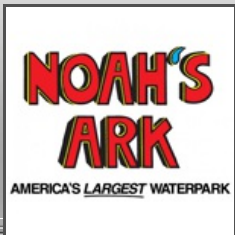
The tour will depart from and return to the north parking lot of UW-Fond du Lac (400 University Dr., Fond du Lac), rain or shine. Participants should dress for the weather and wear comfortable, close-toed shoes. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$10/person payable in cash or check made out to "UW-Extension." Seating is limited. Email Diana.Tscheschlok@ces.uwex.edu or call 920/929-3173, 920/748-7565, or 920/324-2879 to register.

7-18-11 children's theatre open auditions monday

All actors (ages 6-18) are invited to participate in a group audition on Monday, July 18th from 10am - noon at the Goodrich Little Theatre. Forty to sixty children will be cast in the musical production of "Tortoise versus the Hare". Rehearsals will be held from 10:00am - 2:30pm Monday, July 18 through Saturday, July 23. There will be a final performance on July 23 at 6:00pm. If cast, participation fees (\$30 for CMFDL members / \$75 for non-members) are due by Tuesday, July 19, 2011. Scholarship assistance is available for families receiving public assistance or in situations of financial hardships. Please inquire with any CMFDL staff member.

7-18-11 pink ribbon classic

The 7th Annual Pink Ribbon Classic ladies' golf event held June 8 at Old Hickory Golf Club raised money to support the Susan G. Komen Cancer Foundation and the Beaver Dam Community Hospitals Breast Health Services Department. This year, the Pink Ribbon Classic was able to donate \$5,000 to the BDCH Foundation for the Breast Health Program. From left are Pink Ribbon Classic committee member Kathy Foulkes, BDCH Breast Health RN Melissa Schuett, BDCH Breast Health RN Connie Knight and Pink Ribbon Classic committee member Barbara Martens.



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