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6-23-11 national weather service confirms two tornadoes in fdl and green lake counties

The National Weather Service has confirmed two tornadoes touched down in the listening area Tuesday afternoon...one in Fond du lac County and one in Green Lake County. National Weather Service meteorologist, Ashley Sears, tells WFDL news the first tornado started at about 3:20pm Tuesday near Ato in Fond du lac County and stayed on the ground for approximately eight minutes. "This tornado started three miles southwest of Ato and ended five miles northeast of Markesan," Sears said. "This tornado was rated ef1 with winds of around 100 mph and damage associated with the tornado included multiple trees knocked over and uprooted, downed power lines, half of a barn that was damaged and a pole shed that was flattened." The second tornado was confirmed in Green Lake County starting shortly after 3:30pm Tuesday afternoon. Sears says the second tornado was also rated ef1 with winds of about 100 mph. "It began about five miles southeast of Green Lake and ended about three miles southeast of Green Lake. Trees were uprooted and a barn roof was torn off." Fortunately with both tornadoes no injuries were reported.

6-23-11 pedestrian fatality-hwy 41

OSHKOSH, Wis. (AP)—A young man from Richfield was struck and killed while walking along a highway in Winnebago County Thursday. Sheriff's officials say the 20-year-old man was walking to a campground near Country USA at Oshkosh when he was hit by a teenage driver. Another person walking with the man was not injured. The fatal accident happened on along Highway 41 near the Highway 44 exit about 12:30 a.m. The area where the man was killed is under construction. Country USA began Tuesday and runs through Saturday.

6-23-11 new fdl polling locations starting in 2012

As part of the redistricting following the census Fond du lac voters will soon be casting ballots at new polling places. Starting with the spring 2012 election there will be just nine polling places for the 25 city wards. City Clerk, Sue Strands, says one of the driving forces behind the new locations was handicap accessibility. Also, Strands says the new polling places should be more convenient for voters. Wards one and two will vote at Westnor Apartments, 3 and 4 at Evans School, 5 and 6 at Fire Station #1, 9 and 10 at the Police Department, 11 and 12 at the Senior Center, ward 13 at the Aquatic Center. Wards 14 through 18 will vote at Fond du lac High School and wards 19 through 25 at the Fairgrounds.

6-23-11 eldorado fire station

Town of Eldorado voters have approved a new fire station and town garage. At a special meeting this week

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town residents voted in favor of the \$1.25 million dollar project 148 yes to 81 no.

6-23-11 racial profiling

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Republican Governor Scott Walker has killed a statewide mandate on police to gather racial data during traffic stops. Walker signed a GOP-sponsored bill today that ends requirements that officers collect the age, zip code, gender and ethnicity of drivers and passengers. Democrats passed the requirement when they controlled the legislature, arguing it would prove whether racial profiling exists in Wisconsin.

6-23-11 fdl police investigating fight involving baseball bats

One teenager was treated at the hospital for an arm injury following a fight involving baseball bats in Fond du Lac. Police were called to the scene Tuesday night near Western Avenue and South Hickory Street to a report of a fight involving about ten people. Police say the participants ranged in age from 16 to 18. Anyone with information about the fight is asked to call police.

6-23-11 may unemployment

Aslight increase in the local unemployment rate in the latest reporting period. The city of Fond du Lac jobless rate for May stands at 8.4-percent...up from 8 percent in April. Fond du Lac County's unemployment rate inched up two tenths of a percent to 7.1 percent. The Dodge County jobless rate in May is at 7.7-percent...up from 7.6 percent in April.

6-23-11 state budget-faith perspective

The Fond du Lac church community is coming together to talk about the state budget...and its impact from a faith perspective. The Fond du Lac Area Ministerial Association hosted a panel discussion this week. Pilgrim United Church of Christ Pastor, Ted Drewson, says the idea was to somehow take politics out of the equation. "They do say that the budget is a moral document. It tells us where we put our resources," Pastor Drewson said. "We have a limited amount of resources so what are our things that we find most valuable."

6-23-11 juvenile institutions consolidating

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Wisconsin prison officials plan to announce they've completed consolidating the state's three juvenile institutions into one center. Governor Scott Walker's budget plan calls for closing the boys Ethan Allen School and girls Southern Oaks Girls School in Union Grove. The inmates will be transferred to Lincoln Hills School in far northern Wisconsin.

6-23-11 mercury marine land sale closes

The Mercury Marine land purchase and sale has finally closed. The purchase of 22 acres had been agreed to in 2009 as part of the economic incentive package to keep Merc in Fond du Lac. Since then the city also agreed to resell the land to Michels Corp. Fond du Lac Community Development Director, Wayne Rollin, says two years later the property closing finally happened in the last few weeks. Rollin says Michels Corp. will begin to market the land for future development.

6-23-11 new ripon medical center coo

Katherine Vergos, RN, has been named as the new chief operating officer at Ripon Medical Center, a member of Agnesian HealthCare, effective June 22 following approval by the Ripon Medical Center Board of Directors. Vergos has served as the vice president of Patient Services at Ripon Medical Center and as a member of the executive team that recently facilitated the affiliation between Ripon Medical Center and Agnesian HealthCare. "We are pleased to welcome Katherine into her new role," says Steve Little, Agnesian HealthCare executive vice president. "This is a great day and the first steps in solidifying the bright future of healthcare in Ripon and the surrounding communities." Vergos has served in healthcare leadership positions over the last nine years at both Agnesian HealthCare and Aurora Medical Center. She earned a Bachelors of Science in Nursing from Marian University in Fond du Lac, and is currently pursuing a graduate degree in Healthcare Administration at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Vergos was also a naval officer/registered nurse at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland from August 1999 through August 2002, where she held both clinical and leadership positions. "I am very excited and blessed to have the opportunity to lead Ripon Medical Center through this exciting time," according to Vergos. "I am thankful to Agnesian HealthCare and the Ripon Board of Directors for this opportunity. Ripon is a wonderful community and deserves only the best for healthcare."

6-23-11 operation dry water

The Wisconsin DNR is joining other groups and local law enforcement in sending a message that alcohol and boating don't mix. The DNR in conjunction with local authorities, the U.S. Coast Guard and National Association of State Boating Law Administrators will be on the water this weekend for Operation Dry Water. DNR Section Chief of Recreation Enforcement and Education, Todd Schaller, says boating under the influence is a primary contributing factor in nearly 1 in 5 boating fatalities nationwide. Schaller says intoxicated boating is just as dangerous if not more dangerous than drinking and driving a car. This weekend boaters will see more officers on duty distributing public education and arresting those who are operating a boat while legally intoxicated.

6-23-11 waupun relay for life

Another successful Waupun Relay for Life. The Relay was held last weekend at the Waupun Community Center. Seventeen teams raised \$64,716. The Relay raises money for cancer research and to help cancer victims and their families

6-23-11 nfdl farmers market

The village of North Fond du Lac is organizing a farmer's market. The farmer's market will be held Thursdays at Village Park from 3-6pm starting June 23rd. There will be no cost to vendors, but an application is required and space is limited. Village officials say a community survey showed overwhelming support for quality of life issues and starting a farmer's market was number one on the list.

6-23-11 johnson street bridge

The Department of Public Works would like to give notice that the south (east bound) traffic lane and sidewalk of the Johnson Street (STH 23) Bridge, between Military Road and Hickory Street, will be closed for about 2 weeks beginning June 27th. The lane closure is due to bridge painting. In about two weeks the south lane will be re-opened and the north outside lane will be closed while that railing is repainted. The bridge will be open to traffic with two lanes open in one direction and one lane open in the other direction next to the painting operation. There will not be a detour route marked.

6-23-11 fdl county highway reconstruction project

The Fond du Lac County Highway department has started work to rehabilitate County Trunk Highway Q (CTH) from US Highway 151 to CTH W in the Town of Taycheedah. In general, the county will replace deteriorated culverts and extend culverts as necessary, regrade several ditches, pulverize the existing asphalt pavement, resurface the highway with asphalt pavement, and upgrade signs. In addition, the county will make safety improvements to several hills by cutting down three hills on the highway. A hill about 1/10 mile east of Lakeview Road will be cut down about 2 feet, a hill 1/4 mile west of CTH QQ will be cut down about 3 feet, and a hill about 1/2 mile east of CTH QQ will require rock blasting to cut it down 10 feet. The county is awarding a construction contract for the rock excavation work on last hill to Denny Rahn, Inc. of Eden. As part of the project, several utilities will be relocated. In particular, Alliant Energy will be moving utility poles away from the road to near the right-of-way line to provide a greater "clear zone", a safety area that allows a driver of an errant vehicle to safely regain control or come to a safe stop. Earlier this year, the county removed several trees in this zone to also provide greater safety. The highway will be closed to thru traffic starting June 6 when work to pulverize the existing pavement begins. The highway will be open to local traffic only. A detour will be posted via USH 151 and CTH W. During construction of the hill cut east of CTH QQ, the road will be closed to all traffic at that hill. The county anticipates completing most of the paving work by early to mid July with those completed portions of highway reopened to traffic at that time. The rock excavation portion of the project is anticipated to start at the end of June or early July and is estimated to be completed by mid to late August depending on the timing of utility relocations and weather. For updates on this project or for information on other Fond du Lac County Highway projects, check out our highway construction webpage at www.fdlco.wi.gov/Index.aspx?page=1112.

6-23-11 wfdl, wtcx are wba award winners!

WFDL and WTCX captured 13 awards at the recent Wisconsin Association of Broadcasters Awards for Excellence Gala in Madison. The program is sponsored annually by the WBA to recognize outstanding achievement by Wisconsin broadcasters. The Sunny 97.7 WFDL morning show team of Nick Rusch and Heather Robins took home 3rd place for **Best Morning Show**. WFDL FM also received two awards in the **Significant Community Impact** category for the Relay for Life cancer fundraiser. Golden throat veteran WTCX announcer Gregg Owens captured first place for **Best Commercial** with the "Bob's 151 Wheel of Misfortune" commercial. Owens also won awards for **Best On-Site Broadcast Remote**... "Master Spas Wet Test" and **Most Entertaining Client Commercial**... "Its Cold." Owens is also a past winner in the **Best Morning Show** category. WFDL AM 1170 received awards for **Best Sports Play by Play**... the "Randolph Football Playoffs" and **Significant Community Impact**... "Cut the Calories, Count the Cash." WFDL news director, Greg Stensland, won first place in the **Best Continuing Coverage** category for his coverage of a Fond du lac woman who tried unsuccessfully to have several books removed from a middle school library. Stensland also received awards in **Hard News** for his coverage of a Fond du lac police officer and firefighter involved in a hit and run and attempted cover-up of the incident, **Spot News**... for the Last Stop Bar and Lanes arson fire, **News Writing**... for a feature story on a local woman in Haiti during the massive earthquake, and **Live On The Scene Reporting**, for his coverage of a house fire. Stensland and Owens also took home first place for their **Information Block Morning News** on WTCX. The WBA competition was established to encourage the highest standards of reporting, community service and production creativity.

6-23-11 wfdl news wins big at associated press awards banquet

Sunny 97.7 WFDL news has won more awards this year for excellence in broadcast journalism than any other radio station in the state. News Director, Greg Stensland, received eight first place awards at the Wisconsin Associated Press Broadcast Journalism Excellence Awards Banquet. The awards dinner was held recently at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. For the fourth year in a row Stensland took home first place for **Best Newscast**. Stensland also received first place in the **Hard News** category for his coverage of the Fond du Lac police officer and firefighter involved in a hit and run crash and subsequent cover up. Stensland received first place for **Spot News** for his stories on the fire that destroyed a Fond du Lac bowling alley, first place in the **Best Enterprise Reporting** category for his investigative reporting of the Fond du Lac police officer accused of using excessive force on a handcuffed prisoner, first place for **Best Continuing Coverage** for overall coverage of the Fond du Lac Management Information Systems embezzlement scandal, first place in **Best Series Reporting** for a Sunny 97.7 series on drunken driving, first place for **Best Feature** for a story on the Iraq war, and first place for **Best Audio** for a feature story on grease fires. Over the years Stensland has received more than 80 awards from the AP and Wisconsin Broadcasters Association, plus numerous local awards.

6-23-11 fdl county sheriff's department law of the month

Slower traffic keep right - Drivers must allow faster traffic to pass in the left lane on divided highways. Many divided highways in Wisconsin have signs that warn "slower traffic keep right." That advice is backed by state law - Wis. Stats. 346.05(3). Any vehicle traveling "at less than the normal speed of traffic" must be driven in the right lane (or as close as practicable) except when overtaking or passing another vehicle, according to Wisconsin law. Citation for violating this law costs \$213.10 with four demerit points assessed on the driver's license. Even when you're driving at the posted speed limit, you should not try to force faster drivers to slow down by blocking the left lane, which usually leads to more tailgating, road rage and other problems. It certainly doesn't slow down other drivers for long. We hope that drivers will leave enforcement of speed limits to our deputies and other law enforcement officers. If faster drivers want to waste gasoline and risk a speeding ticket, you should move to the right lane and get out of their way. The Sheriff's Office advises motorists to follow these guidelines to help maintain a safe flow of traffic on Interstate and other divided highways:

- * If you're not passing another vehicle, use the right lane as much as possible.
- * If you're in the right lane, allow other drivers to merge from the left lane into the right lane so that faster traffic can pass in the left lane. In addition, provide space for vehicles to merge into the right lane when they are entering a roadway from an on-ramp.
- * If you're in the left lane, don't tailgate or try to make a slower vehicle ahead of you move to the right lane. Be patient and courteous.

When slower moving vehicles use the right lane, traffic flows more smoothly with less congestion and road rage, which certainly helps make our highways safer and more efficient. Have a Safe Month,

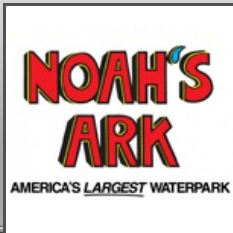
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6-23-11 fdl police department law of the month

For June, officers from the Fond du Lac Police Department will be paying particular attention to drivers who are texting. The new state law that took effect on December 1, 2010 falls under the inattentive driving statute. Research from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has shown drivers who send and receive text messages end up taking their eyes off the road for an average of 4.6 seconds out of every 6 seconds while texting. Of all fatal traffic accidents in 2008, the U.S. DOT reported 16 percent involved distracted drivers and nearly 6,000 people were killed. Wisconsin state statute 346.89(3)(a) states that, no person may drive any motor vehicle while composing or sending an electronic text message or an electronic mail message. This does not include when the vehicle is stopped, including when a vehicle is stopped at a traffic light, stop sign or in traffic due to congestion. The texting ban is only enforceable when the vehicle is in motion. The fine for texting while driving starts at \$101.40. This does not apply to an operator of an authorized emergency vehicle. The use of any device whose primary function is transmitting and receiving emergency alert messages and messages related to the operation of the vehicle or an accessory that is included in the vehicle, including a global positioning system device. An amateur radio operator who holds a valid amateur radio operator's license issued by the federal communications commission, when he or she is using dedicated amateur radio two way radio communication equipment and observing proper amateur radio operating procedures. The use of a voice operated or hands free device, if the driver of the motor vehicle does not use his or her hands to operate the device, except to activate or deactivate a feature or function of the device. Texting while driving is a primary law, which means officers, can pull over drivers solely for texting without having to identify another violation first, such as speeding or a lane violation. Even though the law does not ban reading messages or using the internet while driving a motor vehicle, these activities can be just as dangerous and should be avoided while driving. So, even though it may only take a few seconds to send that text, remember that it can wait!

6-23-11 agnesian healthcare blood drive

Area residents are invited to join Agnesian HealthCare employees, volunteers and physicians and donate an hour of time on Wednesday, June 29 to give blood to The BloodCenter of Wisconsin. Blood donations will be accepted from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Agnesian HealthCare's Plaza Level Conference Center, 430 E. Division Street, Fond du Lac. Giving blood is easy and takes about an hour. The process includes registering, giving a brief medical history, and having temperature, blood pressure and hemoglobin checked. Blood that is donated remains local, as the BloodCenter of Wisconsin is the sole supplier of blood to St. Agnes Hospital and Waupun Memorial Hospital, as well as 51 other Wisconsin hospitals. To donate, make an appointment by calling 926-4960. Walk-ins are also welcome.



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