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6-3-11 lamb interview

The new Fond du lac police chief says he is "proud and humbled" to be selected for the post. Bill Lamb was selected this week to succeed chief Tony Barthuly when Barthuly retires at the end of the month. "I would not have applied for the department if I did not have the utmost respect for it," Lamb said. "I've worked very closely with a lot of those folks for a lot of years and have forged those working relationships." Lamb says his first priority will be to help the department continue to cope with the tragic shooting death of officer Craig Birkholz. Birkholz was shot and killed March 20th during a standoff at a Lincoln Avenue residence.

6-3-11 lamb tabbed to be next fdl police chief

North Fond du Lac police chief Bill Lamb has been selected as the next Fond du Lac Police Chief. The city's Police and Fire Commission made the selection at a meeting Wednesday afternoon. Fond du Lac city council president, Rick Gudex, says he is pleased with the selection. "Congratulations to Bill, I know Bill, Bill is an upstanding person, I think he is going to fit the Fond du Lac footprint just fine," Gudex said. Lamb beat out Deputy Police Chief, Kevin Lemke, for the post...but Gudex says he doesn't see any problems with someone from outside the department getting the job. Lamb was born and raised in Fond du Lac, has served as North Fond du Lac police chief since 2001 and has 23 years of law enforcement experience. He is a graduate of Marian University, and the FBI National Academy. He also graduated from the Southern Police Institute's Chief Executive Leadership program and Fox Valley Technical College. Lamb will succeed Tony Barthuly who retires June 30th.

6-3-11 dodge county barn fire

The cause of a fire that destroyed a Dodge County barn remains under investigation. Firefighters were called to the Mark and Katie Wiechmann farm on Maiden Lane Road Wednesday. Animals inside the barn were evacuated before the roof collapsed. There were no injuries.

6-3-11 fed drug bust

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Federal officials have arrested 24 people this week in connection with an extensive drug and gambling case that covered several states and Canada. U.S. Attorney James Santelle said today that hundreds of pounds of marijuana were trafficked by the suspects into Minnesota, southeastern Wisconsin and northern Illinois.

6-3-11 feingold-u.s. senate

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MILWAUKEE (AP) — Russ Feingold says he expects to make a decision on whether to run for Herb Kohl's U.S. Senate seat by Labor Day. The Democrat was defeated last fall for re-election after three terms in the U.S. Senate. Senator Kohl, also a Democrat, plans to retire after 2012.

6-3-11 wolves

CLAMLAKE, Wis. (AP) — The growing number of wolves in Wisconsin has held down the state's effort to reintroduce elk in the Badger State. Under protection of the Federal Endangered Species Act, the number of wolves has exceeded the state's goal of 350. But, since wolves are the leading cause of death for elk in Wisconsin, researchers say this week that population has increased more slowly.

6-3-11 attorney general to speak at badger boys state

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen is scheduled to speak later this month at the annual Badger Boys State leadership camp. Van Hollen is set to deliver the keynote address at the evening assembly at Ripon College on June 13th.

6-3-11 jim gantner headlines charity softball game

Adult softball players representing two Eden taverns will gather this weekend for a game to raise money for charity. Event organizer, Kathy Gourdine, says the third annual event pits players representing Dimo's and Scuds and Buds taverns. "In 2009 we raised about \$1700, and in 2010 we raised about \$3700," Gourdine said. Among the players is Eden native and former major league baseball star, Jim Gantner. "It's a lot of fun and you definitely want to win especially when you get bragging rights," Gantner said. "It was tough losing that first game so it should be a good game this weekend." The game is free and open to the public with donations accepted at the diamond. All of the proceeds go to the Eden Fireman's Association and Athletic Club and the Eden Lions Club.

6-3-11 fdl county 175th anniversary

The Fond du Lac County Board Chair and Executive's Office announces plans to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the 1836 establishment of Fond du Lac County, on June 21, 2011 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers of the City/County Government Center, 160 S. Macy Street, Fond du Lac. The celebration will begin with a re-enactment based upon the minutes of the first meeting of the Board of County Commissioners which was held on October 7, 1839. Following the re-enactment, a community reception with light refreshments will be held at the Historic Postilion, 220 Old Pioneer Road, Fond du Lac. The public is invited to attend. Anyone is welcome to come dressed in attire from that time period. The re-enactment will be broadcast on Charter Cable Channel 21. The Fond du Lac County Board of Supervisors monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 beginning at 5:45 p.m.

6-3-11 police warn residents about scam

The Fond du Lac Police Department is making citizens aware of a recent scam that took place in the City. The incident involved an elderly gentleman who allowed a white male posing as an electrical worker to enter his home. The supposed electrical worker preoccupied the homeowner in the basement, while it is believed a second individual entered the house and took a large amount of cash. Investigators have determined that similar cases have occurred in the Milwaukee area in the last few months. Investigators believe this is the work of transient groups who are posing as home repair, asphalt or electrical contractors and are targeting the elderly population. Citizens are cautioned in dealing with unsolicited contractors and are urged to use known reputable contractors.

6-3-11 community of unity

A Community of Unity. That's the theme of a fundraising luncheon this month in honor of a fallen Fond du Lac police officer. UW Fond du Lac Foundation Director, Amanda Kemmel, says all proceeds will benefit the Foundation and Fond du Lac Police Department K9 fund. Kemmel says the March 20th shooting incident that claimed the life of officer Craig Birkholz affected the lives of many in an instant. The fundraising luncheon will be held on Tuesday June 14th at the UW Fond du Lac Commons. Cost per person is \$35 or \$275 for a table of eight.

6-3-11 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.

6-3-11 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.

6-3-11 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,

Sheriff Mck Fink

6-3-11 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!

6-3-11 tour de marsh

Get your friends and family together and come to Tour De Marsh! On Saturday, June 4 from 9 am to 3 pm join bicyclists, hikers, motorcyclists and autos in the new tour route around and through Horicon Marsh. Eight communities including Horicon, Mayville, Burnett, Waupun, Kekoskee, Hustisford, Juneau and Fond Du Lac along with Friends of Horicon Marsh International Education Center, Department of Natural Resources, Friends of Horicon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and Dodge County Parks collaborated in this project. Representatives from each community met for a period of three months to organize the initiative, design a map and plan the kickoff day event. Participating neighbors of the marsh will have maps available at designated spots as well as have refreshments available somewhere along the route. The map is a suggested route for a self-guided tour around and into the marsh as well as into the neighboring communities.

Participants can start at one of these designated community stands and then proceed on their tour. The starting points for the kickoff event are as follows:

Horicon at Bowling Green Park on Lake Street,

Juneau at the intersection of Rt.33 and Rt. 26,

Kekoskee at the lower park on Valley Street,

Mayville at Theiler Park on TV,

Waupun at Marsh Haven on Rt. 49,

Burnett along the Wild Goose Trail.

Hustisford will have a stand in Ledge Park and

Fond du Lac will have a stand at the intersection of Rt. Z and Rt. 49.

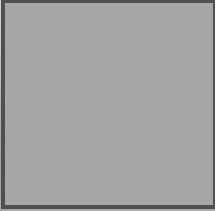
Horicon Marsh International Education Center and Horicon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge will also be open and have refreshments available that day.

For information call 920-387-7890 or visit www.horiconmarsh.org

6-3-11 walleye weekend kickoff

Walleye Weekend is just around the corner and this year, the weekend starts on Thursday! Kick off a great weekend with a show from Oil Can Harry from 6:30-9:30 on Thursday, June 9. "We're really excited that the City of Fond du Lac has given us the opportunity to open on Thursday for Walleye Weekend this year," said Alexander Ullenberg, President of the Fond du Lac Festivals Board of Directors. "For those of us who work on the weekends, Thursday gives us a sampling of what the festival has to offer." Noon Kiwanis and Lakeside Evening Kiwanis concession tents will be open to serve up food and beverage for guests, so

make sure to stop over and get a fish sandwich, brat or hamburger! As always, at Walleye Weekend a wristband must be worn to consume alcohol. Proceeds from the wristband booths and concession tents all benefit non-profit organizations within the community. All other activities and stages will open on Friday at 3 p.m. just like in the past. For a complete line up of all bands and events, visit ivalleyweekend.com. Walleye Weekend is June 9, 10, 11 and 12 at Lakeside Park in Fond du Lac. Admission is free to the public, and all proceeds from this event go to benefit almost 200 non-profit organizations. Walleye Weekend is sponsored by Mercury Marine, Charter Communications, Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, Miller Lite and Michels Corporation.



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