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6-1-11 state supreme court race over

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — The Wisconsin Supreme Court race is officially over. JoAnne Kloppenburg conceded today to incumbent conservative Justice David Prosser following a vote recount that reaffirmed Prosser's victory. The April 5 election was widely seen as a referendum on Gov. Scott Walker's plan to strip most state workers of their collective bargaining rights.

6-1-11 recall elections

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Three more Republican state senators will likely face recall elections after Wisconsin election officials today tossed GOP challenges. Robert Cowles, Alberta Darling and Sheila Harsdorf are among nine lawmakers targeted for recalls because of their positions on plans to cut collective bargaining rights for most public workers.

6-1 legislation would move presidential primary and fall partisan primary elections

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Legislation introduced by members of the Wisconsin Legislature's elections committees would move the presidential primary to April and fall partisan primary to August. The state needs to move its fall primary to comply with a recently passed federal law regarding overseas and military voters.

6-1-11 concealed carry

Reaction is mixed to a proposal that would allow residents to carry concealed weapons in Wisconsin. Tony Gibart with the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence says the proposal lacks any training, regulation or common sense safety measures. Gibart says the bill does not prohibit concealed weapons in particularly sensitive places like domestic violence shelters or social service offices. He says the measure also has no process for training or certifying individuals who want to covertly carry guns. Gibart says domestic violence follows a pattern and is not necessarily a spur of the moment crime of passion. Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Captain Dean Will says he doesn't have a problem with concealed carry...as long as there are certain regulations...like training for example. "We require hunter's safety (courses) for people that want to go hunting so I think there should be some type of very basic training," Will said. "The bottom line is overall safety."

6-1-11 puppy shelter law

The Fond du Lac Animal Shelter manager says a new law that regulates puppy mills is a good thing. The new law that calls for licensing and inspecting dog sellers and facilities takes effect today. Fond du Lac

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shelter manager, Renee Webb, says she supports the law. Webb says she wouldn't be surprised to see a spike in purebred strays because of the new law. In fact Webb says there has already been an increase. License fees begin at \$125 a year for non-profits and animal control facilities and range up to \$1,000 a year for the largest in-state breeders and \$1,500 a year for out of state dealers.

6-1-11 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.

6-1-11 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.

6-1-11 police captain graduates from southern police institute

Chief Tony Barthuly is proud to announce the recent graduation of Captain Steven J. Klein from the 125th Session of the Administrative Officers Course at the University of Louisville's Southern Police Institute (SPI). A graduation ceremony was held on May 12, 2011, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Ball Room in Louisville, Kentucky. Chief Barthuly was in attendance. The Southern Police Institute's Administrative Officers Course is a 13-week professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement leaders that serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge and cooperation worldwide. Courses of study for Captain Klein included Police Administration, Leadership, Budgeting, Constitutional and Employment Law and Effectiveness and Efficiency of Organizations. Upon completion of the program, Captain Klein earned 1/3 of a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Louisville. Captain Klein is a 19-year veteran with the Fond du Lac Police Department. In addition to SPI, Captain Klein also holds a Masters Degree in Organizational Leadership and Quality from Marian University. Captain Klein and his wife Carmen reside in Fond du Lac with their 2 sons.

6-1-11 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.

6-1-11 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 this month 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.

6-1-11 fdl county sheriff's department law of the month

Does tailgating force the driver in front of you to speed up or get out of your way? No, tailgating typically won't get you where you're going any sooner, but it will increase your risk of a crash. Drivers who tailgate cause countless crashes—from fender benders to fatal collisions—that could be avoided if they would just leave sufficient space between their vehicle and the one ahead of them. It doesn't matter if you're driving on a busy highway or a city street, if the vehicle in front of you stops unexpectedly, you're likely to crash unless you leave enough room to stop completely. You should also slowdown to leave sufficient space when approaching stop lights, intersections, and when changing lanes. To avoid rear-end crashes, you should anticipate potentially hazardous situations, like traffic slowdowns in work zones, that could cause the driver in front of you to stop suddenly. According to state law, drivers "shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent" based on the speed of the vehicle, road conditions, and traffic. A violation of the law costs \$200.50 along with three

demerit points. In addition, car insurance premiums often will skyrocket for drivers who hit another vehicle while following too closely. During the upcoming summer travel season when traffic increases, it's extremely important to always wear a safety belt just in case you're rear ended by a tailgater. Taking a few seconds to ensure that you and your passengers are buckled up may be the best decision you'll ever make.

Drive Safely,
Sheriff Mck Fink

6-1-11 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!

6-1-11 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

6-1-11 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 walleyeweekend.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.



