



Tee Times & More!

32nd Annual AC Golf Outing

Monday, July 11
South Hills Golf & Country Club



Network Health Plan returns to sponsor the AC's 2011 Golf Outing. Players will compete in the scramble

format at 1 p.m. The \$150 per player fee includes 18 holes of golf, half cart, lunch, heavy hors d'oeuvres following play, participation in all games, prizes and all the fun you can legally have on a golf course. Dinner tickets for non-golfers are \$25. Reservations required.

The outing is open to AC members and guests only. Golfers can sign up individually or as a foursome. The dress code: soft-spikes only, no denim and collared shirts required. Fantastic hole-in-one prizes are in the works!

**To participate,
call the AC at
(920) 921-9500
or visit
www.fdlac.com**

The Young Professionals of Fond du Lac

will hold their 7th annual "best ball" golf outing on Thursday, July 21 at Rolling Meadows Golf Course. This is a great opportunity to mix and mingle - and no golf skills are required! Set up your own foursome or we'll make one for you. There will be plenty of opportunities for both golfers and non-golfers to win great prizes.

The Fond du Lac Area Human Resources Association

will hold their 25th annual golf outing on Wednesday, June 15, at The Golf Club at Camelot in Lomira. This select shot scramble golf outing is one you don't want to miss! Sign up your team of four or just yourself and we'll find a team for you!

A silent auction will be held with all proceeds going to the SHRM foundation. A special thanks to the following sponsors: Lee Hecht Harrison, Right Management, Grande Cheese Company, A to Z Vending, Flex Staff, Manpower, Aerotek, Michels, Omni Staffing, Adecco and Bob & Bonnie's Donuts.

Registration: 2 p.m.
Shotgun Start: 2:30 p.m.
Cost: \$30.00 Golf with Cart; \$25.00 Steak & Chicken Cordon Bleu Buffet (Social @ 5 p.m. and Dinner @ 5:45 p.m.)



WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

Strengthen our community by supporting these members

Big Al Capone's
N10302 US-Hwy 151
Malone, WI 53049
(920) 795-4140
caponesofpipe.com

Diane Coffen Employment Services
363 3rd St.
Fond du Lac, WI 54935
(920) 642-0624

Garcia & Wilson Property Management, LLC
385 W. Arndt St.
Fond du Lac, WI 54935
(920) 933-3730

Korneli's Prairie Mobil Mart
P.O. Box 789
Fond du Lac, WI 54936
(920) 923-0055

Second Hand Treasures
385 W. Arndt St.
Fond du Lac, WI 54935
(920) 933-3730

TNT Fitness Results, LLC
W5374 County B
Fond du Lac, WI 54937
(920) 251-4481

Seasons Restaurant
N7640 County Hwy WH
Fond du Lac, WI 54935
(920) 922-0404

Re-call Elections Attracting Attention and Prompting Action

There is little doubt that the re-call election against Senator Randy Hopper in the 18th Senate District has generated a great deal of interest. In fact, the AC recently concluded that interest, on the part of business, has soared over the past few months.

In a recent AC survey of 500 key business leaders, it became quite clear that the political races followed most intently involve the state senate and the state assembly. The results revealed interest in these races were five percentage points more than the race for governor and just slightly behind races for congress and president. It is important to note that the individuals surveyed represent a politically savvy group, which exercises its' right to vote 98% of the time.

Survey results regarding involvement in funding local campaigns indicated that there were far more participants who financially support candidates for state legislature than other local, state or national

races, major political parties or political action committees. The one concern noted at this time was that of confidentiality in giving to candidates; which is understandable given the recent threats of boycotts and protests. One way to protect confidential giving to specific candidates is to contribute either personally or corporately to an organization such as the Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce (WMC) Issues Mobilization Council, Inc. All contributions are kept strictly confidential under state and federal law and numerous U. S. and Wisconsin Supreme Court rulings. All contributions are treated as lobbying expenses and therefore are not deductible as a charitable or business expense. There are no contribution limits under this law.

For anyone interested in making contributions to the WMC Issues Mobilization Council you can send them directly to: WMC IMC, PO Box 352, Madison WI 53701-0352.

Survey results on Page 6

**Coffee Connection
June 1**

Location: Charter Business, 165 Knights Way
Time: 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
Your host: Charter Business® provides a full range of advanced broadband services and solutions to business organizations. Charter Business has developed special pricing for AC members who subscribe to multiple services, making it easier to manage your business with just one vendor. Charter Business High-Speed Internet, Video and Telephone work together to save your business time and money. You'll get one low bill and one number for service and support. Charter Business is dedicated to bringing customers innovative, reliable services, and responsive customer care — to help businesses to succeed today and in the years to come. Mandra Gruber is your Charter Business Account Executive - you may reach her at (920) 263-0156 or via e-mail at: mandra.gruber@chartercom.com to hear more about great savings available to your business today!
Cost: \$2
Register by: May 31

**Business Connection
June 21**

Location: Solutions Center, 39 N. Sophia St.
Time: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Your host: The Solutions Center Shelter and Support offers services to men, women and children who are homeless and/or victims of domestic violence in Fond du Lac County. Nurturing the human spirit and giving people hope is at the forefront of the Solutions Center. In addition to housing advocacy and eviction prevention, the center provides emergency shelter, child/family therapy, child/teen advocacy, support groups, legal advocacy, domestic violence advocacy and case management. This year, the center will be working with CARE, Inc to establish a mentoring program for its clients - meant to serve as a support system and to help keep them stabilized. The Solutions Center greatly appreciates all financial support, in-kind donations of food, furniture, hygiene products, cleaning supplies and more, volunteer time and the unending support of the local community.
Cost: \$2 if you are pre-registered; \$5 at the door
Register by: June 20

**Breakfast
on the Farm**

(Sponsored by the Agri-Business Council)

June 26

Rosendale Dairy
8 a.m. to Noon

N8997 County Hwy M, Pickett

Tickets: \$6 in advance, \$7 at the door
(children 5 and under FREE)

Jim and Annette Ostrom & family, John and Keri Vosters & family and Todd Willer and Megan O'Harrow & family invite you to get a first-hand look at a working dairy farm, complete with educational displays, animal exhibits, live music, antique farm equipment and the Alliant Energy Kiddie Pedal Tractor Pull at 10 a.m.

Enjoy a big breakfast of eggs with ham and cheese and all the fixings

Ice cream sundaes for \$1 to benefit the Agricultural Ambassador Program

Tickets are available at the AC and many area local banks.
Call (920) 921-9500 for more information.



Farm Tour & Discussion

Date: Tuesday, June 14
Registration: 4:30 p.m.
Tours and Program: 5 p.m.
Location: N5119 County Rd K (FDL)
Cost: FREE for YPF Members
 \$10 for Non-Members

Topics of discussion will include: eco-friendly farming practices, renewable energy, compassionate farming and more! The owners of Vir-Clar Farms will share their story and provide insights into how they run their business, how they care for their livestock and how they are focusing on renewable energy. Don't miss out on this

exciting event! Attendees will have a chance to tour the family farm and enjoy wine and cheese, compliments of our hosts.



JUNE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1	DFP Design Review Board	Noon
2	YPF Programs & Events	7:30 a.m.
	DFP Executive	Noon
7	YPF Marketing	Noon
8	Education	7:30 a.m.
	DFP Board @ Nielsen Co.	8 a.m.
9	Ag Board	Noon
14	DFP Organization	8:30 a.m.
15	Ambassadors Club	7:30 a.m.
	Ag Ambassador	Noon
16	DFP Events @ Library	8 a.m.
	SSS 47	8:30 a.m.
17	AC Executive	7 a.m.
21	SSS 48	8:30 a.m.
	STW Steering	9 a.m.
22	Communications Council	7:30 a.m.
	DFP Design @ Police Station	8:00 a.m.
	Leadership Board	Noon
	DFP ER @ Windhover	2 p.m.
	YPF Board	4 p.m.
23	DFP Marketing @ Ramada	Noon
	SSS 49	8:30 a.m.
24	AC Board	7 a.m.
27	Community Sounding Board	7:30 a.m.

Teams @ Work

Date: Tuesday, June 21
Time: 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Location: Fond du Lac Public Library
 ACUniversity and the Fond du Lac Area Human Resource Association team up to bring you 'Teams @ Work'. This session will help you increase effectiveness in building and interacting within a team by:

- Gaining awareness about your own behavior traits and those of your team members.
- Recognizing how differences in behavioral tendencies cause friction and decreased productivity.
- Learning to recognize a 'blind spot' and turn it into something positive.

Through completing and receiving personal feedback results of the Drake P3 Communication Survey (free of charge), attendees will learn how differences in people's behavioral styles impact team productivity.

Speaker: Janine Smith (JS Performance Strategies, LLC) has an extensive background in employee engagement and facilitation, with 15 years' experience as a certified training and development professional. She certifies and coaches clients in effectively applying behavioral concepts to motivation, team building and more.

Cost: \$25
 for Members;
 \$35 Non-Members



DFP Honored at 21st Annual Wisconsin Main Street Awards

The Wisconsin Department of Commerce recognized the best downtown revitalization projects of 2010 at the 21st Annual Wisconsin Main Street Awards Ceremony held on Friday, April 29, 2011 at the historic Turner Hall in Watertown, Wisconsin.

Downtown Fond du Lac received awards in the following categories:

Best New Building Project - Fond du Lac Family YMCA

With the removal of the 1960's original building, along with decades of multiple additions and remodels, the new Fond du Lac YMCA has evolved into a beautiful modern facility. With 112,000 square feet the building allows for all of the functions of the Boys & Girls Club of Fond du Lac to blend together with the Fond du Lac YMCA.

Best Public/Private Partnership in Downtown Revitalization - DFP/City of Fond du Lac

In 2009, the City of Fond du Lac Community Development Department and the Downtown Fond du Lac Partnership worked together to complete the Downtown Fond du Lac Development Plan. The plan outlines the goals, policies, recommendations and implementation strategy for the downtown in the upcoming years. Also included is a plan to establish three revitalization districts: the Gateway, River Walk and the Arts & Entertainment District. The plan was adopted by the Fond du Lac City Council in February 2010.

2010 Volunteer of the Year - Kevin Miller

Miller is the executive director for the Windhover Center for the Arts. Over the past two years the Windhover and the Downtown Fond du Lac Partnership have been working on a joint project to stimulate business growth in the downtown district. Miller has been instrumental

in the creation of the Downtown Comprehensive Plan and the Vision Plan for Downtown Fond du Lac. He also currently serves as chairman of the DFP Economic Restructuring Committee and serves on the DFP Board of Directors.

2010 Honorary Board of Directors - Joe Tasch

Tasch recently completed a two-year term as president of the Board of Directors. His clear-headed and common sense approach to issues have kept the Partnership moving steadily forward and through his leadership he has raised the profile and credibility of the organization. Additionally, Tasch was instrumental in the lobbying efforts to increase funding through both Fond du Lac City Council and Fond du Lac County Board.



Kevin Miller (left) and Joe Tasch (right) were both recognized for their involvement in the Downtown Fond du Lac Partnership and local community

Wisconsin Main Street is an economic development program targeting Wisconsin's historic commercial districts. Staff members provide technical support and training to Wisconsin communities that have expressed a grassroots commitment to revitalizing their traditional business districts using a comprehensive strategy based on historic preservation and developed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Wisconsin's 36 Main Street Communities range in population from 750 to sizeable neighborhoods in Milwaukee and Green Bay.

The mission of the DFP, a Wisconsin Main Street community, is to establish a diverse, prosperous and healthy district that is the social, commercial and cultural heart of our community. For information visit www.downtownfdl.com or call (920) 921-9500.

Surprises in store for this year's Sidewalk Sale!



The Downtown Fond du Lac Sidewalk Sale will take place July 9 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. This fun-filled event is the perfect way to discover the hidden treasures of downtown Fond du Lac in a fun outdoor atmosphere. Downtown businesses will be offering huge savings and great deals on their products and services, so remember to mark your calendars and head downtown on July 9!

This year's Sidewalk Sale will feature two new activities sure to bring added fun and excitement to the event. The Downtown Fond du Lac Partnership has teamed up with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Fond du Lac County to host a chalk art drawing contest. "Chalk it Up to Start Something Big" will consist of artists of all levels creating works of art in the Nielsen Plaza. Artists will use sidewalk chalk and other blending tools to transform sections of boring sidewalk into something beautiful. For more information contact Deb Miller at (920) 922-8200.

In addition, Fox Valley Savings Bank will sponsor the first ever "Cash Cart" during the event. Four golf carts will be driving up and down Main Street during the Sidewalk Sale, but only one will be the "Cash Cart." Mirrored after the popular TV Show "Cash Cab" participants will have their chance to win cash prizes for correct answers to downtown trivia questions. Wrong answer? Lose your winnings and lose your ride!

Check the DFP's Facebook page often; trivia questions and answers will be posted at random during the week of the Sidewalk Sale.

For more information call (920) 921-9500 or visit www.downtownfdl.com.

Project GRILL: A Taste of Creativity



(Above) Campbellsport High School partnered with J.F. Ahern to create a one-of-a-kind grill built into a restored Ford truck. (Below) Mayville High School partnered with MEC to create a beautifully crafted grill with unique condiment dispensers.



The smell of summer was definitely in the air as eight uniquely crafted charcoal grills burst into action at the 3rd annual Project GRILL unveiling held at MPTC on Sunday, May 1. With the "Light your grills!" command, students from eight area high schools started-up their charcoal grill creations, which showcased their manufacturing skills and ingenuity.

Project GRILL is a program of the Fond du Lac Area Association of Commerce that matches area high school technical education departments with area manufacturers in a challenge to work together to design, test and build a charcoal grill from scratch. More than 200 people gathered at the GRILL unveiling to marvel at the students' creativity.

Students, parents, business people, educators and friends gathered to listen to comments from Pete Manowske, Project GRILL committee chair and president of Manowske Welding, James Eden, executive dean of manufacturing, trades and apprenticeship at MPTC and Stephen Peterson, president of Mid-States Aluminum Corp. and chair of the Fond du Lac Area

Association of Commerce Board of Directors.

In addition, the unveiling event allowed students, teachers and area manufacturers to proudly show off the results of a year of hard work. As part of the program students were required to grill one dozen brats in under an hour. However, time was no match for the students, as every grill performed perfectly and the teams were able to cook enough brats to feed all those in attendance!

Designs for this year's grill creations included Campbellsport High School's uniquely crafted grill built into the hood of a restored antique F250 Ford truck; Fond du Lac High's double-barrel grill featuring a unique design and impressive craftsmanship; Horace Mann High's rendition of a speed boat, complete with a Mercury outboard motor; a mobile grill built by Laconia High School on the back of a working ATV; Lomira's trailer grill, complete with plenty of counter space and a working sink;

Mayville High's fully contained grill complete with a uniquely made ketchup and mustard dispenser; Oakfield High's replica of a yellow school bus, complete with photos of each individual involved in the manufacturing process; and a uniquely crafted, stainless steel grill built by Winnebago Lutheran Academy.

Special thanks to...

This year's participating manufacturing partners:

- BCI Burke Co.
- J.F. Ahern Co.
- Kondex Corp.
- MAG IAS - Fond du Lac
- Manowske Welding Corp.
- Mayville Engineering Company (MEC)
- Mercury Marine
- Mid-States Aluminum Corp.

School to Work recognizes 47 students' achievements

The 2011 School to Work Graduation Luncheon was held at the Ramada Hotel on May 17, recognizing 47 students for completing the requirements of the School to Work Program.

School to Work is a program of the AC that promotes business-education partnerships and gives businesses opportunities to develop highly skilled workers. Qualified high school students in the program spend part of their day in school and part of their day on the work site, receiving on-the-job training. During the one or two year program, students learn first hand how classroom curriculum transfers to the world of work and they are allowed to explore a career interest at a much earlier age than that of their peers. Students participate in apprenticeships such as health care, automotive, manufacturing, finance, information technology, welding, veterinary medicine and engineering.

This year, graduating students came from six area high schools: Campbellsport High School, Fond du Lac High School, Laconia High School, Lomira High School, Horace Mann High School and Oakfield High School. These schools recognize the importance of offering real-world career experiences to their students and deserve special recognition for their support of all participating students. Additionally, the School to Work office would like to thank all participating businesses for opening their doors to high school students.

The graduation luncheon lauded the students for their dedication, hard work and successful entry into the often-intimidating adult work force. As Stephen Peterson, President of Mid-States Aluminum Corp. and chair of the Fond du Lac Area Association of Commerce Board of Directors told the graduates; "the School to Work Program allowed you

to find the connection between the meaning and purpose of classroom learning and practical real world experience."

In addition, three students were each awarded a \$500 scholarship for use in their continuing education. The three scholarship winners were: James Gleason of Campbellsport High School, Kari Kuen of Lomira High School and Roberto Rodriguez of Fond du Lac High School. Congratulations to these students and all that completed the School to Work Program.



Three School to Work students received scholarships for their post-secondary education, from left: Kari Kuen, James Gleason, Roberto Rodriguez, Stephen Peterson (AC Board Chair and president of Mid-States Aluminum).

31 adult leaders honored

The 31 members of the Leadership Fond du Lac Class of 2010-2011 celebrated their year of hard work at a completion ceremony May 18 at Marian University.

Business and community leaders were in attendance to show their support for the class and for the program. Attendees heard a presentation of the highlights of the program's nine months, including details of the five Community Projects completed by the class:

Team Diverse Energy: Created a mentorship program focusing on life skills for students attending Fondy Central.

Team Horizon: Established a low vision center within the assisted living facility of the Lutheran Home. Provided a CCTV, computer with iZoom computer screen magnification software, max TV viewing spectacles and various recreational devices such as large print playing cards, BINGO, needle threader and more.

Team Lakeside Rescue: Remodeled and updated bathrooms at Lakeside Park pavilion, improved lighting fixtures and installed infant changing stations in the women's and men's bathroom. Painted murals on bathroom and stage walls.

Team Reflection: Developed a "basic needs" closet for Boys and Girls Club members. The staff of the Boys and Girls Club will maintain the "Suds Club" closet.

Team S.P.L.A.T.T. (Supporting People Long After Today into Tomorrow): Revamped playground area at Solutions Center. Expanded and reconfigured the play area to provide adequate space for playground system. Cleaned up undesirable areas by removing brush and old landscaping.

Leadership FDL Class of 2010-2011

Mary Bartelt, Lutheran Homes & Health Services	M. Geoff Murray, Kristmas Kringle Shoppe
Jeff Butz, FABOH	Meagan Parker, FDL Public Library
Elba Carbajal, UW Extension	Jessica Pickett, Fox Valley Savings Bank
Mary Denzin, FDL AC	Carrie Pierquet, CMP Consulting, MPTC
Ben Duke, Mercury Marine	Zach Pitz, Agnesian HealthCare
Barb Faber, Agnesian HealthCare	Lisa Pollard, MPTC
Lisa Freiberg, FDL County	Kim Reilly, Charter
Jen Ganz, Mercury Marine	Katie Rose, Family Resource Center
Beau Gellings, Grande Cheese Co.	Ryan Scheel, Boys & Girls Club of Fond du Lac
Sarah Harbridge, City of Fond du Lac	Linda Schmitz, FDL Sheriff's Office
Julie Henry, Aurora Health Care	Ann Sinisi, First Weber
Deb Hoffmann, City of Fond du Lac	Ken Stephani, Society Insurance
Rob Hyland, Mercury Marine	Ben Thome, Associated Bank
Tonny James, Charter	Steph Vinz, M&I Bank
Sandra Karst, Action Printing	Kathy Wolf, CitizensFirst Credit Union
John Morris, Marian University	

Don Jones Award

Thomas recognized for outstanding service

With an extensive record of volunteerism and service to the community, James Thomas is without a doubt a deserving recipient of the 2011 Donald G. Jones Leadership Alumni Award.

The award recognizes a Leadership Fond du Lac grad for the work they've done to improve their community through volunteering and employing leadership skills. The award's namesake is a former area businessman who played a major role in founding and supporting Leadership Fond du Lac.

James Thomas is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Society Insurance, a position he has held for more than seven years.



James Thomas

As a 1999 graduate of the Leadership Fond du Lac program, Thomas truly understands the benefits of actively participating in one's community - whether through volunteering or leading or even just paying attention to local events. With this understanding, Thomas soon became an irreplaceable asset to the community and various volunteer organizations and committees. And although he would never seek recognition for his service, it is hard

to ignore the remarkable impact that Thomas has had on the Fond du Lac community.

Thomas has served as a director and past board president of the UW-Fond du Lac Foundation, a director and treasurer of Lutheran Homes and Health Services, a director of the Fond du Lac Arts Council, a past director and chair of the Fond du Lac County Chapter of the American Red Cross, a past board member of the Fond du Lac Area Association of Commerce and a past chair of the Leadership Fond du Lac Steering Committee.

When asked what advice he would give to the Leadership Class of 2011, Thomas answered with a simple yet powerful statement - "This is just the beginning."

"When you complete the program is when you are truly called on to serve," stated Thomas. "It is at this time that you need to stand up and get involved and the best way to do this is to begin showing up for things, volunteer and find your calling."

"Remember, more often than not an organization in need will not find you. Rather you will find a need and become the solution," Thomas said.

Applications accepted now

STEP UP TO SERVE

What is Leadership FDL? It provides information and experience to persons who are willing to make a commitment of service to the community.

How does it work? Applications are accepted until July 1 for classes that meet once a month September through May. Participants learn, in depth, about the community's government, culture, social services, education, health and safety systems, and more. Each class is divided into teams, which are charged with completing a project that will benefit the community.

What do you gain? A deeper understanding of how the community works, enriching your professional and volunteer lives.

What does my employer get? An associate with stronger connections to the community who becomes part of its future.

What does it cost? Leadership tuition is \$1,200 for the nine-month program. Includes kick-off retreat, speakers, lunches, materials and trip to the Capitol.

The application is posted at www.fdlac.com For more information, contact Leadership Director Lesley Manowski, (920) 921-9500 or lesleym@fdlac.com.



Students were able to learn about the many aspects of life on a farm and interact with a variety of animals

Students' get a glimpse of life on a farm

For many, it was the first opportunity to see a cow up close, sit on a tractor or take a hayride. This was the experience almost 800 kindergarten and first grade students had during the 2011 Day on the Farm at Michels Farm near Lomira.

The Lomira FFA and farm owners Dan and Brenda Michels and family hosted the youngsters from public and private schools in the Fond du Lac School to Work consortium. The day's theme "Agriculture, A Growing Story" fit right in as students learned about many aspects of the life on a farm from how calves are cared for to milking a cow and planting crops. Students also learned of other animals that are part of a farm and even had the chance to "ride" on a saddle.

The School to Work program and the Agri-Business Council's Agricultural Ambassador Program assisted the Lomira FFA to make the day a success!

Thank you!

Dan and Brenda Michels & Family deserve many thanks for opening up their farm for this fun-filled educational agricultural experience!

Thank you also to:

Agri-Land Co-op
 American Bank
 Badgerland Financial Services
 Bulk & Bags-Bill Buske
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 Milwaukee Milk Producers
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 Piepers Fruit Farm
 Piggly Wiggly
 Quad Graphics
 R.C. Luedtke
 Rhein Reality
 Sartori Foods
 Schraufnagel Implement
 Serwe Implement
 TSB Bank
 Waas Boring & Cable
 Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board
 Wisconsin Women for Agriculture
 Zinke Dairy Farm
 Zuehlke Electric

Agricultural scholarships awarded

The Fond du Lac Area Association of Commerce Agri-Business Council is pleased to announce the winners of their scholarships, as well as the Fond du Lac Area Foundation Harold Reinecke Scholarship. The scholarships are awarded to individuals pursuing post secondary training at a college, trade school, technical college or university relating to the fields of agriculture and agribusiness.

The recipient of the Fond du Lac Area Foundation Harold Reinecke Scholarship is Gregory Zimdars, son of David and Audrey Zimdars of Ripon. Currently a student at UW- Fond du Lac, Zimdars will attend UW- Madison this fall to pursue a degree in dairy science.



Gregory Zimdars

Two \$500 Agri-Business Council scholarships were awarded to Caleb Riedeman, son of Scott and Rose Riedeman of Brandon and Diana Zimdars, daughter of David and Audrey Zimdars of Ripon. Riedeman is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree from UW- River Falls in crop and soil science. Zimdars will be studying pre-vet at UW- Fond du Lac this fall.

Aubrey Voelker, daughter of Jeffrey Voelker will use a \$450 Agri-Business Council scholarship to attend UW- Madison to study animal science and pre-vet.

Three \$250 Fond du Lac Area Association of Commerce Agri-Business Council scholarships were also awarded to Benjamin Julka, son of Randy and Marilyn Julka; Nicholas Schuster, son of Ivan and Mary Schuster and David Smits, son of Dan and Nancy Smits. Julka will attend Fox Valley Technical College to study farm operations. Schuster will attend UW- Madison FISC for dairy science. Smits will also attend UW- Madison FISC for dairy management.

Fond du Lac Agri-Business scholarship forms are available annually on February 1 at the Fond du Lac Area Association of Commerce, 207 N Main St., or at www.fdlac.com. Questions should be directed to Brenda Gudex at (920) 921-9500.

A Survey of Our Top CEO's...

In which election(s) did you vote?

City Council:	52.8%
County Board:	79.2%
School Board:	74.3%
State Legislature:	90.3%
Gubernatorial:	85.4%
Congress or U.S. Senate:	93.1%
Judicial Races:	84.7%
Presidential:	97.2%
Did not vote:	2.1%

To which individual candidates, political parties or political action committees do you contribute?

City Council Candidates:	22.5%
County Board Candidates:	6.3%
School Board Candidates:	5.0%
State Legislature Candidates:	71.3%
Gubernatorial Candidates:	66.3%
Congress or U.S. Senate Candidates:	60.0%
Judicial Candidates:	16.3%
Presidential Candidates:	47.5%
Major Political Parties:	41.3%
Political Action Committees	48.8%

If everyone was this involved, it would really be the voice of the people!

Participate in the 2011-2012 Wage & Benefits Survey

Providing accurate and up-to-date wage and benefit data for companies within the Fox Valley area has been the long-term goal of the annual Northeast Wisconsin Chambers Coalition Wage and Benefits Survey. Companies who have this information are able to attract quality employees, retain their employees and gauge their fringe benefits with other companies in a confidential study.

If your company is interested in participating in the 2011-2012 survey, please contact Tammy Young at the AC at (920) 921-9500 or e-mail tammyy@fdlac.com, to be placed on the mailing list to receive further information. By participating in the survey as an Association of Commerce member, you will receive a considerable cost savings when the results are published.

A GIFT FOR YOU!

The Fond du Lac Area Human Resources Association would like to give you the gift of membership! As a member, you will have access to networking with other area HR Professionals, gain knowledge from informative monthly meetings and much more.

Please visit fdlhr.shrm.org to complete the membership application and to learn more about what the Association has to offer. All approved new members will receive a free membership for the remainder of 2011!

Fond du Lac Area HR Association
207 N. Main Street (FDL)
(920) 921-9500



Supervisory Skills Series (SSS): Invest in your BEST

SSS is now accepting applications for the next round of the 13-month course, scheduled to begin July 21.

SSS is an advanced management program that meets one day a month. Students in the series receive state-of-art instruction in management topics such as Leadership Style and Versatility; Business Performance Management; Building

Effective Teams; and Negotiation Skills.

Managers and supervisors have found the SSS process to be enlightening and educational. They have obtained realistic results that will continue to provide a variety of enhancements to the organizations they serve.

Instructor Dave Podeszwa, of DL. Podeszwa & Associates, has been in the

leadership development business for more than 30 years and has taught leadership classes at the FDL AC for 17 years.

For more information and enrollment forms, contact Gerrie Andrew at the AC at (920) 921-9500 or e-mail gerriea@fdlac.com.

ENROLL TODAY!

MEMBER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BCI Burke creates HealthQuest Fitness Stations

The benefits of regular physical activity include preventing chronic health conditions, promoting weight loss, boosting confidence and self-esteem and increasing energy. To provide more opportunities for outdoor exercise, BCI Burke has created HealthQuest Fitness Stations. Designed for ages 13 and up, HealthQuest Fitness Stations combine the advanced science of total body workout and conditioning technology with good old-fashioned playground fun. Each individual can work at their own pace and intensity, modifying the suggested exercises, circuits and workouts to suit their own needs.

Stations are available either as a complete workout circuit program or individually, allowing customers to expand their exercise circuit as budget and space allow.

BCI Burke, with headquarters in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, is a premier manufacturer of commercial playground, park and recreation equipment and an avid champion of health and fitness for children and adults. More information is available at www.bciburke.com/healthquest.

Culver's Restaurants introduce "Right-Size" Mini Mixer

For guests looking for more choices, Culver's restaurants in the Fond du Lac area have introduced a new right size option for their irresistible Concrete Mixer: the Mini Mixer. Guests can enjoy the Mini Mixer in a variety of flavors, with more than 30 mix-ins available. For information on additional new menu items visit www.culvers.com/media.

Fox Diamond Center introduces interchangeable jewelry

Fox Diamond Center introduces the Kameleon Interchangeable Jewelry System to their huge selection of fine jewelry. The center stone of the jewelry is interchangeable with the entire Kameleon line. The selection includes pendants, earrings, rings, bracelets and zipper pulls - along with hundreds of centers in a variety of colors. Kameleon makes a great reasonably priced gift idea for any age!

Hierl Insurance names new employee benefits advisor

Joe Zack has joined Hierl Insurance, Inc. as an Employee Benefits Advisor. Zack brings over 20 years of industry experience including management positions with a large Midwest insurance company and a partnership in a small independent agency. Zack specializes in group employee benefits and works with clients to help develop a complete benefit package that fits the employer's budget and will help attract and retain employees at the same time. Zack is a University of Wisconsin - Green Bay graduate with a degree in Education. Locally owned since 1919, Hierl Insurance is also a member-owner of United Benefit Advisors (UBA), a professional organization of over 140 benefit firms across the U.S. Visit www.hierl.com, www.unitedbenefitadvisors.com or call (920) 921-5921 for more information.

Kiel Building Supply welcomes new designers

Kiel Building Supply, partner location of Campbellsport and Berlin Building Supply, welcomes Chad Goebel to their design department. Campbellsport and Berlin also welcome new designers to their locations as an expansion of service to meet the demands for residential, commercial and ag design throughout Fond du Lac and the surrounding communities. Scott Mueller (CBS), Matt Biesek (BBS) and Chad Goebel (KBS) along with veterans Brian Redig and Kevin Soyk bring decades of experience to your design requests with proven results as showcased in home parades throughout southeast Wisconsin.

Wink Chiropractic welcomes Dr. Scott Suprenand

Wink Chiropractic welcomes Dr. Scott Suprenand. Dr. Suprenand graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, with post graduate work in Activator, Nimmo Receptor - Tonus and Palmer Package. He will have clinic hours Monday through Saturday. Dr. Scott is originally from Fond du Lac and graduated from Fond du Lac High in 2002. His wife of four years is Laura who is also from Fond du Lac. Appointments now available call (920) 921-4130.



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Fond du Lac Business Barometer			
April		2011	2010
Building permits	Monthly one-family homes / Year to date	2 / 9	10 / 16
	Monthly one-family value / Year to date	\$ 361,000 / \$ 1,950,000	\$ 1,378,400 / \$ 2,463,400
	Monthly multiple units / Year to date	0 / 1	2 / 4
	Monthly multiple units value / Year to date	0 / \$ 200,000	\$ 1,020,000 / \$ 1,590,000
	Monthly commercial industrial / Year to date	1 / 3	2 / 2
	Monthly commercial industrial value / Year to date	\$ 5,000 / \$ 255,000	\$ 1,608,900 / \$ 1,608,900
Employment*	Number employed City / County	20,739 / 51,044	20,108 / 49,556
	Number unemployed City / County	2,006 / 4,287	2,593 / 5,439
	Percent unemployed City / County	8.8 / 7.7	11.4 / 9.9
Parking utilities revenues		\$ 28,753.00	\$ 27,085.55
Real estate transfers*		65	101
Utilities	Industrial power (KWH)		19,665,686
Statistics	Marriages*		22
	Divorces (Clerk of Courts)	27	27
	Births*		42
	Deaths*		47
Sanitation permits (outside city)		1	11

* Results from March