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11-28-11 armed robbery

On 11-26-11 at 2:53pm the Fond du Lac Police Department responded to an armed robbery at the Payday Loan Store, 566 N. Rolling Meadows Drive. Officers were advised that two white males in their 20's entered the store and one of the subjects displayed a weapon demanding money from the employee. An undisclosed amount of cash was taken and the two suspects fled the store on foot. Suspect number one is described as a white male in his 20's, tall and thin. He was wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt. Suspect number two is described as a white male in his 20's also tall and thin. He was wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt and had blonde hair. Both suspects had their faces covered. Suspects may have fled the area in a dark blue 4 door passenger car similar to a Chevrolet Cavalier. No one was injured during this incident and anyone with information is asked to contact Lead Detective Steve Kaufman at 920 322-3725 or the CrimeAlert number at 920 322-3740.

11-28-11 fdl house fire

The Fond du Lac Fire Department continues to investigate a late night house fire on Thanksgiving. When firefighters arrived at 11 East 13th Street the first floor was heavily involved in fire. Two residents were treated at the scene including one victim with minor burns to the hand. The Red Cross is assisting the displaced residents and the cause remains under investigation.

11-28-11 prison walkaway captured

Fox Lake Correctional escapee Christopher W. Lacourciere was apprehended by the Dane County Sheriff Department Thanksgiving morning without incident. He initially escaped as an inmate while working at the Prison Farm near Waupun WI. Any further information will be released at a future date.

11-28-11 contractor fined for asbestos violations at rolling meadows renovation site

Asbestos violations at a Fond du Lac renovation project has resulted in a hefty penalty. Fond du Lac Judge, Richard Nuss, has ordered Rolling Meadows Development LLC and Brian Fuchs to pay \$50,000 in forfeitures and costs for violating state law regulating the proper handling of asbestos. According to the complaint filed by the Department of Justice at the request of the DNR, Rolling Meadows Development and Fuchs, doing business as Vanguard Contracting, committed a series of asbestos violations during the renovation of the former Rolling Meadows Nursing Home building on South Military Road. Rolling Meadows owned the property and hired Fuchs to renovate the site. The DNR investigation found that between November of 2009 and April 2010 Fuchs and his employees demolished interior walls and disturbed asbestos-containing material without wetting it first and without certified asbestos workers. In

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addition the DNR was not properly notified. The asbestos was subsequently properly remediated and disposed of.

11-28-11 van dyne tavern robbery suspects arrested

Two women are in custody in connection with the armed robbery of a Van Dyne tavern. Acting on a tip, investigators arrested a 19 year old West Bend woman and 24 year old town of Friendship woman on Wednesday. They are expected to make their initial court appearances next week. The women are accused of robbing Cooligan's Tavern on Van Dyne Road November 4th. The bartender says the women were wearing ski masks when they entered the bar just before closing...threatened to shoot her and beat her over the head with a garden hose. The victim needed stitches to close the wound.

11-28-11 red kettle campaign

Fond du Lac Salvation Army officials say the need for assistance this holiday season is greater than ever. The Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign is in full swing. "It actually started two weeks ago on the 11th of November and we are currently at six percent of our goal," Salvation Army spokesperson, Denise Schaefer, said. The goal is \$150,000. Schaefer says volunteers are needed to man the kettles. If you want to volunteer you may call the Salvation Army at 923-8220.

11-28-11 public hearings will be scheduled for hwy 23 project between fdl and plymouth

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation says a new round of public hearings will be scheduled on a proposal to widen Highway 23 to four lanes between Plymouth and Fond du lac. The hearings will be scheduled as part of an agreement between the DOT and a Madison environmental group that stays a federal lawsuit. The group, 1000 Friends of Wisconsin, filed the suit last summer alleging potential environmental impacts of the 23 project were not addressed and that there were not adequate public hearings as required by law.

11-28-11 marian university homeland security symposium

Marian University's Institute for Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness is hosting the Third Annual Homeland Security Symposium on Tuesday, December 6 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. at Whispering Springs Golf Club in Fond du Lac. This year's theme is "Building Community Resilience: A Practical Approach" and the keynote speaker will be Major General Warren Edwards (Ret), director of the Community and Regional Resilience Institute (CARRI) in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The mission of CARRI is to develop and share critical paths communities may take to strengthen their ability to prepare for, respond to, and rapidly recover from significant man-made or natural disasters with minimal downtime of basic community, government, and business services. CARRI supports communities in their resilience building efforts and works with state, regional and national stakeholders to create incentives and support for community resilience. A discussion, featuring a panel consisting of Governor Scott McCallum, Nadav Morag, Ph.D., Naval Postgraduate School, Rick Meyers, Colorado Springs Police Department along with former Milwaukee Fire Chief, Doug Holton, currently the associate dean of Human and Protective Services at Madison Area Technical College is scheduled. Dr. Michelle Majewski, Dean of the School of Criminal Justice and Director of Marian's Institute for Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness states, "We are especially pleased to be able to bring such a distinguished group of professionals to Fond du Lac for this year's symposium. This is an opportunity for interested individuals to learn more about community resiliency and the work being done on this topic. One of the goals of this symposium is to assist individuals with identifying concrete steps toward helping their respective community assess the level of resilience and to put a plan in place for enhancing community resiliency." Interested individuals may register online no later than Thursday, December 1 at www.marianuniversity.edu/hssymposium and completing the online form. The registration fee for this event is \$20.00 and it includes lunch. Space is limited.

11-28-11 leaf collection

The City of Fond du Lac's annual leaf collection will begin on Monday October 17, 2010 with crews starting in the northeast section of the city. The collection will proceed in a clockwise direction - to the southeast, southwest, and northwest sections. The leaf collection process will continue for six weeks, ending on Friday, November 25. Again this year there will be a map available on the City's website indicating the progress that collection crews have made to date. On the website, click on Leaf Collection Progress Map, and you can see which areas have been covered by collection crews, and arrows indicating in which direction the crews will be moving. The map will be updated toward the end of each work day. A sample of the map is available now at <http://www.ci.fond-du-lac.wi.us/>. For collection purposes, Main Street divides the city into east and west halves, and Western Avenue and Fourth Street divide the city into north and south halves. The Public Works Department anticipates that crews will complete approximately two clockwise sweeps through the city this fall, weather and time permitting. During the first round of collection, raking by the crew is limited. As an alternative to the collection, residents may haul their leaves to the City's yard waste drop off site located on the north side of the Municipal Service Center located at 530 Doty Street. Bags must be emptied and disposed of properly at the site.

- **Leaves should be raked in rows next to the curb for collection by City crews. Please do not rake leaves into the street.**
- **City crews will not pick up leaves in plastic bags.**
- **Park vehicles and garbage carts away from leaf windrows.**
- **Your garbage cart is for garbage only. Please do not place leaves inside the automated garbage collection carts.**
- **Cut garden material such as vines and corn stalks into lengths of one foot or less.**
- **Fruit and vegetables (such as apples or pumpkins) will not be collected. These should be disposed of at the City's yard waste drop off site on Doty Street. Some streets are still under construction at this time.**

City crews will make every effort to get in to those areas still under construction, or will make a thorough cleanup later in the season after the construction is completed.

A Green Alternative: Leave 'em Lay!

As an alternative to raking leaves to the curb, residents are encouraged to try chopping up moderate amounts of leaves with a lawnmower. This can be done during normal lawn mowing. Just don't allow the leaves to mat and make sure that ample grass shows through them. This will save you work and time, add nutrients to your lawn, reduce windblown leaves in your neighborhood and reduce the amount of labor and fuel the City needs to use for leaf collection. If you really like to rake, composting your leaves in a backyard garden is another alternative which will provide you with useful organic material next year. Anyone who wishes to receive full seven cubic yard loads of leaves should contact the Municipal Service Center at 322-3544.

11-28-11 winter parking restrictions

The City of Fond du Lac Police Department and the Department of Public Works is taking this opportunity to remind the members of the community that the **WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS** are now in effect. Parking from November 15th to March 15th is restricted between the hours of 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. **On EVEN NUMBERED DAYS**, starting at 8:00 p.m. parking is restricted to the EVEN side of the street. **On ODD NUMBERED DAYS**, starting at 8:00 p.m. parking is restricted to the ODD side of the street. Any **METERED AREA** is still restricted to 60 minutes between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. This ordinance overrides all other on-street parking restrictions where parking is allowed. Please remind family, friends and overnight guests of these restrictions as violations can be costly. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions please call the shift commander at 322-3710.

11-28-11 fdl county sheriff's department law of the month

Although the official start of winter this year is not until December 22, Wisconsin likely will be hit with the usual onslaught of ice, snow, and limited visibility that makes driving difficult-if not impossible-at times. To survive treacherous winter driving conditions, motorists must be patient and follow common-sense precautions. When there's ice or snow, many motorists skid off the road or crash because they were driving too fast for conditions. The posted speed limits are for dry pavement, and those speeds may be hazardous when roads are slick. The slogan 'Snow Means Slow' also applies to four-wheel drive and other heavy duty vehicles, which need ample distance for stopping on slippery roads, just like other vehicles. Acitation for driving too fast for conditions Wis.Stat.346.57(3) costs \$213.10 with four demerit points. Winter weather also can limit visibility, so drivers must remove all frost, ice and snow from their vehicle's windows. You must be able to see in all directions at all times to avoid crashes. Clearing only a small patch on a windshield or rear window is not sufficient. Clearing snow and ice from the lights, hood and roof also helps improve visibility and safety. According to state law, a vehicle's windshield, side wings, and side and rear windows must be kept clear at all times Wis.Stat. 346.88(4). Violating this law costs \$175.30 with two demerit points assessed on the driver's record. During severe winter storms, the wisest decision often is to stay put and not drive. Our officers frequently respond to vehicles in the ditch and chain-reaction crashes when there was no real need for the drivers to be on the road at all. Slowed or stalled traffic on slippery roads also delays snowplows and tow trucks that are trying to get the roads cleared. To minimize the dangers of winter driving follow these safety tips:

Always wear your seat belt even if traveling a short distance. You and your passengers absolutely need this protection even in low speed "fender-bender" collisions.

Watch for slippery bridge decks. They ice up quicker than adjacent pavement.

11-28-11 agnesian healthcare lovelight campaign

The Agnesian HealthCare Foundation has kicked off its annual 2011 Love Light fund drive. This year's drive is being led by co-chairpersons, Tammy Waidelich and Lori Tschetter. Proceeds from the Love Light fund drive will benefit Agnesian HealthCare's Grief Relief program, which provides a safe place where children, teens and their families can grieve openly and share experiences as they move through the grief process in a supportive environment of their peers. The Grief Relief program meets twice monthly in the lower level of the Fond du Lac Regional Clinic West building, 912 S. Hickory Street in Fond du Lac. Age-appropriate toys are available for younger children; art supplies for art therapy are available as well. Grief Relief also offers suicide support as well as a support group for widows/widowers on Wednesdays. Individuals can support Love Lights by purchasing a light in honor of someone they wish to remember or celebrate during the holiday season. This light will shine on the beautifully lit evergreen in front of Agnesian HealthCare. The cost is \$10 per person. The names of those honored and remembered will be displayed through the holiday season in the St. Agnes Hospital and Fond du Lac Regional Clinic lobby areas. Love Lights can be purchased at both the hospital and clinic information desks, 430 E. Division Street. The 2011 Love Light Tree Lighting Ceremony is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14 at the St. Agnes Hospital lobby. For more information on this year's Love Light project, call the Agnesian HealthCare Foundation at (920) 926-4959.

11-28-11 seibel family christmas concert

The Seibel Family Christmas Concert will be presented this year at the Fond du Lac Performing Arts Center at Fond du Lac High School on Saturday December 17 at 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM. The 1:00 PM Concert will benefit St. Vincent DePaul Charities and the 6:00 PM concert will benefit The Salvation Army Christmas Campaign. Tickets are available starting on Sunday, November 26 at Reach Out Books which is located at 221 Peters Avenue in Fond du Lac. "The performance is free to the public," says Tom Seibel, "and the donations that result from it are our gift to both St. Vincent DePaul and The Salvation Army." The group will also be performing at The Washington County Fair Grounds the evening of December 10. The Salvation Army will "Deck the Halls" with red kettles and charming bell ringers encouraging support to the Salvation Army Christmas campaign. Sponsoring the event for The Salvation Army will be Charter Communications, Bank Mutual, Marchant Schmidt Inc., Jack's Team Sports, and Tighe Roofing Contractors. Tickets will go quickly, and those who wish to attend are encouraged to get them early. Tickets are ONLY available at Reach Out Books.

