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10-17-11 investigators believe man arrested in green bay sexually assaulted woman on hiking trail

Investigators believe a Fond du lac man captured by U.S. Marshals in Green Bay Friday is responsible for attacking a female jogger on the Wild Goose hiking trail in Fond du Lac. Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Lieutenant of Detectives, Cameron McGee says investigators had an opportunity to interview Michael Rhoades after Rhoades was transported to the Fond du lac County Jail this weekend. "We have taken a very serious off the streets of the community in Fond du Lac," McGee said. The woman claims she was attacked by a man while she was jogging on the trail September 20th. Rhoades became a person of interest after Fond du lac police reported they were looking for him regarding a sexual assault and found his vehicle in the Holiday Inn parking lot...not far from the entrance to the Wild Goose trail. A composite drawing of a suspect looked similar to a picture of Rhoades. Rhoades made an initial court appearance today in connection with the city of Fond du lac sexual assault case. Bail was set at \$500,000 cash.

10-17-11 former senator hopper arrested for owi

Former Fond du lac state senator Randy Hopper spent the night in jail. Hopper was arrested for drunken driving. The Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Department says officers were called to Highway 151 and WH about 5:30 Sunday evening to a report of a black suburban all over the road. Officers stopped the vehicle and took the 45 year old Hopper into custody. Hopper was held in the Fond du Lac County Jail for 12 hours before he was released early Monday morning.

10-17-11 oshkosh corp contract

OSHKOSH, Wis. (AP)—After turning down two previous contract deals, the members of Oshkosh Corp.'s production union have ratified a new five-year contract. Nick Nitschke is the president of the United Auto Workers Local 578, which has more than 3,000 members. He says the vote passed Saturday, 77 percent to 23 percent. Nitschke says the deal passed in part because the company agreed to remove language that would have let the maker of military vehicles use temporary workers starting in 2013. Oshkosh Corp. spokesman John Daggett says the company is "very happy" with the vote. He says it's a fair contract that keeps Oshkosh competitive in pursuing future military contracts. The deal includes an 8.5 percent wage increase over five years, but workers will pay a little more for their health insurance.

10-17-11 stranded duck hunters rescued on lake winnebago

Four duck hunters were rescued on Lake Winnebago over the weekend. The four men in two boats became stranded about a mile south of Wendt's on the Lake shortly after 9:30 Saturday morning about 400 yards off the west shore. The Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Department's 32 foot Mercury rescue boat

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was able to tow the larger of the two stranded boats to shore. The smaller boat was anchored and marked so it could be retrieved when the winds died down.

10-17-11 walker state pension

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Paystubs obtained today by The Associated Press show Gov. Scott Walker didn't pay the full cost of his state pension immediately after taking office in January. Walker had pledged in the campaign he would do so to set an example since he was proposing that all state employees do the same. Walker's spokesman says he started paying the full cost in August.

10-17-11 nra-concealed carry

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — The National Rifle Association contends Wisconsin's new concealed weapons law goes too far. Gov. Scott Walker approved the new Justice Department rules. The rule mandate that anyone who applies for a permit to carry a concealed weapon must undergo at least four hours of training. They also require that an instructor sign a completion certificate.

10-17-11 fdl man charged in owi injury crash

A Fond du Lac man is free on a \$10,000 signature bond after making his initial court appearance in connection with an owi-injury crash. Police say 34 year old, Phillip Lowe, was impaired by prescription medication when he crashed his minivan into a tree in Fond du Lac, injuring three passengers. Lowe is charged with operating while intoxicated causing injury. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for November 18th.

10-17-11 waupun electric rates

Electric rates may be going up in Waupun. Waupun Utilities has filed a petition for a 3.2 percent increase in electric rates...the first increase in five years. Utilities Manager, Zak Bloom, says the increase is needed to avoid a six figure budget deficit next year. If approved the average residential customer would see an increase of \$6.50 a month. The average commercial customer would see a \$15 dollar monthly increase.

10-17-11 cyber-bullying forum

Chatting with Kids About Being Online: What Parents Need to Know About Cyber Bullying
Presented by: Jackie Block, LMFT, LCSW, Agnesian HealthCare and Mark Strand, Chief Deputy, FDL County Sheriffs Dept. Monday, October 17, 2011 6:00 pm—7:30 pm

Learn about :

- What is cyber bullying?
- What are the risks to children and adolescents?
- Inappropriate conduct
- Inappropriate contact
- Inappropriate content
- How can I talk to my children and adolescents about safe and responsible online behavior?
- What can I do to protect my child, my self and my computer?
- What should I do if I think my child is being bullied online?

Who Should Attend?

- All parents can benefit from knowing more about cyber bullying and knowing what to do when it occurs
- Other individuals that support children and families are welcome to attend

Where:

Theisen Middle School Auditorium
525 East Pioneer Road
Fond du Lac, WI

There is no cost to attend, Please register by October 17th at www.csifdl.org or Ph. 906-6700 ext. 4703

10-17-11 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.

10-17-11 volunteer positions still available for u.s. women's open at blackwolf run

If you love golf and want to be a part of sports history here is your chance. Kohler Company says less than 200 volunteer positions remain unfilled for the 2012 U.S. Women's Open held July 2-8 at Blackwolf Run. U.S. Women's Open Championship Director, Barry Deach, says the response in the volunteer recruitment has been overwhelmingly positive. For a one time registration fee of \$150 volunteers receive access to the championship all seven days, official volunteer clothing, food and beverage vouchers and complimentary parking. Those who are interested in participating as a volunteer are encouraged to apply quickly by completing the Online Volunteer Application at www.2012usWomensOpen.com or calling (920) 453-2889 for more information. Deach says if you plan on attending the open tickets are available and are very affordable. Volunteer opportunities were announced earlier this summer...seeking more than 2,000 volunteers to assist. The U.S. Women's Open Championship was last held at Blackwolf Run in 1998.

10-17-11 donut sale to benefit local disaster relief services

This year's donut sale to benefit local Red Cross disaster services is expanded to include \$10 cake gift certificates to be applied toward any Bob and Bonnie's delicious custom cakes. Orders for donuts and cake gift certificates can be made online, from a Disaster Action Team member or calling the Fond du Lac office. Orders are being taken until Tuesday, November 1. For nine years the Fond du Lac Disaster Action Team (DAT) of the American Red Cross has teamed up with Bob and Bonnie Badura, owners of Bob and Bonnie's Donuts, to generate needed funds to support the services delivered when disasters strike. This partnership over the years has helped provide necessary funding for DAT volunteers to assist families in the Fond du Lac area with the critical needs of food, shelter, and clothing at a time of need after a disaster. A complete list of offerings from Bob and Bonnie's is available at www.bobandbonniesdonuts.com. Place orders prior to Tuesday, November 1, by phone or order online at www.newredcross.org and check out Upcoming Events. Phone orders to the Fond du Lac Red Cross office may be made by calling 922-3450 during business hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, or 922-3146 after hours. All orders must be prepaid prior to November 1. Donut and cake gift certificate pre-orders will be available for pick-up at the South Main Street Fire Station (815 South Main Street, Fond du Lac), 6:30 am until 11 am on Friday, November 11.

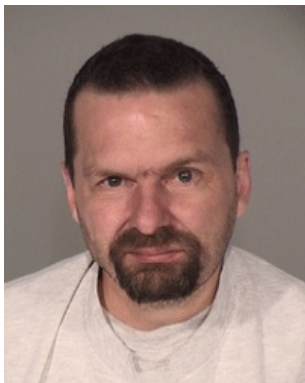
10-17-11 red cross casino night fundraiser

Record-breaking attendance and incredible generosity helped to make the 2011 YPF Casino Night fundraiser bigger and better than ever before! Through the generosity of sponsors, donors and attendees the Young Professionals of Fond du Lac (YPF) were able to present a \$3,500 check donation to the American Red Cross. On Friday, September 16, South Hills Golf & Country Club was enveloped in a Casino Night atmosphere where the Young Professionals of Fond du Lac (YPF) raised \$3,500 for the American Red Cross! Betting money on poker, blackjack, roulette and craps, attendees were able to 'go all in for a great cause!' "The American Red Cross is so appreciative of this outstanding show of support," said Sharon Homes, Director of Development for the American Red Cross. "The dedication, ingenuity and energy that the YPF community brought forward was outstanding and our unending thanks goes out to the leadership and membership of YPF, as well as to the entire Fond du Lac community for supporting this special event."

10-17-11 fdl area united way fund drive tops \$250,000

The Fond du Lac Area United Way fundraising drive remains ahead of last year's pace. Executive Director, Tina Potter, says the fund drive has topped a quarter of a million dollars. Potter says two businesses are donating 50-percent of their proceeds to the United Way this month...including Bob and Bonnie's Donuts and a Denver, Colorado based 'green' company called RuMe which stands for re-use me...using recycled materials for functional, stylish handbags. The owner of the company is a Fond du Lac native.

10-17-11 fdl county sheriff's department most wanted fugitive caught



The Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Department wants to question a man in connection with last month's reported sexual assault on the Wild Goose hiking trail. Forty four year old, Michael Rhoades, of Fond du lac was the Sheriff's Department Most Wanted Fugitive until his capture Friday. A picture of Rhoades looks similar to a sketch of a suspect in connection with the September 20th incident.

10-17-11 highways reopen

Construction on County Trunk Highway M (STH 23 to Olden Rd) in the Town of Rosendale is now substantially complete. The highway has been opened to traffic. Minor work off the roadway continues, so occasional shoulder closures or lane closures with flaggers may be expected. Construction on County Trunk Highway Q (USH 151 to CTH W) in the Town of Taycheedah is now substantially complete. The highway has been opened to traffic. Minor work off the roadway continues, so occasional shoulder closures or lane closures with flaggers may be expected.

10-17-11 highway t closure

County Highway T from Nelson Rd to Townline Rd will be closed starting October 5, 2011 to reconstruct the bridge over a branch of the West Branch Fond du Lac River in the Town of Lamartine. Construction to

replace the load posted and structurally deficient bridge is expected to be completed by mid November, weather permitting. The highway will be closed to all traffic and a detour will be posted via County Highway T (Esterbrook Road), State Highway 23, and County Highway Y.

10-17-11 pioneer road closure

County Highway W (Pioneer Rd) from Park Avenue to Martin Avenue will be closed starting October 17, 2011 for storm sewer construction that is part of the Galloway detention pond being constructed by the City of Fond du Lac. The highway closure is expected to last five days. The highway will be closed to all traffic and a detour will be posted via Park Avenue, Ninth Street, and Martin Avenue.

10-17-11 west pioneer road reconstruction update

CTH W; West Pioneer Road Reconstruction

Schedule: July 2011 to November 2011

Length: 0.213 miles

Cost: \$1,848,192.39

Location: Morris Street to Main Street

Description: The project involves the reconstruction of CTH W (Pioneer Road) between Morris Street and Main Street, the reconstruction of the Pioneer Road bridge over the East Branch of the Fond du Lac River and the construction of the Wild Goose Prairie Trail within the project limits.

September 29 to September 30: Bridge crew will begin forming up the deck for the new structure. Grading crew will continue grading the roadway on the east side of the bridge from the FDL River to the east project limits and will begin grading on the west side of the project.

Traffic impacts: CTH W (Pioneer Road) will be closed to through traffic for the duration of the project. Local traffic will have access during the project except when construction is taking place in immediately in the vicinity of their residence or business. The contractor will coordinate with residents and businesses prior to any closures.

Detour Route: Fond du Lac County will post and maintain a detour during the duration of the project. The eastbound detour route is CTH W (Pioneer Road) to Hickory Street to USH 151 to Main Street and back to CTH W (Pioneer Road). The westbound detour route will be the reverse of the eastbound detour route.

10-17-11 senior police academy

The Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Office is proud to announce the formation of our 13th annual Senior Citizens Police Academy. The intent of this program is to give seniors an in-depth look at the role of a modern law enforcement agency through demonstration and lecture. More importantly, the program is designed to create a partnership between citizens and law enforcement, in the classroom as well as in the community. We can think of no better way to accomplish this other than through a process of learning from each other and developing a trusting relationship with one another. The Academy will consist of 6-weekly sessions beginning Wednesday, October 19 and concluding on Wednesday, November 23. The classes will be held on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 am – 11:30 am. All classes will be at the Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Office, 180 S. Macy Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. This program is offered free of charge to all Fond du Lac County residents, age 50 and above. For more information or to receive an application, please contact Office Coordinator Donna Whitty at the Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Office at 929-3372 or visit our website www.fdlsheriff.com to print an application. Class size is limited. It is advisable to submit your application for consideration as soon as possible.

10-17-11 fdl county public health flu shot clinics

The Health Department will be offering influenza vaccine (inactivated and flumist) for \$25.00 per dose and pneumococcal vaccine for \$50.00 per dose at the sites listed below beginning in September. Medicare Part B, Medicare Advantage Plan and Medicaid will be accepted if an accurate number is provided. If you have further questions call the Health Department at 929-3085 or 1800-547-3640 or visit our website @www.fdlco.wi.gov.

DATE TIME LOCATION

October 18, 2011 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM National Exchange Bank, Fond du Lac

October 21, 2011 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM National Exchange Bank, Campbellsport

Vaccine available at the Health Department, Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM on a walk-in basis.

Schedule subject to change without notice.

10-17-11 agnesian healthcare flu shot clinics

Seasonal flu vaccines for individuals nine and older will be available in the Agnesian HealthCare Lobby Concourse, 430 E. Division Street, Fond du Lac: October 26, 27 and 28, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Agnesian HealthCare pediatric seasonal flu clinic at the Fond du Lac Regional Clinic, 420 E. Division Street, Fond du Lac, is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m. starting September 13. Appointments for the pediatric flu clinic are necessary. Call (920) 926-8424 for Pediatrics and (920) 926-8615 for Internal Medicine/Pediatrics. The Agnesian HealthCare Family Medicine flu clinic at the Fond du Lac Regional Clinic, 420 E. Division Street, Fond du Lac, is available on Tuesdays, October 4 and 18 and November 1 and 15. Appointments for the family medicine flu clinic are necessary. Call (920) 926-8200 for an appointment and register at Clinic Registration upon arrival. Flumist, a nasal vaccine, is available for healthy children ages two and above. Inform the receptionist of your preference at the time of scheduling.

Fond du Lac Regional Clinic satellite locations are also offering flu clinics, including:

October 26, 27 and 28 from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Walk-ins welcome.

October 17, 19 and 20 – 900 Main Street, Brownsville, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and November 3 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call (920) 583-1300 for an appointment.

October 21 – 350 E. Sheboygan Street, Campbellsport, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Agnesian EZ Care is offering flu vaccines at both locations, 1107 E. Johnson Street, Fond du Lac, and 904 W. Main Street, Waupun, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Clinic at Walmart is offering flu vaccines at both locations, 377 N. Rolling Meadows Drive, Fond du Lac, and 810 S. Irish Road, Chilton, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

10-17-11 fdl county sheriff's department law of the month

During the fall harvest season, more farm equipment will be on rural Wisconsin roads and highways so motorists will need to be especially alert, focused and patient. To share the road safely, drivers should slow down immediately whenever they see a fluorescent orange slow-moving vehicle emblem on the rear

of a tractor or other piece of agricultural equipment. They also must be extremely cautious while trying to pass slow-moving vehicles. You should not pass a slow-moving vehicle if you cannot see clearly in front of the vehicle you intend to pass or you are in a designated no passing zone. Farmers and others using animal-drawn vehicles on a roadway have the same rights and duties as operators of motor vehicles. You should be careful not to frighten the animals. Do not sound your horn or flash your lights near them, and give the animals plenty of room when passing. For their part, farmers and other operators of slow-moving vehicles must follow safety regulations. According to state law, farm tractors, agricultural implements, animal-drawn vehicles or other vehicles that are normally operated at speeds below 25 miles-per-hour must display a "Slow Moving Vehicle" (SMV) sign on the left rear of the vehicle. In all cases—even when the vehicle is not a SMV—if it is operated during hours of darkness, the front and rear of the vehicle must have lights (white to the front, red to the rear) and the lights must be illuminated. A citation for failure to display a SMV sign or a violation of the lighting requirement each cost \$162.70 (WI State Statute 347.245). Vehicles traveling slower than normal traffic must stay as far to the right-side of the roadway as practical. This does not mean slow vehicles must drive on the shoulder of the road although this is allowed if there is room to do so safely. Common sense and courtesy will go a long way to keeping our rural roadways safe during the harvest season.

Have a Safe Month,

Sheriff Mck Fink

10-17-11 fdl police law of the month

The Fond du Lac Police Department's October Law of the Month is passing stopped emergency vehicles, tow trucks, and highway machinery equipment. The Fond du Lac Police Department wants to educate everyone on how to safely pass stopped emergency vehicles, tow trucks, or highway machinery/construction equipment (snow plows, waste management vehicles, lawn cutting equipment). The Department of Transportation traffic law for passing stopped emergency vehicles, tow trucks, and highway machinery (WI Statute 346.072) states that the operator of a motor vehicle approaching a stopped authorized emergency vehicle giving a visual signal, a tow truck displaying authorized lights, or any road machinery or motor vehicle used for road construction/maintenance displaying approved lights, or is parked on or within 12 feet of a roadway, the operator shall proceed with caution by moving into a traffic lane that is not the lane nearest the stopped/standing vehicle or machinery and continue traveling in that lane until safely clear of the stopped/standing vehicle. This applies only to roadways that have two traffic lanes in the same direction. On a one lane roadway, the operator of the motor vehicle must slow their speed, maintaining a safe speed for any traffic conditions and operate at a reduced speed until completely past the stopped/standing vehicle or machinery. The Fond du Lac Police Department urges all motorists to use caution when approaching any emergency vehicles. Slow down and stay alert!

10-17-11 marian university business and industry awards dinner

The 30th annual Marian University Business & Industry Awards will be held at the Marian University Stayer Center, on Tuesday, November 1. Following a reception at 5:45 p.m. and dinner, presentation of five awards will follow a keynote address on "Preparing the Next Generation of Business Leaders" by Mark Skogen, president and CEO of Festival Foods. The Business of the Year award will be presented to the New Glarus Brewing Company. New Glarus Brewing Company was established in 1993 by Deborah Carey, founder and president, and Daniel Carey, diploma master brewer. New Glarus Brewing Co. employs 100% natural ingredients to produce world-class, handcrafted beers. New Glarus Brewing Company has continued to grow due to their strong and loyal fan base, despite being available exclusively in Wisconsin. The Entrepreneur of the Year award will be presented to Ripon Printers. Founded by Doug Lyke in 1962 with 143 employees, Ripon Printers has remained a family business and has grown to over 200 employees. Ripon Printing handles jobs that range in size from 1,000 pieces to over 1,000,000. Ripon Printers has embarked on the Lean journey, seeking ways to reduce waste, operate more efficiently and support environmental sustainability. They were recently awarded a total of 12 first place awards in the 2011 Web Offset Association Print Competition and the 2011 Graphic Excellence Awards. The Economic Development Award will be presented to Kondex Corporation. Founded by Jim Wessing and Ben Braunberger, Kondex Corporation is a product design and manufacturing partner for Agriculture, Lawn and Turf and other OEM partners, producing custom-designed metal components. Established first in West Bend in 1974, Kondex moved into their new state-of-the-art facility in Lomira in 2007. Currently, they are investing in a 50,000 square foot addition that incorporates the latest in Lean manufacturing concepts. The Special Achievement Award will be presented to C.D. Smith Construction and Homung's Pro Golf, both of which, like Marian, are celebrating their 75th anniversary of being in business. C.D. Smith Construction was founded by Charles D. Smith in 1936. Since that time, C.D. Smith Construction has helped shape Wisconsin's economic landscape with innovative corporate structures, sustainable manufacturing plants, health care facilities and inspiring schools and amenities. In recent years, C.D. Smith has completed major projects in 20 states, including the UW-Madison Camp Randall Stadium expansion and renovation, Fond du Lac High School, Agnesian Health Care Fond du Lac Surgery Center, Kondex Corporation, and the Stayer Center at Marian University, among others. Homung's Pro Golf Sales, Inc. was established by Clarence and Sue Homung in 1936 in their home on Third Street in Fond du Lac. Today, Homung's Pro Golf is a family-owned golf wholesale business specializing in golf accessories, gifts, novelty items and course equipment that serves the worldwide golf industry. Headquartered in Fond du Lac, Homung's has long been known for their variety of products and excellent customer service, especially with their over 12,000 retailers. The George Becker Business Spirit Award is given to an individual, company, charitable organization or civic group whose good business practices benefit the community, either through the ways they do business or through the recipients' contribution to the community. It is named for George Becker, former president of Giddings & Lewis and a member of Marian's Board of Trustees. This year's recipient of the Becker Award is Bob Fale. Fale is president and CEO of Agnesian HealthCare, Inc., a fully integrated healthcare delivery system serving Fond du Lac, Winnebago, Dodge, Green Lake and Waushara counties.

