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12-3-11 former fdl mis director bound over for trial on bail jumping charge

A former Fond du Lac city official accused of stealing taxpayer money for his personal use has been bound over for trial on a separate charge of bail jumping. Probable cause was found at a preliminary hearing Friday for former Fond du Lac MS Director, Mark Beveridge. Beveridge was charged with bail jumping after he applied for the purchase of a handgun. Beveridge said he didn't realize it's against the law to purchase a gun if you are accused of a crime. His attorney, Mike O'Rourke, says it didn't cross Beveridge's mind that he was doing something wrong when he saw that Cabela's was having a sale on guns and decided to buy one.

12-3-11 council candidates

Local residents are beginning to circulate nomination papers to run for public office in the spring election. In Waupun Peter Kaczmarek has announced that he is running for the second ward seat on the Waupun Common Council. Incumbents, Gary Miller, Jim Sabel and Rob VandeZande are running for re-election to the Fond du Lac city council. Incumbent Jeff Ruedinger announced earlier he would not be seeking re-election. John Piper the third is circulating nomination papers and Dan Sitter says he also intends to run. On the Fond du Lac county board, incumbent Mel Heller is not seeking re-election.

12-3-11 appeals court ruling-walker aides investigation

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A state appeals court has denied the request of an unnamed person to conduct a hearing in secret as part of an ongoing investigation into former aides to Governor Scott Walker. The 1st District Court of Appeals said today the hearing on granting immunity from prosecution to the person must be conducted in public. The judge presiding in the case said he could not say who the unnamed person was.

12-3-11 redistricting lawsuit

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — An attorney for Democrats is objecting to a request made by Republicans to withdraw one of two lawsuits they have filed over redistricting in Wisconsin. Republicans want districts more favorable to the GOP to take effect immediately while Democrats seek to keep current districts for the upcoming recall elections.

12-3-11 two girls save mother's life in sheboygan

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SHEBOYGAN, Wis. (AP) — Two girls saved a Sheboygan mother's life by using CPR. Kandace Seyferth had a severe asthma attack and collapsed November 25th. Her 10-year-old daughter Madisyn Kestell called 911 and then performed mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, while her 12-year-old friend, Katelynn Vreeke, pressed on her chest. Vreeke says she learned CPR from watching the ABC medical drama "Grey's Anatomy".

12-3-11 fatal dirt bike crash

One person is killed and three others injured following a two vehicle accident in Waushara County. Police say the accident occurred just before 2 a.m. Thursday on State Highway 49 south of State Highway 21 in the Town of Aurora. Investigation shows a Honda dirt bike was southbound on Highway 49 when it collided with a Kawasaki dirt bike that was northbound on Highway 49. The driver of the Honda, 18-year-old Robert R. Buckholt from Poy Sippi, was pronounced dead at the scene. The passenger on the Honda, 20-year-old Faith V. Leatherwood of Oshkosh, and the passenger on the Kawasaki, 19-year-old Clare A. Cook of Oshkosh, were transported by ambulance to Berlin Hospital. The driver of the Kawasaki, 18-year-old Justin L. Bredvick of Berlin was flown to Theda Clark Medical Center in Neenah with serious head injuries. A cause for the accident has not yet been released. It remains under investigation.

12-3-11 tree lighting politics

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Even the annual lighting of Wisconsin's Christmas tree can't escape from the state's fractious politics. Protesters turned their backs as Governor Scott Walker lighted the tree today and one Democratic state senator complained that about the timing of the ceremony. About 200 people were at the lighting ceremony, but state Senator Bob Jauch says there should be more than 1,000.

12-3-11 farmland preservation

Public meetings are scheduled for this week to help rewrite the Fond du Lac County Farmland Preservation plan. Meetings will be held December 6th at the Springvale Town Hall, December 7th at the Marshfield Town Hall and December 8th at the Fond du lac Town Hall. The meetings will begin at 6:30pm. The first round of meetings will focus on the importance of farming and farmland preservation in Fond du Lac County, the process of rewriting the 1981 plan and the timeline and criteria used to identify farmland for preservation. Two additional meetings will be held next spring.

12-3-11 merc's stillwater plant closing this week

Mercury Marine's Stillwater, Oklahoma plant is closing its doors. Production is ending this week two years after Fond du Lac Merc employees accepted wage and benefit concessions. Since that time production has shifted from Stillwater to Fond du Lac. The Stillwater plant had been in operation for nearly 40 years.

12-3-11 sex offender relocations

Jason J. Wolford

Birthdate: November 24, 1980

Race: White

Height: 5' 7" **Weight:** 160

Hair: Brown

Eyes: Hazel (glasses)

Jason J. Wolford was released from prison on October 25, 2011 after serving 9 years for 1st Degree Sexual Assault of a Child and 3rd Degree Sexual Assault. Wolford was convicted of sexually assaulting 12-year-old and 14-year-old female acquaintances. Wolford has been living at 457 Thomas Street since his release from prison. He will be moving to 222 North Brooke Street on or about December 2, 2011.

Special conditions of Jason J. Wolford's supervised release:

- 1) No contact with victim, no unsupervised contact with minors, no presence in taverns, bars, or liquor stores, and no use of alcohol or illegal drugs.
- 2) Comply with all rules of high risk sex offender supervision and cooperate with GPS monitoring.
- 3) Face-to-face contact with law enforcement as required, lifetime registration with Wisconsin Sex Offender Registration Program.

Contact Information:

Fond du Lac Police Department: Emergency Dial 911 - Non Emergency: 322-3700

Division of Community Corrections: 929-2983

Information on the Internet: <http://www.fdlpolice.com>

<http://offender.doc.state.wi.us/public/>

Elijah G. Thomas

Birthdate: August 2, 1982

Race: White

Height: 5' 8" **Weight:** 161

Hair: Brown

Eyes: Blue

Elijah G. Thomas was released back into the community on September 6, 2011 after serving 5 years in prison for 3rd degree sexual assault and disorderly conduct. Thomas was convicted of sexually assaulting 13- and 14-year-old female acquaintances. Thomas was also convicted of disorderly conduct after exposing himself in public. Thomas has been living at 457 Thomas Street since his release from prison. He will be moving to 231 West Follett Street on or about December 2, 2011.

Special conditions of Elijah G. Thomas's supervised release:

- 1) No contact with victim, no unsupervised contact with minors, no presence in taverns, bars, or liquor stores, and no use of alcohol or illegal drugs.
- 2) Comply with all rules of high risk sex offender supervision and cooperate with GPS monitoring.
- 3) Face-to-face contact with law enforcement as required, lifetime registration with Wisconsin Sex Offender Registration Program. Elijah G. Thomas will be required to wear a GPS monitoring bracelet.

12-3-11 fdl county tax bills due soon

Fond du Lac County taxpayers can expect to receive their 2011 tax bills in the mail by mid-December. They will also be available to view and print through the Fond du lac County website by logging onto www.fdlco.wi.gov. Taxpayers are encouraged to pay their taxes by mail to avoid waiting in long lines. Please return the appropriate payment stub(s) with your payment. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if a payment receipt is requested. Payment for parcels located in the City of Fond du Lac and the Village of North Fond du Lac should be made payable and mailed to the Fond du Lac County Treasurer's Office, 160

South Macy Street, P.O. Box 1515, Fond du Lac, WI 54936-1515. Payments for all other municipalities (Towns, Villages, Cities) are collected by the appropriate municipality. Please see tax bill payment stub for further payment details. Real Estate taxes may be paid in full or the 1st installment is due by January 31, 2012 with the balance due by July 31, 2012.

12-3-11 can't depend on snow sled dog race

Sled dog teams from throughout the Midwest will converge on Fond du lac this weekend to race with or without snow. The annual Can't Depend on Snow Sled Dog race is slated for this Saturday at the Rolling Meadows Golf Course with all of the proceeds going to the Make a Wish Foundation. Event organizer, Mike Schwandt, says race starts at 10am Saturday with activities scheduled throughout the day. The event raised nearly \$4000 last year and the goal this year is \$10,000.

12-3-11 disabled youth hit the ice for hockey december 3rd

The Wisconsin Warriors Sled Hockey Team gives youth with disabilities the opportunity to play hockey. Started in 2007, the team now features about a dozen players from throughout Wisconsin and is always open to adding new players. The Wisconsin Warriors will take on the Waupun Bantams:

Date: December 3, 2011

Time: 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Where: Waupun Community Center 510 East Spring Street, Waupun

Team members use specially-designed hockey sleds and other specialized equipment to maneuver around the rink. "This is a great program that gives Wisconsin youth, who otherwise would not be able to play hockey, a chance to do so," said Brad Roethlisberger, Wisconsin Warriors head coach.

12-3-11 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.

12-3-11 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.

12-3-11 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.

12-3-11 fdl county sheriff's department law of the month

December marks the eighth anniversary of the enactment of a Wisconsin law that prohibits drivers from having any detectable amount of a controlled substance in their system, such as marijuana or cocaine, while operating a motor vehicle. The law also makes the legal penalties for drugged driving the same as drunken driving. (Wis. Stats. 346.63(1a)) The Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Office and other law enforcement agencies are continuing their efforts to combat drugged driving. Law enforcement officers throughout the state have extensive training and experience in procedures that effectively identify drivers impaired by alcohol. Officers use many of those same procedures to identify drugged drivers. Drivers who exhibit behavior or symptoms indicative of drug use must submit to a blood test that determines the presence of drugs. Refusing to submit to the blood test means an automatic revocation of the driver's license. In addition to illegal drugs, the overuse or abuse of medications, especially when combined with alcohol, will often cause impaired driving. State law prohibits drivers from being "under the influence of any drug to a degree which renders him or her incapable of safely driving or under the combined influence of an intoxicant and any other drug to a degree which renders him or her incapable of driving safely. Drivers under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or a combination of the two are deadly threats to everyone on the road. That's why officers never take a break—even over the holiday season—from arresting those who choose to get behind the wheel while impaired.

Have a Safe Holiday Season,

Sheriff Mck Fink

12-3-11 fdl police department law of the month

Inattentive driving is one of the leading causes of automobile crashes. Basically inattentive driving means a driver is driving distracted. We have all seen distracted drivers. People driving while talking on a cell phone, texting, reading a book, putting make up on, drinking coffee, etc. When we see these distracted drivers we immediately realize the dangers they impose. The Wisconsin State Statute for Inattentive Driving (SS 346.89) reads, "No person while driving a motor vehicle shall be so engaged or occupied as to interfere with the safe driving of such vehicle." This definition does not list one thing or a group of things that are illegal to engage in while driving because the list of distractions that can cause one to drive inattentively is endless. A citation for inattentive driving can cost you from \$101.40 to \$178.40 and 4 points on your driving record. Obeying this law is especially important for drivers now that the winter months have arrived. When road conditions become poor, it is important that drivers are able to fully concentrate on the roadway. Treacherous road conditions, plus added distractions are a recipe for a devastating crash. With the numerous electronic devices available in today's society, we all must refrain from using them while driving to help ensure that the City of Fond du Lac remains a safe place to live, learn, work and play!

Officer Nate Rucker #15

12-3-11 help stock the food pantry shelves

"All we need now is the community to join us for lunch!," explains Empty Bowls co-chair, Mke Feudner. Join the Leadership FDL Alumni Group for the annual Empty Bowls fundraiser on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ramada Plaza Hotel. Proceeds from the luncheon will help fill the shelves at area food pantries. Just \$15 will buy a satisfying meal of soup, bread and dessert as well as a ceramic bowl created by area art students. "The need to support our local food pantries is vital," states Feudner. "The Leadership FDL Alumni Group and area businesses and schools have joined efforts to bring awareness and resources to those who go hungry everyday." Broken Bread coordinator, Roxanne Burkhardt, reported that every Friday more than 225 families come to them to receive food. This equals approximately 1,100 individuals who benefit from the resources being donated to the pantry. Similarly, the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Fond du Lac County understands that the need for assistance throughout the local community continues to grow. "St. Vincent de Paul volunteers regularly visit the homes of those in need and provide food vouchers to local grocery stores," stated Jack Braun, Vice President of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Fond du Lac County. "Assistance with food is one of our priorities, especially as over 50% of those helped are children under the age of 18." In addition, the Fondy Food Pantry is extremely appreciative to again be one of the recipients of the Empty Bowls community fundraiser. "We plan to put the money to great use not only with our traditional food boxes for families, but also with our new Food for Thought program, which feeds 300 children in need every weekend during the school year," explains Sarah Zimmerman, President of the Fondy Food Pantry Board of Directors. As with many organizations struggling in today's economy, the need for donations has never been greater and the Empty Bowls fundraiser continues to make a huge impact. "One of my favorite parts about the Empty Bowl event is the hand made ceramic bowl you receive at the luncheon," stated Zimmerman. "The bowl gives people a visual reminder every day about the importance of helping to feed the hungry". Additional pantries benefiting from the luncheon include the Solutions Center, Loaves and Fishes and the Salvation Army.

12-3-11 agnesian healthcare lovelight campaign

The star atop this year's Love Light Tree, sponsored by the Agnesian HealthCare Foundation, will shine in memory of individuals lost from the Agnesian HealthCare family this past year. This year's star shines for Agnesian HealthCare Volunteers that include Dan Ewald, August "Cus" Kresbach and Kate Wallace. 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. The public is invited to attend this year's Love Light Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14 at the St. Agnes Hospital lobby. Love Lights can be purchased through December 31 at the information desks at either St. Agnes Hospital or the Fond du Lac Regional Clinic and cost \$10 each. Tammy Waidelich and Lori Tschetter are leading this year's drive. Call (920) 926-4959 for more information.

12-3-11 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.

12-3-11 waupun memorial hospital blood drive

Area residents are invited to join Waupun Memorial Hospital associates, volunteers and physicians and donate an hour of time on Tuesday, January 3 to give blood to the BloodCenter of Wisconsin. Blood donations will be accepted in the Lower Level Meeting Room from 12:30 to 5 p.m. at Waupun Memorial Hospital, 620 W. Brown Street, Waupun. Giving blood is easy and takes about an hour. The process includes registering, giving a brief medical history, and having temperature, blood pressure and hemoglobin checked. Blood that is donated remains local, as the BloodCenter of Wisconsin is the sole supplier of blood to Waupun Memorial Hospital and St. Agnes Hospital, as well as 55 other Wisconsin hospitals in 27 counties.



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