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11-15-13 fdl man found not guilty in armed robbery case

A Fond du Lac man accused of robbing an elderly man at gunpoint has been found not guilty on all counts. A Fond du lac jury returned the not guilty verdicts Friday afternoon against 45 year old Terry Searl on all nine counts including attempted armed robbery, recklessly endangering safety, aggravated battery, possession of a firearm by a felon and bail jumping. Searl's attorney Mike O’Rourke says he’s obviously pleased with the jury’s verdicts.

According to a criminal complaint Searl was masked when he forced his way into an East Pioneer Road residence June 29th, struck the victim in the head with the butt of a gun, and demanded money and drugs. He had faced the possibility of spending the rest of his life in prison if convicted. O’Rourke says his client maintained his innocence from day one.

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child sex offender working with children and bail jumping. Waupun Deputy Police Chief Scott Louden says Schreiber is accused of making a dozen bomb threats in Waupun alone. Investigators say Schreiber is a registered sex offender...but has been officiating youth basketball games in Waupun and Beaver Dam.

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11-15-13 friend of education award

A local master gardener is the recipient of this year’s Fond du lac school district Friend of Education award. Fond du Lac School superintendent Dr. Jim Sebert says Bill Behnke is being recognized for his ongoing commitment to students and school gardens. "He has worked with the district starting with Riverside Elementary. There’s a really nice garden and he has worked with the students and the staff to put that garden together," Sebert said. "There’s a curriculum entitled Got Dirt that they work through with the kids so they understand the process of gardening and the environmental benefits." Behnke was presented with the award at this week’s school board meeting.

11-15-13 fdl police investigate road rage incident

Fond du Lac police are looking for the driver of a pick-up truck involved in an alleged road rage incident. According to a police report on November 10th a Waupun man told officers he noticed a pickup tailgating his vehicle on the Johnson Street bridge. The man says he made several turns but the vehicle continued to follow and sideswiped his car on Winnebago Drive. The victim says he inadvertently turned onto a dead-end street and the pick-up driver got out of the truck and approached the victim’s vehicle. The Waupun man turned around and drove away...
eventually was able to call police. The driver of the pickup is described as a white male, wearing a dark hat and camouflage hooded sweatshirt. The vehicle was described as a red colored Dodge pickup with a lift kit.

11-15-13 first baby born at ripon medical center in a decade

After a 10-year absence, Ripon Medical Center has welcomed its first baby. Aidan J. Schuster was born on Wednesday, November 13 at 11:55 p.m. to Leah Paczkowski, of Montello, and Louis Schuster, of Princeton. He weighed seven pounds and five ounces, and was 18.5 inches long. Steven Sheppard, DO, a board-certified obstetrician/gynecologist with Ripon Medical Center, delivered Aidan J. Schuster. As the first baby at Ripon Medical Center, Aidan J. Schuster and his family received a basket full of gifts from Ripon Medical Center's Women & Infants Unit staff. “We are excited that this date has arrived,” says Katherine Vergos, Ripon Medical Center chief operating officer. “We have assembled a fantastic team - including Steven Sheppard, our board-certified gynecologist and obstetrician - that is working diligently to provide the highest level of obstetrics care. We know that the Ripon area community has been eager for this important service to return, and we are glad to have made that a reality.” Dr. Sheppard joined Ripon Medical Center in June 2013 to help rebuild the service, and is joined by Alisa Vaughn, APNP, and Cynthia Blaylock, APNP, pediatric nurse practitioners. As an obstetrician/gynecologist, Dr. Sheppard provides comprehensive healthcare services to women of all ages, including pregnancy and childbirth, diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the female reproductive system, and management of perimenopausal and menopausal symptoms. “I made the decision to join Agnesian HealthCare because I was excited about helping to rebuild an obstetrics and gynecology program in a hospital that has not had this service for some time,” according to Dr. Sheppard. “This is an exciting time for us, and we are pleased to bring this service to residents in the Ripon and surrounding communities.” For more
information on Obstetric services at Ripon Medical Center, visit agnesian.com or call (920) 748-9128.

11-15-13 retlaw theater redevelopment

Commonwealth Development Corporation has acquired an option to purchase the former Retlaw Theater property in downtown Fond du Lac. Commonwealth says its evaluating the possibility of repurposing the property into an upscale boutique hotel. The hotel would contain 34 rooms along with retail commercial space on the street level at Main and Sheboygan Streets. Fond du Lac Community Development Director Wayne Rollin is supportive of the idea. "It makes use of a property that I've been very worried about. There's no question that the corner of Sheboygan and Main needs some work," Rollin told WFDL news. "I'm excited about the fact that this would preserve the buildings, with the exception of the old theater." As part of the redevelopment, the theater structure would be removed to allow for new window and door openings and parking. The goal is to have the project completed by the spring of 2015.

11-15-13 redrawing political boundaries

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Democrats in the Wisconsin state Assembly want Republicans to hold a public hearing on a proposal that would create a non-partisan process for the once-a-decade process of drawing political boundaries. Democrats said today that Republicans abused their power in 2011 by drawing lines that protect their legislative majority and creating districts that aren't competitive. Republicans reject the calls for change.
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