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Students to make up cold weather day on March 16

The Reporter Staff
Due to the Feb. 5 cold weather day in the Fond Du Lac School District, Friday, March 16, will now be a regular school day in the public schools.

Local cyclist to speak at FdL Running Club's annual meeting

For The Reporter
The Fond Du Lac Running Club's annual meeting will be held Sunday, Feb. 17, at the Lakeside Park Pavilion. A five-kilometer race and 10-mile walk will take place before the meeting at about 11 a.m. It is an opportunity for a Running Club member to participate. Following the run there will be a brief business meeting starting at about 1 p.m. Dave Hase, owner of Antitake Sports and a three-time participant in IRAM (Iron Across America), will be the guest speaker. He will talk about his experiences like racing across the country. All are welcome to attend. More information is available by calling Dean Wendt at 922-1425.

Mardi Gras celebration will be hosted by Lakeview Estates this Friday

For The Reporter
Lakeview Estates, 517 Lake Road, will celebrate Mardi Gras "Fat Tuesday" by hosting a party at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16. Riverboat Race and the Boats of the Mississippi will provide musical entertainment. Their show includes old time sing-alongs, Broadway show tunes, bluegrass and R.B. King-style blues. The event is free and open to the public. Participants are encouraged to wear purple, green, and gold and heads in the spirit of the Mardi Gras celebration. Reservations are appreciated by calling Lakeview Estates at 925-1100.

Agnesian looking for vendors for garden walk

For The Reporter
Agnesian HealthCare is looking for area vendors who want to showcase and sell their merchandise at this year's garden walk, scheduled for 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 31. Six Fond du Lac area gardeners will be featured in this year's garden walk, sponsored by the St. Agnes Hospital Foundation and the Agnesian HealthCare Volunteers. About 700 people attended the 2006 garden walk, with proceeds helping support the Agnesian HealthCare Medication Garden, located on the St. Agnes hospital grounds. In case of rain, this year's garden walk will be held from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 11. For more information, people can call the St. Agnes Hospital Foundation at (920) 336-6939.

Searcher describes finding Halbach's SUV

Tuesday was second day of Steven Avery murder trial in Chilton

By Andy Nelson
CHILTON — Less than an hour after getting David Avery's permission to poke around the Avery's Auto Salvage scrap heap, Pam Sturm made the discovery no one wanted to make: Teresa Halbach's vehicle with Halbach nowhere in sight.

Sturm, who is Halbach's second cousin, was the seventh person to look Tuesday in Steven Avery's yard. Avery, 44, is charged with killing Halbach and burning her remains in a salvage yard here.

Sturm identified that she and her daughter, Nikole, immediately called police when they came upon a small sport-utility vehicle — partially covered with branches, car parts and debris — that looked very much like Halbach's blue-green Toyota RAV4. A recording of that conversation was played Tuesday afternoon as part of special prosecutor Ken Kratz's case.

On the recording, Sturm read part of the vehicle identification number to a Calumet County Sheriff's investigator. The detective's voice went from friendly to serious as Sturm came to the end.

"Where are you? Where are you?" demanded investigator Mark Wigert.

Sturm said she was at the salvage yard and wanted Wigert to tell her if they had the right car. It was the right



Karen Halbach, the mother of Teresa Halbach, looks on Tuesday in the courtroom at the Calumet County Courthouse during the second day of the Steven Avery trial Tuesday in Chilton. Avery is accused, along with his 19-year-old nephew, of killing Teresa Halbach, 25, after she went to the Avery family's scrap salvage yard to photograph a vehicle they had for sale.

male, model and color. She in the day one of the young men who organized the search once Halbach was reported missing and two of Halbach's colleagues from Auto Trader magazine, the publication for which she took business photos.

She was on an Auto Trader assignment when she went to the Avery property, the last place prosecutors say she was seen alive.

Avery's lawyers continued their attack on investigators' mindsets during the probe.



Teresa Halbach

When search leader Ryan Hillegas testified, Hillegas asked if he knew everything about Halbach's life.

"I don't think she had a personality that I didn't know about," Hillegas said. "We were pretty open with each other. We talked a lot."

"Thinking this entire missing person period, before the RAV4 was found, did the police ask you for any kind of info for Oct. 21, Hillegas said.

They had, Hillegas said. "Anyone point blank ever ask you if you had any knowledge about her disappearance or involvement?" Hillegas asked.

"I don't know if they did it like that ... that they were asking me if I talked to her or if I knew anything," Hillegas said. "That's why I was there ... to help."

Andy Nelson writes for the Green Bay Press-Gazette.

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