

A City of Waupun publication



*"End of the Trail"*

*Community News* is an E-newsletter capturing key events of the City of Waupun, and the various departments within the City. The newsletter will largely focus on 10 goals identified during the June 2010 strategic planning session: 1) To Create Pool Facility in Fond du Lac County Park/McCune Beach; 2) Bike Trail – Connect Wild Goose Trail to the City (East & West Sides); 3) Consolidate Recreational Area (Sports Complex); 4) Facilitate Construction of Banquet Hall; 5) Fill the Pamida Building; 6) Streamline Process for Recruiting New Businesses; 7) Bring in Large Business/Industry; 8) 400 Block of East Main Street; 9) Promote Waupun as Excellent Community for Business & Family; 10) Work on Main Street (Empty Buildings).

You can also find helpful information from the Waupun Area School District, Waupun Area Chamber of Commerce, and local service organizations in special sections of *Community News*.

## CITY MEETINGS

**2/6**, 10:00-11:00am – Representative Spanbauer Office Hours, Council Chambers

**2/8**, 7:00am – Business Improvement District, Council Chambers

**2/14**, 6:30pm – Common Council, Library

**2/15**, 4:45pm – Plan Commission, Council Chambers

**2/20**, 4:15pm – Library Board, Library

**2/21**, 4:00pm – Community Development Authority, Council Chambers

## City Hall Happenings

### GRANT NEWS

We are pleased to be able to share with you exciting news on a few grants that the City recently received.

The Waupun Fire Department was awarded its largest grant ever – \$164,500 for Self Contained Breathing Apparatuses (SCBA) and a refill compressor system. The Department identified the need for SCBA replacement and planned to budget \$50,000 annually over 3-4 years to

cover the expense but ended up cutting the \$50,000 earmarked for the equipment from the 2012 budget due to funding restraints. The timing of this grant could not have been better! This is the 6<sup>th</sup> Assistance to Fire Fighter Grant (AFG) the Fire Department received from the U.S. Fire Administration since 2003. Congratulations to Chief Berry and the Waupun Fire Department for this well-earned grant!

In more good news, the Department of Public Works received notice that they will be awarded two grants totaling \$155,400 to go toward the walking/bike trail project. This means that the next phase of the trail – from Meadowview Drive to Edgewood Drive – goes into the works this year. Hats off to Dick Flynn and the Public Works Department for their efforts in obtaining these state and federal grants!

### REPRESENTATIVE SPANBAUER TO HOLD OFFICE HOURS

Representative Spanbauer is holding office hours at Waupun City Hall

Council Chambers on Monday, February 6 from 10:00-11:00am. Citizens are welcome

to stop by with questions or to share their thoughts with the Assemblyman.



View meeting agendas and minutes on the city website:

[www.cityofwaupun.org](http://www.cityofwaupun.org)

## City Hall Happenings

### WAUPUN AREA EVENTS

**Sundays in Feb.**, 4:30-6:30pm – Open Skating, Community Center

**Wednesdays in Feb.**, 10:30-11:00am – Story Time, Library

**Wednesdays in Feb.**, 7:00pm – Circle Dance, City Hall Auditorium

**2/3-2/5** – Region 5 Pee Wee Hockey Playdowns, Community Center

**2/7**, 3:30-4:30 – Lego Club, Library

**2/8**, 4:00-6:30pm – Waupun Animal Shelter Chili Supper, Wesley Center

**2/10**, 7:30pm – Acoustic Soup Dance/Concert, City Hall Auditorium

**2/13**, 10:00am-6:00pm – Book Sale, Library

**2/17-2/19** – Pee Wee A & Squirt A Hockey Tournament, Community Center

**2/18**, 4:00-7:30pm – Legion Post 210 Spaghetti Dinner

**2/25**, 2:00-3:00 – Lego Club, Library

**2/25**, 9:00am-3:00pm- Waupun Sportsmen Bazaar, The Union Youth Center Gym

### LIBRARY HOSTS ANTIQUE APPRAISAL EVENT

On Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00pm – 4:00pm, the Waupun Public Library will be hosting an Antique Appraisal Event, featuring antique expert Mark Moran, former senior editor of antiques and collectibles books for

Krause Publications. Mr. Moran has also been a guest expert on the PBS series Antiques Roadshow. Individuals can bring in an item to be appraised by Mark. All appraisals will require advance registration. There

are limitations on what items will be appraised. Please call the library at 324-7925 to get your item approved and reserve your spot. This program is free to the public.

## Service Organization On-Goings

### ANIMAL SHELTER CHILI SUPPER

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 8 for the Waupun Area Animal Shelter's 2nd Annual Chili Supper.

Stop by the Wesley Center in Waupun between 4:00pm - 6:30pm for some great food, benefiting a great

cause! Price is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. Take out is available.

### FRIENDS OF WAUPUN LIBRARY HOLD BOOK SALE FEB. 13

The next Friends of the Waupun Library book sale will be held Monday, February 13 from 10:00am-6:00pm.

FOWL is a volunteer group dedicated to helping the Library.

The group's major fund-raising efforts are monthly book sales, held on the second Monday of every month. FOWL has sponsored many interesting programs including talks by

various authors, educators and professionals and also donates funds to the library for the purchase of materials.

### CELEBRATE VALENTINES DAY WITH ACOUSTIC SOUP

Waupun Fine Arts invites everyone to Warm Up Your Heart with Acoustic Soup on Friday, February

10, at 7:30 pm at the Waupun City Hall Auditorium. Acoustic Soup, comprised of Greg Lueck, Neil

Gleason & Mike Bausch, has been playing a variety of music together since 1994. All three play

*CELEBRATE VALENTINES DAY WITH ACOUSTIC SOUP (Continued)*

**Waupun Senior Center**

310 E. Main  
324-7930

**Hours:**

Monday – Friday,  
9:00am – 4:00pm

Saturday –  
Sunday, Private  
Rentals

**Homestead Tax Credit Clinic:**

Tuesday, Feb. 7  
from 9:30-  
11:30am.

To Qualify: Legal WI resident all of 2011, household income under \$24,680, not be living in a nursing home and receiving Medical Assistance, be a owner or renter of the homestead all 2011.

What to Bring: Property tax bill or rent certificate, 1099's from social security, 1099's from banks, pensions & other statements of income, W-2 form if you work.

guitars, with Bausch doubling up on the harmonica and Gleason adding some keyboard. They particularly relish harmonizing and enjoy music from a range of genres. Their music includes favorites by many contemporary artists such as James Taylor, Carol King, Neil Sedaka, Emmylou Harris, Neil Diamond, the Beatles and many more. Members of the group have also

written several of their own songs which are included in various performances. The group has played in a number of different venues including school assemblies, teacher conferences, youth camps, coffee houses, private parties, benefit concerts, church events and other celebrations. When not playing on acoustic instruments, group members join with the Wright

Combination, a local classic rock band that has played in the Waupun area since 1973.

The Valentine themed event will offer cabaret and balcony seating, cash bar and refreshments. Tickets are \$5 at the door and handicapped accessibility is available on S. Forest St. The Waupun City Hall is located at 201 E. Main St. in Waupun.



Pictured at left are members of Acoustic Soup (from left to right) Nick Gleason, Greg Lueck, and Mike Bausch.

## School District Dialogue

### *GOOD NEWS FROM WAUPUN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT*

1. Marta Yedinak, Spanish teacher at Waupun High

School, has earned the highest credential available

to American educators. She is now a National



"Who Sows"



**Computer  
Access**  
Jr/Sr High  
Library

◆ **Mondays-  
Thursdays**, 3:00-  
4:30pm – Public  
Computer & Internet  
Access

◆ **Feb. 6**, 6:30-  
7:30pm - Technology  
Session: Wikis

◆ **Feb. 13**, 6:30-  
7:30pm - Technology  
Session: Google Sites

◆ **Feb. 20**, 6:30-  
7:30pm - Technology  
Session: – Online  
Photo Galleries

◆ **Feb. 27**, 6:30-  
7:30pm - Technology  
Session: Internet  
Browsers &  
Searching Tips

Everyone's welcome  
to attend  
Technology Sessions  
– no experience  
necessary!

For questions  
contact Toni at the  
Education Service  
Center at 324-9341.

*GOOD NEWS FROM WAUPUN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT (Continued)*

Board Certified Teacher, a credential given by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Yedinak is the first teacher in the Waupun Area School District to earn this prestigious title. "I am proud of Marta and congratulate her on this awesome accomplishment," said Jeff Finstad, junior/senior high school principal. "I have always been impressed with her desire to make herself a better instructor. What is most impressive is the relationships she has created with her students. It is because Marta's students know she cares about them that they are willing to become engaged in the activities and meet the high expectations that have been established."

District administrator Don Childs agrees. "Teachers who demand of themselves and their students a high degree of excellence are both role models and inspirations to their students," Childs

said. "National board certification of a teacher is a rigorous process that demands excellence. We congratulate Ms. Yedinak on being the first National Board Certified teacher in Waupun. She is an outstanding representative of the many fine teachers our district is fortunate to have."

National Board Certification is achieved through a rigorous, performance-based assessment of a teacher's pedagogical skills and content knowledge. The certification takes one to three years to complete. Last month, Yedinak traveled to Washington D.C. to receive her award.

2. Data from the fall Measures of Academic Progress math test indicated a high number of 6<sup>th</sup> grade students who would benefit from some advanced math instruction. As a result, staff from Rock River and the junior high met to discuss how they could work together to meet these students' needs and

came up with a plan for 2 options. First, arrangements have been made so that interested students may travel to the junior high to take Math 7 in the afternoon. For the second option, the district has hired recently retired junior high math teacher Joel Scott on a part-time basis to provide an enriched, application-focused math class for 6<sup>th</sup> graders right at Rock River. "We're really excited to make these options available for our strong math students," said Geri Kempt, principal of Rock River. Staff met with parents the evening of January 19 to discuss the options. Those students opting for Math 7 will begin January 23. The advanced math class at Rock River will begin in early February.

3. Students from kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade recently took the winter MAP assessment. The data from this test will inform students, parents, and teachers about the academic growth of their students from



"Recording Angel"

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*GOOD NEWS FROM WAUPUN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT (Continued)*

last fall. Results will be available by the end of the month, and teachers will use them to plan extra help, enrichment, and small group instruction to meet student needs during second semester. Preliminary results show that some students have made phenomenal gains since last fall, including a number of 6<sup>th</sup> grade students who improved at rates 3 to 5 times the national average.

4. The Waupun Area School District made history in April of 2006 by becoming the **first K-12 school district in the state of Wisconsin to be accredited by a national organization**, then known as North Central Association (NCA). Since then, the NCA has merged with two other agencies to form the world's largest education accreditation organization, serving more than 27,000 public and private schools and districts across the United States and in 69 countries that educate over 15 million students. Currently, only 9

other districts in the state of Wisconsin have earned this credential.

In order to maintain this status, the district must undergo an on-site evaluation every five years. This accreditation visit has been scheduled for March 25-28. A team of trained evaluators from within and outside the state, all with a wealth of experience in public education, will be reviewing the district self-assessment, examining performance data, and interviewing students, staff, parents and community members to identify the strengths and challenges of the district. Their report will be sent first to the state Advanc-Ed board, and then to the national Advanc-Ed board to determine the district's accreditation status.

Why is accreditation important? Faced with a choice between an accredited hospital and a hospital without accreditation, patients, doctors, nurses, and health

care administrators all would most likely choose the accredited institution for a variety of reasons. Accreditation reflects a commitment to high standards and continuous improvement. Accreditation means the hospital is holding itself accountable to best practices and quality results. Accreditation equals credibility.

The Waupun Area School District has chosen to participate in the accreditation process in order to be accountable to the community. By choosing to apply for accreditation, the district is holding itself to a set of standards above and beyond and far more comprehensive than the requirements of the state. Through the process, the schools examine and evaluate their operations, their instructional program, and their results by comparing them to a set of high expectations based on best practices and research. The

View a list of area events at the **NEW Waupun Festivals website:**

[www.waupunfestivals.com](http://www.waupunfestivals.com)

**School Hours for Waupun Area School District:**

Meadow View Primary

8:00am - 2:55pm

Rock River Intermediate  
8:15am - 3:10pm

Waupun Area Jr/Sr High  
8:00am - 3:05pm



*GOOD NEWS FROM WAUPUN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT (Continued)*

outside review team reviews the self-assessment, then visits the district to examine the evidence, conduct first-hand observations, and interview various stakeholders to further investigate operations, procedures, and results. The team will then deliberate over the evidence and

summarize their findings, which are then submitted for review at the state and national level. The final report will be published on the district website.

**Any community members and/or parents are invited to participate in focus groups with the review team. Interested persons**

**should contact Linda Meagher at the Educational Service Center by telephone (324-9341) or by email [lmeagher@waupun.k12.wi.us](mailto:lmeagher@waupun.k12.wi.us).**

The public is also invited to hear the exit report the afternoon of March 28. Details will be published when finalized.

*CHILD DEVELOPMENT DAYS*

Waupun Child Development Days are April 12 & 26, 2012. The WASD will be offering free developmental screenings for all children between the ages of 3 to 5 (not currently in a 4K

program or entering kindergarten in the fall). The screening looks at your child's early readiness skills, fine motor skills, gross motor skills, and speech and language development. To set up an appointment

for a screening, please call Linda Meagher at the Education Service Center **before Friday, March 30** at 324-9341. View the attached flyer for more details.

**[CDD Flyer](#)**

*4-YEAR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION*

The WASD is in the process of compiling the **4-year old** kindergarten list for the 2012-13 school year. To attend 4-year old kindergarten, students must be 4 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have a child whose

birth date is on or before September 1, 2008 you may pick up a registration packet after Feb. 6 from one of the following locations: Education Service Center, Meadow View Primary School, Rock River Intermediate School,

Alto Reformed Church, Head Start (Fox Lake), Waupun Preschool, and Wee Care.

If you are unable to pick up a packet please contact Linda Meagher at the Education Service Center to

**School Board meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month at 7:00pm at the Education Service Center, 950 Wilcox Street**

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*4-YEAR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION (Continued)*

have one mailed to you at 324-9341. It is imperative that parents respond at this time. Planning is

under way and this information is needed. The number of students registered will

determine class size and allow ample time to order class material for students.

*KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION (FOR STUDENTS **NOT** IN 4K)*

The WASD is in the process of compiling the kindergarten list for the 2012-13 school year. If you are a parent with a child whose birthday is on or before September 1, 2007 and **does not attend 4K**, please contact Linda Meagher at

the Education Service Center at 324-9341 between 8:00am and 4:00pm Monday-Friday to register your child for kindergarten for the 2012-13 school year. Students attending 4K will be moved up to kindergarten and do not need to register.

It is very important that parents respond at this time. Planning is under way and this information is needed. The number of students registered will determine class size and allow ample time to order class material for students.