

A City of Waupun publication



"End of the Trail"

## City Meetings & Events

**1/8, 7:00am** – Business Improvement District, Council Chambers

**1/14, 4:30pm** – Board of Public Works, Council Chambers

**1/14, 6:00pm** – Common Council, Council Chambers

**1/15, 4:45pm** – Plan Commission, Council Chambers

**1/20, 4:15pm** – Library Board, Library

**1/21, 4:00pm** – Community Development Authority, Council Chambers

**1/27, 6:00pm** – Recreation Board, Council Chambers

**1/28, 5:30pm** – Committee of the Whole, Council Chambers



View meeting agendas and minutes on the city website:

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

*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 Hall Happenings

### SISTER CITY PROCLAMATION

On November 26<sup>th</sup> Council members approved a proclamation declaring the City of Waupun and the Town of Henderson, Louisiana Sister Cities. By signing the proclamation the communities agree to cultivate a relationship to promote, exchange and engage in each other's cultural experiences, fostering friendship and encouraging tourism and trade.

Waupun Festivals, Inc has been bringing Louisiana flare to Waupun since the

Cajun Independence Day celebration in 2012. This year the organization received a grant to help fund the

Louisiana Experience at Celebrate Waupun. And residents and visitors can plan on more Cajun fun in 2014!



Pictured above are Steve Lenz & Diane Meyer, who market and promote Waupun, along with Sherbin Collette, Mayor of Henderson, Louisiana.

### 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY LIBRARY EVENTS

The Waupun Public Library will be commemorating Waupun's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2014 in several ways. Starting January 6, patrons

ages 13 and up can participate in the



"175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reading Challenge". Throughout 2014, participants will record the amount of hours they read. Once they reach 175

**WAUPUN AREA EVENTS**

Sundays in January – **Public Skating**, 4:30-6:45pm, Waupun Community Center

Jan. 7, 6:00-7:00pm – **Lego at Your Library**

Jan. 11, 5:00-7:00pm – **Soup Supper**, Grace United Reformed Church

Jan. 13, 10:00am-6:00pm – **Book Sale**, Waupun Public Library

Jan. 15, 10:30am – **Storytime**, Waupun Public Library

Jan. 21, 6:00-7:00pm – **Lego at Your Library**

Jan. 22, 10:30am – **Storytime**, Waupun Public Library

Jan. 29, 10:30am – **Storytime**, Waupun Public Library

Feb. 5, 7:00pm – **The Cat's Pajamas A Cappella Concert**, Historic City Hall Auditorium

**Visit the Waupun Festivals website for a full list of Waupun Area Events!**

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



*175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY LIBRARY EVENTS (Continued)*

hours, they can bring in their completed reading log and enter their name to win one of several prizes. Visit the library on or after January 6<sup>th</sup> to sign up and find out more information.

The library will also be celebrating the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary during National Library Week, April 14-19, 2014.

Details are pending but they plan to have speakers on the history of Waupun and on the Wisconsin State Prison/Waupun Correctional Institution. Planning is also underway for a photography event involving capturing the essence of Waupun today.

Keep your eyes and ears open for more information and additional events honoring Waupun's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Contact the library at 324-7925, via their Facebook page, or view library events at [www.waupunpubliclibrary.org/site/calendar](http://www.waupunpubliclibrary.org/site/calendar).

*WELCOME THRIVENT FINANCIAL*

We would like to welcome a new business to downtown Waupun, Thrivent Financial. On December 18<sup>th</sup> Financial Associate Jonathan Leonard hosted an open house at his office located at 9 Fond du Lac Street.

Services offered by Thrivent include full financial strategies from investments to life and disability income insurance. Also specific services such as long term care insurance, fixed and variable annuities, college strategies and

estate strategies. All of these services come from a faith-based and fraternal organization listed on the Fortune 500 list to better serve the needs of this very community. Thrivent

Financial also offers various dinner workshops for individuals and families early in the financial preparation to those that are near retirement and beyond.



Brenda Giebink and Jonathan Leonard of Thrivent Financial

*2014 CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY*

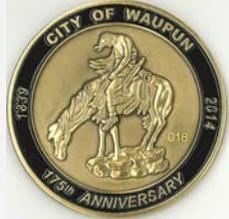
The Waupun Police Department is seeking interested Waupun area residents 18 years of age or older to fill the 2014 Citizen's Police Academy Roster. The Citizen's

Academy offers an inside view of the Waupun Police Department and an overview of many different areas of today's law enforcement.

The Academy will be held on Wednesday nights from 6:30pm to 9:30pm, beginning January 22<sup>nd</sup> and ending March 5<sup>th</sup>. Interested parties are encouraged to go to



"Who Sows Believes In God"



Waupun Celebrates 175 Years in 2014! Commemorative coins are available at City Hall for \$15.

Share Community News with your friends!

Sign up at [www.cityofwaupun.org](http://www.cityofwaupun.org) Click on "Community Newsletter Sign Up" on the bottom left side.



### 2014 CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY (Continued)

the Waupun Police Department website at [www.waupunpd.org](http://www.waupunpd.org) for more information. Applications are located on our

website or can be picked up at the Waupun Police Department. Please return the completed

application to the Waupun Police Department by January 6, 2014.

## Service Organization On-Goings

### BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Waupun Library will be holding their monthly book sale on Monday,

January 13th. The sale will run from 10:00am to 6:00pm.



### HARMSEN RECEIVES 2013 "LION OF THE YEAR" AWARD

Waupun Lion Jan Harmsen was presented the Waupun Lions Club 2013 "Lion of the Year" award at the club's holiday gathering. Harmsen has been a member of the Waupun Lions since 1996. She is the previous owner of Jan's Optical in Waupun, and recently relocated to Sturgeon Bay. Via this award the Waupun Lions not only acknowledged Harmsen's service to the club during the past year, but also commended her for her contributions to the local community and the world. She participated in the Club's fundraisers, and

she provided vision services to needy persons through her optical firm. She has made numerous mission trips to Mexico and Latin America, providing vision screenings and glasses to countless adults and children. The used glasses distributed during her trips were collected

and sorted through the efforts of Lions members. Harmsen was also a driving force and organizer of the annual Thanksgiving meal provided free to interested individuals at the Pella Lutheran Church. She also served as chairperson of the Waupun Memorial Hospital Board of Directors. Even though she has left the Waupun community she will remain an 'at large' member of the Waupun Lions Club. She is pictured with her father, Marvin Kaul, who is also a member of the Waupun Lions Club.



### KIWANIS DONATES iPADS TO LOCAL STUDENTS ON AUTISM SPECTRUM

The Waupun Kiwanis club presented three

area students with donated iPads at a

recent meeting. Levi Putnam, Evan



"Recording Angel"



### Mark Your Calendar

- Jan. 7, 6:00pm – SAGES PTO Meeting
- Jan. 9, 5:30pm – SAGES Marketing Foundation & 6:30pm Governance Meeting
- Jan. 13, 3:30pm – MVP PTO Meeting
- Jan. 13, 6pm – Board of Education
- Jan. 14, 7pm – SAGES Literacy Night
- Jan. 15 – Jr/Sr High Late Start



Like the  
Waupun Athletic  
Booster Club on  
Facebook!

Save the Date for  
the Booster Club  
Bowl-A-Thon!  
January 24-26 at  
Jud-sons



### KIWANIS DONATES iPADS (Continued)

Rhodes and Devin Walvort all have conditions on the autism spectrum and will be able to use applications on the iPads designed specifically to aid students with an autism spectrum disorder.

Waupun Kiwanis donated the iPads as part of a district-wide Kiwanis initiative to provide iPads for all students on the autism-spectrum in Wisconsin and Upper Michigan that could benefit from them. The 2012-2013 Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis Governor Lynn Messer launched the program in honor of his granddaughter who has autism. His goal is to raise further awareness about autism and to date Kiwanis has been able to donate more than \$200,000 worth of iPads to autistic students.

As president of Kiwanis for 2012-2013, Don VandeZande introduced this project to the Waupun club. 2013-

2014 Kiwanis President Jeff Homan will be continuing efforts throughout the year until they have raised enough funds to present iPads to all area students on the autism spectrum.

As part of the criteria for receiving the iPads, Levi, Evan and Devin will all work closely with their aides and parents to receive the full benefit of the applications. Special Education aides and teachers Jill Joeckel, Sheri Dewar, Joby Grey and Jennifer Schramm joined the boys and their parents for the presentations of the

iPads. In addition to the iPads, they received protective cases and gift cards for the applications. The teachers will work with guidance counselor Luanne Yjzadowski (who was of great assistance during the application process) to choose which iPad apps will benefit the children most.

A special thanks also to Kiwanian Joanne Kahl who managed the application process for the iPads. For more information about the iPad project and how you can get involved, please visit [www.kiwanisautismproject.org](http://www.kiwanisautismproject.org).



*Pictured from L-R, Front row:* Jill Joeckel, Levi Putnam, Hanna Putnam, Evan Rhodes, Devin Walvort. *Back row:* Jeff Homan, Don VandeZande, Joanne Kahl, Sheri Dewar, Joby Grey, Jennifer Schramm, Mary Walvort, Mike Walvort and Tara Rhodes.



For information about the Waupun Kiwanis club, visit their website [www.WaupunKiwanis.org](http://www.WaupunKiwanis.org) or attend a meeting any Tuesday morning at 6:45am at Helen's Kitchen!



Harris Mill Park

**Waupun Senior Center**

310 E. Main  
324-7930

Anyone 50 or over and their spouse is welcome to participate in activities offered at the Senior Center!

**Hours:**

Monday – Friday,  
9:00am – 4:00pm

Saturday –  
Sunday, Private Rentals

**Activities:**

Pool, cards,  
bingo, meals & more!

Transportation is available.

Stop by the Waupun Historical Society's website!

<http://waupun.pastperfect-online.com>



Early Picture of Waupun City Hall

*VFW MEMBERS DELIVER FRUIT BASKETS*

Members of Bentley-Hull V.F.W. Post 6709 delivered fruit baskets to their shut-in veterans on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Shown receiving one of the baskets is 90½-year-old Prairie Ridge resident Walter Riel Sr.



Photo by Larry Duer

*WREATH FOR FALLEN HEROES*

A "Wreath for Fallen Heroes" was placed at the Veterans Memorial in Waupun to remember those who gave up their tomorrows so that we can enjoy our todays. Members of Bentley-Hull V.F.W. Post 6709 and American Legion Post 210 include, from left, Larry Duer, Dave Weber, Merle Schouten, John Williamson, Carl Neuman, Frank Mesa, Clifford Teletzke and Gerald Heeringa.



Photo by Hank Snyder, Daily Citizen

## Community Events

A live outdoor Nativity scene was presented by members of Waupun United Methodist Church Dec. 12-14. Various volunteers took turns dressed in costume in the cold evenings. Live sheep and goats were also part of the scene, courtesy of Mitch Shaw, who also provided materials for the Nativity.



Pictured are Linden Zuehlke as a shepherd, Gina Zuehlke as Mary, Michael Zuehlke as Joseph, and Deszjon Zuehlke as a Wiseman.

Photo by Larry Duer

*SOUP SUPPER – JANUARY 11*

The Youth Group of Grace United Reformed Church

invites the community to a soup supper fundraiser on

Saturday, January 11, from 5pm-7pm. We will be serving



Many of the photos and articles in Community News are submitted by service organizations, sports groups, or other individuals. Thank you for sharing your events and achievements with us! To submit information to be considered for a future newsletter, please email [michelle@cityofwaupun.org](mailto:michelle@cityofwaupun.org)

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[www.waupunchamber.com](http://www.waupunchamber.com)  
[www.waupun.k12.wi.us](http://www.waupun.k12.wi.us)

*SOUP SUPPER (Continued)*

delicious chili, pork sausage lentil soup, and squash soup! The church building is located at the

corner of Highway 26 and Buwalda Drive, Waupun. Proceeds go toward funding travel to an annual

summer convention. Thank you for your support!

*WEEPING WILLOW 4H ADOPTS A FAMILY*

The Weeping Willow 4-H Club adopted a needy family in the Waupun area for their community service project this Christmas. Through the Waupun Food Pantry, a single Mom with three girls presented a list of needs and wants, and from there club members shopped for the gifts. At the club's monthly meeting held at the Waupun Public Library on Saturday, December 14, all club members helped in wrapping the presents.



From L-R, Back row: Braden Hein, Camron Van Loo, Jordon Shaw, Samuel Ford, Sylvia Ford and Riley Sullivan. Middle row: Michael Newberry, Matthew Ludtke, Mitchell Ludtke, Kylie Lichtenwald and Kara Sullivan. Front row: Klaudia Sullivan, Alyia Van Loo, Mason Shaw, Mason Ludtke, Kaidon Shaw, Dawson Shaw, Conner Lichtenwald and Simeon Ford.

Photo by Larry Duer