

A City of Waupun publication



"End of the Trail"

## City Meetings & Events

**2/11, 4:30pm** – Board of Public Works, Council Chambers

**2/11, 6:00pm** – Common Council, Council Chambers

**2/12, 7:00am** – Business Improvement District, Council Chambers

**2/17, 4:15pm** – Library Board, Library

**2/18, 4:00pm** – Community Development Authority, Council Chambers

**2/19, 4:45pm** – Plan Commission, Council Chambers

**Take part in the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reading Challenge at Waupun Public Library!**

**See the attached flyer for more details.**



*Community News* is an E-newsletter capturing key events of the City of Waupun, and the various departments within the City. You can also find helpful information from the local schools, the Booster Club, Waupun Area Chamber of Commerce, and local service organizations and non-profits in special sections of *Community News*.

## City Hall Happenings

### ASSISANT FIRE CHIEF VERHAGE RETIRES

After nearly 48 years with the City of Waupun Fire Department, Assistant Chief Wayne VerHage has decided to retire.

Wayne began with the department on January 11, 1966. In 1998 he became the assistant chief.

Wayne was very experienced, very dedicated and will be

greatly missed on the fire department.

He rarely missed any fire calls, training meetings or special functions.

Wayne was also instrumental in many of the department's fundraisers such as the Fill the Boot Food Drive.

Thank you for your service, Wayne. We

wish you well!



### "WHEN WAUPUN WAS" RADIO PROGRAM

Learn more about Waupun's interesting past during the new radio program, "When Waupun Was", presented by Jim Laird and Nick Rusch.

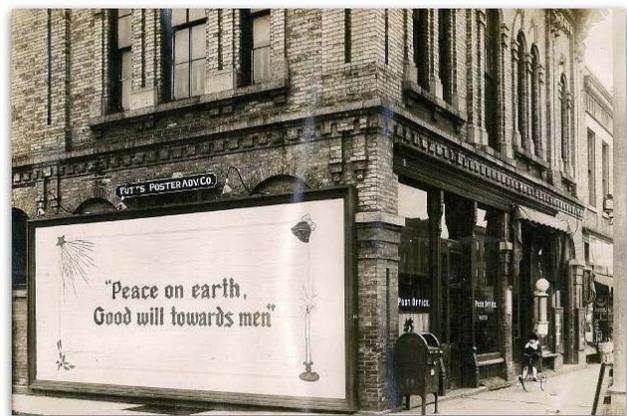
Shown at right is the site of the House of Hunan restaurant on E. Main Street. Known as the old Oliver Building, the upstairs used to be the site of high school basketball games! Someone you know may remember playing up there.

Tune into FM103.3/

AM1170 on February 10 at 10:10am for the next broadcast, or catch rebroadcasts of the February show on February 12<sup>th</sup> at

6:10pm and February 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:10pm.

The January show is available at [www.waupunfestivals.com](http://www.waupunfestivals.com).



**WAUPUN AREA EVENTS**

Sundays through Mar. 9 – **Public Skating**, 4:30-6:45pm, Waupun Community Center

Feb. 4, 6:00-7:00pm – **Lego at Your Library**

Feb. 5, 10:30am – **Storytime**, Library

Feb. 6, 7:00-9:00pm – **Abe Lincoln Program**, City Hall Auditorium

Feb. 7, 7:30-10:00am – **Central Wisconsin Christian School Open House**

Feb. 8, 6:30pm – **Las Vegas Fun Night**, St. Joseph's Parish Center

Feb. 10, 6:00-7:00pm – **Relay for Life Kick-Off Event**, Pizza Ranch

Feb. 10, 10:00am-6:00pm – **"Sweetheart" of a Book Sale**, Library

Feb. 12, 10:30am – **Storytime**, Library

Feb. 12, 4:00pm – **Waupun Area Animal Shelter's Annual "Chilly" Supper**, Wesley Center

Feb. 15, 18, 19, 20 & 22 – **Little League Registration**, Sully's Sporting Goods

Feb. 18, 6:00-7:00pm – **Lego at Your Library**



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

*CELEBRATE 175 YEARS WITH ABE LINCOLN!*



Starting off the lineup of events honoring the City's 175th anniversary is a live theatrical production of Abe Lincoln & the Civil War.

Straight out of Branson, Lincoln is portrayed by Dave Ehlert in this 90-minute historical drama that is both humorous and educational. Come on out to City Hall

Auditorium on Thursday, February 6th to see how a Union President and a Confederate Deserter fought against slavery and racism in pre and

post war days. The program begins at 7:00pm and admission is free. This event is sponsored by the Waupun Historical Society.



**Non-Profit Press**

*LIONS CLUB ACTIVITIES*

**Las Vegas Fun Night**

The Waupun Lions Club will host its annual Las Vegas Fun Night on Saturday, February 8 at St. Joseph's Parish Center, 26 N. Division Street, Waupun.

The games begin at 6:30 PM. Admission is \$15 per person, or \$25 per couple. More details on this evening of Vegas style games, prizes, snacks & refreshments, and the how the event

proceeds benefit our local community is provided in a press release following the newsletter.



**Knight of Sight Award**

The Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin (LEBW) has awarded Waupun Lion Don Roets the "Knight of Sight Fellowship Award". Waupun Lions Club President Mike Dittmann presented the award to Roets at a recent meeting. The

Knight of Sight is the LEBW's highest form of recognition



presented to an individual. Recipients exemplify the group's mission to give the Gift of Sight in Wisconsin, the United States, and internationally. More details on the award and the Lions Club are provided following the newsletter.



*"Who Sows Believes In God"*

Stop by the Waupun Historical Society's website! <http://waupun.pastperfect-online.com>



Early Picture of Waupun City Hall



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)

*"SWEETHEART" OF A BOOK SALE*

Friends of Waupun Library are hosting a "Sweetheart" of a Valentine book sale on February 10<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the regular great deals on all the books,

there will be a special sale on



romance books - all you can fit into a bag for only \$2.00! Sale hours are 10:00am-6:00pm at the Waupun Public Library.

*WAUPUN RELAY FOR LIFE 2014*

The Relay Committee is very excited to announce the 2014 Waupun Relay for Life Event, which will be held on Friday, June 13 from 6:00pm-12:00am at Veterans Field. Please mark your calendars for this wonderful event that helps raise funds for the fight against cancer.

There are many opportunities for you to take part, please join us for our **Kick-Off Open House** night Monday, February 10, from 6:00-7:00pm at the Waupun Pizza Ranch. This night is a great way to get more information about the Relay, sign up your team or get details on joining the committee. We are very excited about this year's event and

would love to see you all there!  
If you have questions please feel free to contact Sara Mulder, [smulder@natlbk.com](mailto:smulder@natlbk.com) (920)324-5551, Lori Kitchner, [kitchner@natlbk.com](mailto:kitchner@natlbk.com), (920)324-5551 or our American Cancer Society Partner, Amanda Blasius, [amanda.blasius@canцер.org](mailto:amanda.blasius@canцер.org) (262)312-2067.

**Upcoming Relay for Life Meetings & Events:**

- **Monday, Feb. 10** 6:00-7:00pm - Relay For Life Kick-off, Pizza Ranch
- **Monday, March 10** 6:30-7:15pm - Team Meeting, Pizza Ranch

- **Monday, April 14** 6:30-7:15pm - Team Meeting, Pizza Ranch
- **Monday, May 12** 6:30-7:15pm - Team Meeting, Pizza Ranch
- **Monday, June 9** Bank Night, TBA

- **Friday, June 13** 6:00pm-12:00am - Relay For Life of Waupun, Veterans Field
- **Monday, July 14** 5:30pm-6:30pm - Wrap Up Meeting, Pizza Ranch

*ANIMAL SHELTER "CHILLY" SUPPER*

The Waupun Area Animal Shelter invites you to their annual "Chilly" Supper on Wednesday, February 12 from 4:00-6:30pm at the

Wesley Center. A \$6 ticket includes soup (Chili and Chicken & Rice), bread/crackers, beverage, dessert and 1 raffle ticket. Additional

raffle tickets are available for \$1 each.  
Come in, warm up, and support your animal shelter!



"Recording Angel"



**Mark Your Calendar**

- Feb. 6 – 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School
- Feb. 7 – SAGES Dance
- Feb. 8, 7:00am-1:00pm – ACT Testing, Jr/Sr High
- Feb. 10, 6:00pm – Bd of Education Workshop Mtg, ESC
- Feb. 10, 7:00pm – KC Free Throw Competition, HS Gym
- Feb. 12 – Late Start, Jr/Sr High Only
- Feb. 13 – SAGES Mtgs: 5:30 Marketing, 6:15 Fundraising, Governance 7:00pm



Like the Waupun Athletic Booster Club on Facebook!

## School District Dialogue

### 3-5 YEAR OLD SCREENING

The Waupun Area School District can provide assistance to parents that have any concerns or questions regarding their 3-5 year old (not in kindergarten or 4K) child's speech/language, motor, self-care/independence or social/emotional skills.

**Areas of Focus:**  
**Speech/Language**

**skills:** How your child talks or understands when you or family member talks to them.

**Motor skills:** How your child plays with sports balls. Can your child climb, put puzzles together, draw?

**Social skills:** How does your child play with other children? Can your child follow rules?

**Self-care/independent skills:**

Can your child dress/undress themselves? Does your child follow daily routines independently?

**If you have any questions,** concerns on the areas stated above, please call Linda Meagher at 324-9341 ext. 2117 at the Education Service Center for further information.

### 4K/KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Find details on 4K/Kindergarten registration in a press release following the newsletter!

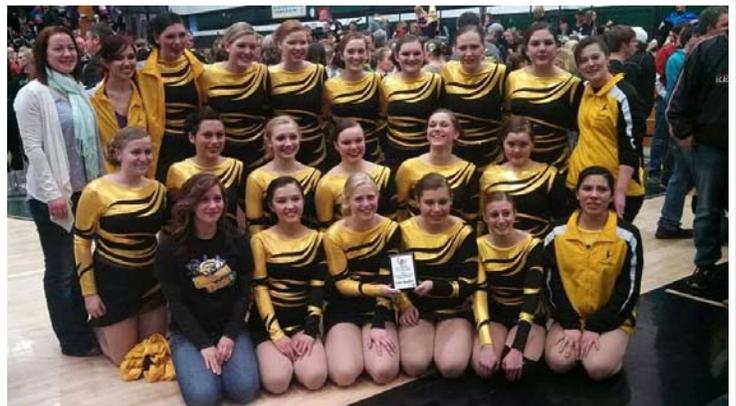


## Booster Club Buzz...

### State Qualifiers!

The Warrior Poms team qualified for state on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> and will compete in LaCrosse this Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>!

Congratulations Coach Derksen and girls & Good Luck!





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.

City of Waupun  
201 E. Main Street  
Waupun, WI 53963



**Phone**  
(920)324-7900

**E-mail**  
[michelle@cityofwaupun.org](mailto:michelle@cityofwaupun.org)

**Websites**  
[www.cityofwaupun.org](http://www.cityofwaupun.org)  
[www.waupunfestivals.com](http://www.waupunfestivals.com)  
[www.waupunutilities.com](http://www.waupunutilities.com)  
[www.waupunchamber.com](http://www.waupunchamber.com)  
[www.waupun.k12.wi.us](http://www.waupun.k12.wi.us)

## Community Events & News

### LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION

2014 Little League registration will be held February 15, 18, 19, 20, and 22 at Sully's Sporting Goods in Waupun.

Extra registration days are being held as no late registrations will be accepted. Forms are available for

download on the league website.

<http://www.eteamz.com/waupunlittleleaguebaseball1/>

### WELLNESS SERIES OFFERED AT LIBRARY

The public is invited to attend the "Cultivating Wellness" workshop series at Waupun Public Library. The series is sponsored by BDCH Medical Clinics and will begin with a presentation on "GMO-What Do We Know?" on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00pm. There is no

charge to attend this presentation focusing on genetically modified organisms.

A series of 6 Thursday Night Wellness Classes will be offered February 27 – April 3. Class topics include Holistic Medicine, Organic Vegetable

Gardening, Cooking Through the Seasons, and more. Cost to attend the 6 classes is just \$25 total. Proceeds go to support The Good Earth Farm CSA Food-For-Others-Share. And informational flyer is provided following the newsletter.

### "DAY IN THE GARDEN" EVENT

The Fond du Lac County Master Gardeners Association hosts the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual "Day In The Garden" Event on Saturday, March 1 at UW Fond du Lac. Four speakers will discuss Garden Design, Birdscaping,

Ornamental Grass, and Floral Arrangements. Early-bird registration runs through February 14 and is \$35/person. After that, it's \$40/person. The event is from 8:00am-3:30pm and lunch is included. There will

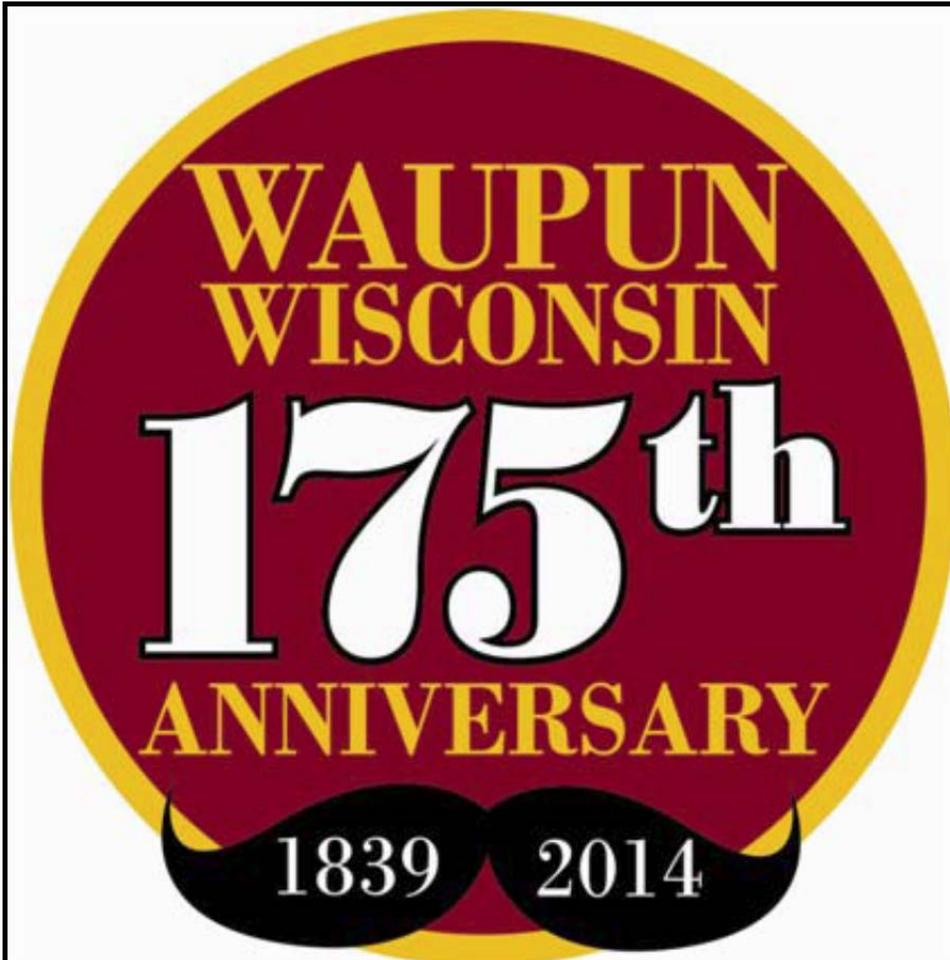
also be vendors, a silent auction, raffles and door prizes.

More information on the Day In The Garden and the Master Gardener's Annual Plant Sale can be found at the end of the newsletter.

### RADON AWARENESS

**Winter is an excellent time to test your home for radon! See the attached flyer for more info on this tasteless, odorless gas and where to pick up a testing kit.**

radioactive  
naturally-occurring  
Cancer-causing  
Preventable  
invisible  
Radon  
tasteless  
odorless



## 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY READING CHALLENGE

### Reading Challenge Details:

Patrons ages 13 and up can participate in our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reading Challenge. Throughout 2014, record the amount of hours you read. Once 175 hours are completed, bring your completed reading log to the Circulation Desk and enter your name to win one of several prizes.

Dead-line to complete the 175 reading hours is Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>.

Prizes subject to change upon availability. Prizes awarded in January, 2015.



Celebrate Waupun's  
175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Reading Logs  
Available at  
Circulation Desk

175 Hours of Reading  
=  
Prizes!

Ages 13 and up!

One entry per  
person to win 1 of 4  
prize packages!

Dead-line is  
December 30, 2014

**WAUPUN PUBLIC  
LIBRARY**

123 S. Forest Street  
Waupun, WI 53963  
(920) 324-7925

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

**PRESS RELEASE**  
**January 22, 2014**  
**For Immediate Release**  
**Waupun Lions Club**

The Waupun Lions Club will host its annual LAS VEGAS FUN NIGHT on Saturday, February 8 at St. Joseph's Parish Center, 26 North Division Street, Waupun.

The games begin at 6:30 PM. Admission is \$15 per person, or \$25 per couple. For the cost of admission participants will receive \$500 worth of 'fun money' to be used in the Vegas style games including blackjack and craps. In addition, anyone bringing in five non perishable items that can be donated to the Waupun Food Pantry will receive an additional \$150 of 'fun money'. Or, anyone bringing in one pair of used eyeglasses will receive an additional \$150 of 'fun money'. Beer, soda and snacks are covered by the cost of admission. At the end of the evening, participants will be able to purchase raffle tickets with their fun money 'winnings' which will allow them chances to win many valuable prizes donated by local merchants.

Additionally, the winners of the Waupun Lions Club Las Vegas Raffle will be drawn at this event. First prize is \$400, \$300 second prize, with two \$200 prizes, two \$100 prizes and two \$50 prizes also being awarded. Tickets for this raffle are available from any Waupun Lions Club member for \$10 per ticket. Winner need not be present at the drawing.

All proceeds from this event and the raffle sale will allow the Waupun Lions to provide continued support to the Lions Camp in Rosholt, Wisconsin, Waupun Little League, the Wisconsin Eye Bank, the Waupun Public Library, scholarships for Waupun Area High School Seniors, the Waupun Food Pantry and many other worthwhile local projects.

Please join us in this fun filled Las Vegas Night event and share in the enjoyment of beer, snacks, soda and prizes while contributing to the good of the local community.

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The Knight of Sight is the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin's highest form of recognition presented to an individual by their club, zone, group or district. Recipients of the Knight of Sight Award exemplify the LEBW's mission to give the Gift of Sight in Wisconsin, the United States, and internationally. Roet's name will be prominently and permanently displayed on the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin Knight of Sight Wall of Honor in Madison, Wisconsin.

The name of the award stems from a speech made by Helen Keller at the 1925 Lions Club International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio. Keller challenged the Lions to become her "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." Lions International readily took up Helen Keller's challenge, as evidenced by the establishment of outreaches such as the Lion Eye Bank of Wisconsin.

Roets has been a member of the Waupun Lions Club for forty nine years. He has served as the liaison between the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin and the Waupun Lions Club and has coordinated the Waupun club's role in transporting corneal tissue to and from the Eye Bank in Madison. He and his wife Gert have made numerous runs to the Eye Bank to deliver or pick up donated cornea tissue for transplantation around the state.

The Waupun Lions Club meets at 6:00 PM on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from September through May at the Rock River Country Club in Waupun. If you are interested in attending a meeting please contact Waupun Lion John Bett at 920-324-3163.

COME IN AND  
WARM UP WITH A  
BOWL OF SOUP

SUPPORT YOUR

WAUPUN AREA  
ANIMAL SHELTER



## The Waupun Area Animal Shelter, Inc

### "CHILLY" Supper

Wednesday February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Serving 4:00 – 6:30pm

Location: Wesley Center

Forest St Waupun, WI

Featuring:

Chili

Chicken and Rice Soup

\$6.00 Dollar Ticket Includes:

Soup

Bread/Crackers

Beverage

Dessert

1 Raffle ticket

Additional Raffle Tickets

\$1.00 each

## 4-year kindergarten registration

The Waupun Area School District is in the process of compiling the **4-year old** kindergarten list for the 2014-15 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, 2010 you may pick up a registration packet after Feb. 3, 2014. Packets will be available at the following locations: Education Service Center, Meadow View Primary School, Rock River Intermediate School, SAGES, Alto Reformed Church, Waupun Preschool, and Wee Care. Packets will also be available on the district website. [www.waupun.k12.wi.us](http://www.waupun.k12.wi.us)



Scan to view our  
website.

If you are unable to pick up a packet please contact Linda Meagher at the Education Service Center to have one mailed to you after Feb. 3, 2014. The phone number is 324-9341, extension 2117.

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 Waupun Area School District is in the process of compiling the kindergarten list for the 2014-15 school year. If you are a parent with a child whose birthday is on or before September 1, 2009 and **does not** attend 4-year old kindergarten, please contact the Education Service Center to register your child for kindergarten for the 2014-15 school year. Students attending 4K will be moved up to kindergarten and do not need to register.

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.

Please call Linda Meagher at the Education Service Center between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The phone number is 324-9341, extension 2117.



# Cultivating Wellness Series

at Waupun Public Library

123 S. Forest St., Waupun

**FEBRUARY 22<sup>nd</sup> - 2:00pm \*FREE\*** - Warren Porter, PHD  
Public Talk, GMO-What Do We Know?  
-A presentation of research on genetically modified organisms



Warren Porter, PhD  
Dept. of Zoology,  
University of Wisconsin,  
Madison

## Thursday Night Wellness Classes

**FEBRUARY 27<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm - Melissa Greer, DO**  
Overview of Holistic Medicine: Ways of Looking

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**MARCH 6<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm - Erika Jensen**  
Introduction to Local Foods: Ways of Knowing

**MARCH 13<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm - Melissa Greer, DO**  
Wellness Supporting Approaches to Illness: Ways of Healing

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**MARCH 20<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm - Erika Jensen**  
Organic Vegetable Gardening: Ways of Growing

**MARCH 27<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm - Melissa Greer, DO**  
Meditative Practices and Inner Development: Ways of Strengthening

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6

**APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6:30pm - Erika Jensen**  
Cooking through the Seasons with Master Recipes: Ways of Enjoying

**CONTACT:** To sign up for the Thursday night classes please contact the Waupun BDCH Medical Clinic at (920) 345-1306.

**COST:** Just \$25 total for series 1-6. Proceeds go to support The Good Earth Farm CSA Food-For-Others-Share: FFOS is GEF's cost sharing program that provides financial assistance to limited income households for purchasing CSA produce shares.



**Melissa Greer, DO**  
Holistic Family  
Medicine Physician  
BDCH Medical  
Clinic, Waupun



**Erika Jensen**  
Freelance Writer, Cook,  
and Organic Farmer

Sponsored by:





FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:  
UW Extension  
Fond du Lac County Master Gardeners  
920 929 3172

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL "DAY IN THE GARDEN" EVENT IS LOADED WITH COLOR AND DIVERSITY**

#### **Fond du Lac County Master Gardeners Announces Presenters, Ticket Sales for March 1 Event**

FOND DU LAC, Wis. (Feb 1, 2014) – While gardeners are waiting for Spring, Fond du Lac County Master Gardeners Association are bringing it to you early in the form of the 16<sup>th</sup> annual “Day In the Garden” event set for March 1, 2014 at the UW-Fond du Lac. It has a decidedly diverse theme with four speakers focusing on varying topics: Samantha Peckham, Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Madison, Wis. will discuss “Garden Design for Plantaholics”. This is the presentation for those who find it impossible to drive past a nursery without stopping to buy a plant or two or *ten!* Other speakers for the day include Scott Petznick, Mosquito Hill, New London, Wis., “Birdscaping - Landscaping & Plants to attract Birds. David Wright, from Northeast WI Tech College, is speaking on Ornamental Grasses. Haentze’s Floral, of Fond du Lac, will conduct a “Floral Arrangement Demonstration” which will include the sale of the arrangements.

Early-bird registration for “Day in the Garden” runs through February 14 and is \$35 per person. After that, it’s \$40 per person. The fee includes admission to Speakers as well as lunch and beverages. The event, which runs from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., also includes vendors, displaying garden items for sale, a Silent Auction, a Raffle with two handcrafted quilts, and door prizes. Registration deadline is February 20. The event is open to the public. Pick up a registration form at the UW-Fond du Lac Extension Office, 400 Campus Drive, Fond du Lac or download it at: <http://fonddulac.uwex.edu/day-in-the-garden/>.

The Fond du Lac County Master Gardeners Association Annual Plant Sale fundraiser will take place May 16 & 17, 2014 at the Fdl County Fairground’s, Cow Palace. Plant Sale proceeds support Fond du Lac County projects, youth education, and scholarships for area students pursuing secondary education in horticulture, botany, or landscape design.

Sponsors for the 2014 Day in the Garden event include Stuart's Landscaping, Fond du Lac County UW-Extension Cooperative, and UW-Fond du Lac.

### **About Fond du Lac County Master Gardeners**

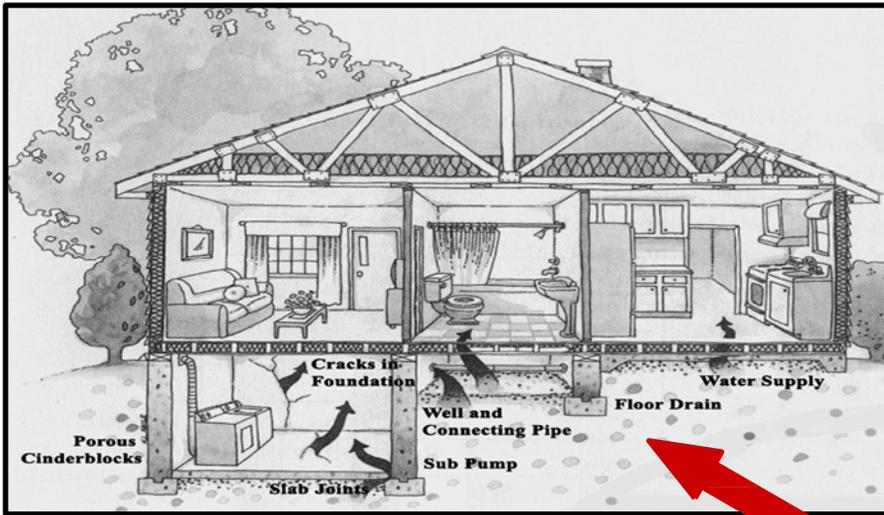
The Fond du Lac County Master Gardener Association is an all-volunteer service organization that assists the UW-Extension by helping people in the community better understand horticulture. Last year, members logged more than 5,198 volunteer hours maintaining gardens at area non-profit organizations and the UW-Fond du Lac Campus, assisting with youth education, and staffing the Horticulture Helpline through the UW-Extension. To be certified, members must first complete 36 hours in classroom study and pass a test; to remain certified they must log a set number of volunteer hours and continuing education hours each year.

For information on Master Gardener training and volunteer opportunities, log on to [fonddulac.uwex.edu/hort/mg/](http://fonddulac.uwex.edu/hort/mg/) or call 920-929-3172.

Fond du Lac County Master Gardeners Association  
UW-Extension, 400 University Drive, Fond du Lac, WI 54935

# Radon

radioactive  
naturally-occurring  
Cancer-causing  
Preventable  
invisible  
Radon  
tasteless  
odorless



Radon gas is emitted in the soil & can enter all homes through these openings.

## IS RADON IN YOUR HOUSE?

The average radon measurement in the 53963 zip code is 12.8 pCi/L.

The EPA strongly advises fixing homes in which the radon level is 4 pCi/L or more.



Test kits are available for \$10 from:

- Brandon Village Clerk
- Fairwater Village Clerk
- Ripon City Clerk
- UW-Extension at UW-Fond du Lac
- Health Department, Government Center, Fond du Lac

### Testing is the only way to know for sure.

Short-Term Radon Tests are easy to do yourself. Leave it out for at least 48 hours and then mail it to the lab. Complete instructions are included in the test kit package.