

A City of Waupun publication



"End of the Trail"

City Meetings & Events

1/13, 4:30pm –
Zoning Board of
Appeals, City Hall
Council Chambers

1/13, 6:00pm –
Common Council,
City Hall Council
Chambers

1/14, 7:00am –
Business
Improvement
District, City Hall
Council Chambers

1/19, 4:15pm –
Library Board,
Waupun Public
Library

1/20, 4:00pm –
Community
Development
Authority, City Hall
Council Chambers

**Chat over coffee with
Mayor Kyle on
Tuesday, January 13
from 8:00-9:00am at
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. 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

2014: A YEAR IN REVIEW BY MAYOR KYLE

2014 was a development and event-filled year, highlighted with the celebration of our 175th anniversary. I am pleased to report that our community experienced new commercial, industrial, and retail business startups and expansions, adding new property value and jobs to the City of Waupun. Here is a summary of these developments:

MANUFACTURING: A new warehouse addition at **Flexographic Packaging**, producer of flexible packaging materials; and new addition and remodeling at **Federal-Mogul**, a world class manufacturing facility in our Business Park.

COMMERCIAL: A new 61 room **AmericInn Hotel** with lounge, pool, and breakfast area; a new **Jimmy John's** restaurant and **High Tails** pet supply store;

a major interior and exterior remodeling of the **Fox Valley Savings Bank**, and remodeling and addition at **Werner-Harmsen Funeral Home**. In our Business Park new construction and remodeling of an existing building for **Lamers Bus Lines**. Also, two 16-unit **Apartments** opened off Mayfair Street.

RETAIL: New small business start-ups **Thrivent Financial**, representative Jonathan Leonard; **The View Point**, repurposed and antique items; **Tattered - A Unique Boutique**, specializing in vintage, retro, industrial salvage,

antiques, and oddities; **Pretty Turtle Boutique**, handmade children's clothing, accessories and gifts; **End of the Trail Candy Shoppe**, addition for production and storage; **KLT Design**, website and graphic design agency; **Helen's Kitchen**, 3rd Generation owners.

We also continued to work with our business community improving our downtown, as we cleaned, tuck-pointed, and painted numerous properties in the 400 block of E. Main Street.

2014 was also a banner year as we vastly improved our



The new 61-bed AmericInn Hotel & Suites, located on Shaler Drive.



"Who Sows Believes In God"

2014: A YEAR IN REVIEW BY MAYOR KYLE (Continued)

quality of life opportunities from the opening our new Waupun Family Aquatic Center to beginning construction of another segment of our bike and walking trail from N. Madison Street to Fond du Lac Street adjacent to the Rock River.



Mayor Kyle participating in the Ice Bucket Challenge to raise funds for ALS.

WAUPUN TAXI

Need a Ride?

Waupun Taxi Hours:

- Mon-Thu 6am-6pm
- Fri 6am-6pm & 9:30pm-2:30am
- Sat 9am-2pm & 9:30pm-2:30am
- Closed Sundays & Holidays

Package delivery is also available!

324-2426

The City of Waupun contracts with Waupun Taxi to provide shared-ride taxi services within the city.

From Celebrate Waupun to Boogie and the Yo-Yo'z Christmas program, Waupun Festivals, Inc. provided many good times in celebration of our 175th anniversary. Other fun events in 2014 included our community picnic, an evening with Paul Cotton, Streetlife the Milwaukee Bucks House Band, The Second City Improv Comedy Show, and the Missoula Children's Theatre. In addition, the Boy and Cub Scouts hosted a Veteran's

Day Tribute. Thank you Waupun Festivals, Inc.

Our historic City Hall Auditorium was home to great events hosted by the Waupun Historical Society, Volkfest, Marsh Haven Nature Center, and Agnesian Healthcare, including an Evening of Chocolate & Wine, Fasching Festival (German Mardi Gras), and Tribute Shows. The auditorium hosted 17 events in 2014.

I would also like to

share with you that as your Mayor, I was able to return salary to support 14 different groups: the Wounded Warriors Project, Waupun Figure Skaters, Make a Wish, Special Olympics, American Legion, FAST (the Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics), David Vanderkin Family, Volksfest, ALS Challenge, Marsh Haven Nature Center, Kickin for Kevin, WARP, Boys Youth Basketball, and the Waupun Animal Shelter. I look forward to sharing more in 2015!

I am pleased with positive direction we are headed and thank our business leaders, service organizations, community leaders, and many volunteers for their commitment to development, reinvestment, and serving our community.

Stop by the Waupun Historical Society's website!

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



Early Picture of City Hall



Boogie & the Yo-Yo'z performed a Christmas Concert with local school choirs at historic City Hall Auditorium.



"Recording Angel"

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.



175 HOUR READING CHALLENGE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Winners of the 175 hours of Reading Challenge held at the Waupun Public Library during 2014, as part of celebrating the 175th anniversary of the City of Waupun, are (clockwise from top left): Brenda Benson, Ron Schleicher, Arlen Tenpas, and Jeri Stevenson. Of the 229 area residents who signed up, 82 completed and returned their 175-hour reading log

book for a chance to win one of

four prize packages.



Non-Profit Press

"COMMUNITY PLAYERS" THEATRE GROUP FORMING

Individuals from the Waupun area are invited to be a part of the new group Waupun Community Players.

The mission of the Community Players is:
To provide an outlet for creative community involvement, whose purpose is to enrich, educate and entertain our community by providing a superior theatre experience.

You can be a part of a theatrical troupe performing at the Historical City Hall

Auditorium. You don't have to be an actor or actress to participate. Ushers, box office assistance, and crews for set construction, set-up, tear-down and concessions are also needed.

An introductory meeting will be held soon. Plans are in



place to produce, "It's a Wonderful Life- A Live Radio Play" in December. If you are interested in becoming part of Waupun Community Players **send an email to players@CityHallStage.com expressing your interest.**

A Live Radio Play will be explained at the meeting and auditions for the cast will be scheduled for a later date.

To ensure you will be notified of the meeting send an email right away!



Photo by LaMont Page

Waupun Family Aquatic Center

Save the Date!



**Saturday, Feb. 7
7:00pm**

City Hall Auditorium

**Winter Dance Party
with the King**

Featuring the Del Ray's and Elvis tribute artist Dan Sanchez

Tickets \$7.50 in advance, \$10 at the door.



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

WAUPUN FINE ARTS GALLERY HOSTS RECEPTION JAN. 14

The Waupun Fine Arts Gallery inside the Waupun Public Library features the art of local artist David Daniels in an upcoming show for the months of January and February with the opening reception on Wednesday, January 14th, from 5-7 PM.

David's art will be on display at the

Waupun Fine Arts Gallery from the second week in January through the end of February. David's work is described contemporary in style and includes both paintings and drawings. David lives in Waupun. He began his professional career in 2010 with no prior training. His artwork is very diverse and

reflects his creativity as he explores the beauty of nature as well as the emotion and complexity of life. David primarily uses oil paints, but finds chalk and charcoal to be equally effective on various pieces. He gains inspiration from the works of such artists as Jackson Pollock, Edvard Munch and Vincent Van Gogh.

QUILT CLASS OFFERED AT WAUPUN CRAFT CENTER

A four week beginning quilt class will be held at the Waupun Craft Center beginning January 15. Ruth Alsum will teach the "quilt as you go" technique which is fun for both beginners and non-beginners as the piecing and quilting are done at the same time with your sewing machine. Supplies and upcoming classes will be discussed at the meeting on January

8. A beginning and intermediate crochet class is scheduled for February.

The Waupun Craft Center meets in the lower level (north



entrance) of the Emmanuel Reformed Church, 400 W. Brown St., Waupun, on Thursdays from 9-11 a.m. Membership includes all classes offered and is \$25 per year (September through April). For more information or schedule of classes please call Shirley (324-4868), contact waupuncraftcenter@yahoo.com or check out the Waupun Craft Center Facebook page.

UW-EXTENSION FOND DU LAC COUNTY EVENTS

2 Day Bilingual Workshop

"How Prepared Are You?: Managing Dairy Employees Effectively"
Feb. 4 & 11 at UW-Extension Fdl County

More info following the newsletter!



4-H sponsors
Family Learning Day

Saturday, Feb. 28, 8:15am-3:15pm at UW Fond du Lac

See the flyer after the newsletter!



Harris Mill Park

CWC Calendar

- Tues. 1/20 – All current 8th graders are invited to spend the day at CWC. Check out classrooms, enjoy lunch, hang out with the high school kids, and even enjoy a basketball game!
- Sat. 1/31 – Pre-K Online Registration begins at 8AM. A \$100 registration fee is required.

<http://www.centralwisconsinchristian.org/admissionprocessprek.cfm>



WASD Calendar

- Jan 12, 7:00pm – Jazz & Show Choir Concert, HS LGI
- Jan 12, 7:00pm – Board of Education Business Mtg, ESC
- Jan 16 – No School



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sundays in January – **Open Skating** held at the Community Center from 4:30-6:45pm.
- Sat. 1/10 – The **Youth Group of Grace United Reformed Church** invites the community to a **Soup Supper Fundraiser** from 5:00-7:00pm. Delicious chili, vegetable beef soup, and chicken noodle soup will be served! The church building is located at the corner of Highway 26 and Buwalda Dr. in Waupun. Proceeds go toward funding travel to an annual summer convention. Thank you for your support!
- Mon. 1/12 – **Friends of the Waupun Library** host their monthly **Book Sale** from 10:00am-6:00pm at the library. Time to dig in for the long winter and replenish your dwindling supply of books!
- Wed. 1/14 – **Waupun Fine Arts** invites you to attend an **Opening Reception for local artist David Daniels** at the Waupun Fine Arts Gallery (inside the Waupun Public Library) from 5:00-7:00pm.

★ Check out more events at www.WaupunFestivals.com and "Like" Waupun Festivals – Wisconsin Events on Facebook! ★

NEWS FROM WAUPUN LIONS CLUB



The Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin (LEBW) has awarded Waupun Lion Dr. Dean Lenz (on left) the "Knight of Sight Fellowship Award". Waupun Lions Club President Jake Dittmann presented the award to Dr. Lenz at a recent meeting. Please see the Lions Club press release following the newsletter for additional information.

The Waupun Lions Club recently presented the Waupun Historical Society with various artifacts chronicling the history of the Lions Club in Waupun. The club was chartered in 1962, with a membership roll of 30 members. The names of the charter members had been inscribed on a framed document which was presented to Historical Society President Jim Laird (left) by Lions Club President Jake Dittmann. Find more on this story in a press release after the newsletter.





Historic Waupun City Hall

Booster Club Bowling Tournament



Jan. 23 - 25

Sign up now!

Registration form
and info attached.

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FFA SERVES COMMUNITY TABLE

The Waupun Area FFA chapter developed the Spirit of Giving campaign which focused on serving others in the community with special emphasis during the Christmas season. To show their support for the Community Table, a place where anyone can get a free hot meal on Fridays, members prepared a Christmas style lunch for the community on Friday, Dec. 19. Members who helped serve the meals included, back row from left, Marissa Haugen, Bailey Wetzel and Henriette Jurjens. Front row from left, Becca Haddy, Sara Riel and Abby Henken.



Photo by Larry Duer

CHRISTMAS DAY MEAL AT THE WESLEY CENTER



Photo by Larry Duer

Laurie Vant Hoff plays her flute, while her mother-in-law, Eileen Vant Hoff, accompanies at the piano, playing Christmas music to entertain the many guests at the annual Christmas Day dinner served at the Wesley Center in Waupun on Christmas Day. For the 21st year in a row, this meal, complete with turkey, beef, and all the fixings is an annual event hosted by Larry and Leanne Schultz of Fox Lake. Assisted by family members and friends, they served well over 100 guests this year to anyone who had no plans for Christmas Day and for those who didn't want to spend the day alone.