



Buffy Vander Galien, right, a member of the Bargains Galore committee, presents a \$500 check to Derek L. Drews, treasurer of Waupun Educational Foundation.

Bargains Galore Thrift Store supports Waupun Educational Foundation

Bargains Galore Thrift Store supported the Educational Foundation of Waupun by donating \$500 to it. The mission of the foundation is to promote excellence in education, through the use of private resources. The Foundation provides a link between public and parochial schools in the Waupun Area School District by providing grants to teachers and scholarships to students. This year, \$6,000 in scholarship money has been divided between Central Wisconsin Christian School (CWC) and Waupun Area High School (WAHS) and given to students who best meet the criteria and who pursue post-secondary

studies. Approximately \$5,000 in grant money was divided this year by CWC and schools in Waupun Area School District to teachers who submitted innovated projects who focus on using media and/or technology to supplement current curriculum that would otherwise not be available to them within school budgets. These initiatives are possible because of donations from local businesses like Bargains Galore Thrift Store, civic and private sectors, plus individuals. The Waupun Educational Foundation is prepared to manage bequests, endowments and funds. Contributions to the

foundation are tax-deductible. More information regarding the foundation can be found at waupunK12.wi.us. "We have been tremendously blessed here at Bargains. We are excited that we can give back to our community and contribute to the important work of the Waupun Educational Foundation," remarked Melissa Wierenga, Bargains store manager. The store is located at 810 W. Main St., Waupun. Store and donation center hours include: Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, visit BargainsGaloreThriftStore.com.

Red Cross honors area volunteers

The local American Red Cross honored volunteers and community partners at the Celebration of Support event held in November. Approximately 100 Red Cross volunteers and community supporters attended the event held at The Waters in Oshkosh and hosted by Festival Foods.

Steve Hansen, chapter executive, was joined by community members from several cities. The Northeast Wisconsin Chapter covers 20 counties and the diversity of skills, experience and proximity are recognized in the following awards. Local area recipients include:

Ripon, received the Victor Fousek Emergency Services Award for outstanding commitment assisting local and national communities impacted by disasters. **Nancy Hammock of Fond du Lac**, received the Blood Services Volunteer Award for exceptional reliability and dedication to the blood services program. **Traded Treasures in Ripon, along with Advocap of Oshkosh**, received the Corporate Benefactor Award, for a business with outstanding commitment to their communities and collaboration with the American Red Cross. Award recipient photos are posted on our local redcrossblog.org.

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RSVP by contacting Brenda by Monday, Oct 13 to reserve your spot before by calling **920-392-6846** or email jonathan.leonard@thrivent.com. Complimentary dinner will be provided for each attendee. Seating is limited.

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FROM THE CITY DESKS:

Meadow View School: What does the future hold ?

Greetings Friends!
In this column, I would like to share with you some of the challenges facing the redevelopment of the former Meadow View (Washington) School. A building of this size requires continuous improvements, repairs and maintenance. The building is serviced by an old boiler system, probably installed in the 1950s, that has resulted in costly repairs to keep in operation. The vast amount of roof is another costly expense from patching to replacement of damaged ceiling tiles and flooring throughout the building following rains. Another cost is the time required of staff monitoring the building and expenses associated with keeping it operational such as lawn care, snow removal and a multitude of other factors.

mayor's notes

by Kyle Clark

Where do we go from here?

An offer has been submitted and accepted which would allow a development plan to move forward for use of the property. At this stage, we remain in discussions on the site plan and on a developer's agreement that would specify the terms and conditions for the final sale of the property. As such, any new development would require the building to be razed and removed. With any decision, I realize it will generate support and opposition from the community. We have, I believe, done the due diligence and have dedicated hundreds of hours attempting to save

and repurpose this building. Having attended Washington School, it holds sentimental value with me as well as many others in the community. Although nothing is completely finalized, it seems apparent that after examining the costs and benefits of the many possible uses and the current condition of the building we must explore the possibility of a new development on the site that will serve our community. **Chat with Mayor:** Please join me for a chat at the Girls Varsity Basketball Game at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30. See you around Waupun, Mayor Kyle

Duehrings to receive Ripon College Founders' Day award

Dave and Karen Stoddard Duehring of Green Lake will be honored by Ripon College with its annual Founders' Day Award Jan. 27. The award is presented to an individual or organization in Ripon and surrounding communities who exemplifies the ideals behind the creation of Ripon College in 1851. The ceremony celebrating the 164th anniversary of the College's founding will be held at 11:15 a.m. in Great Hall of Harwood Memorial Union on the Ripon College campus. A brief historical presentation will be given by Kevin Whit-

eneir Jr., a senior art history and anthropology major from Chicago, Illinois. Duehring is a Ripon native and a co-owner of Ripon Drug and Ben Franklin, which have provided a steady presence in downtown Ripon through the years. He has had a longstanding and strong commitment to the city of Ripon and the students, faculty and staff of Ripon College. Karen Stoddard Duehring is a 1972 graduate of Ripon College, a member of Alpha Chi Omega. A sister, Debra Stoddard Jessop, class of 1977, was a member of


Alpha Delta Pi. Their mother, Roberta, worked in the Ripon College business office from 1966 to 1978; and their father, Lee, worked at Speed Queen, now Alliance Laundry Systems. She says the Founders' Day Award is a "distinct honor," but feels that what she has accomplished is a recognition of the high standards and the classical learning and teaching models offered by the College itself. Stoddard Duehring has taught at the high school and university levels, and formed her own private tutoring business.

DC pesticide applicator training courses offered; includes self-study option

Dodge County farmers whose pesticide applicators certification has expired or first-time applicators will want to register for a training session or for a self-study program in order to acquire their General Farming Private Applicator's License. Two upcoming dates are available: **Feb. 4** in the Dodge County Administration Building Auditorium, 127

E. Oak St., Juneau. Fee includes lunch. **Feb. 18** at the Watertown Senior Citizen Center, 514 S. First St., Watertown. Fee charged. No lunch served. **March 6** in the Dodge County Administration Building Auditorium, 127 E. Oak St., Juneau. Fee \$40 includes lunch. Each session runs from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. At the conclusion of instruction you will take an open-book examination (50 percent minimum score required to pass).

Registration and fee payment for PAT classes or self-study must be done in person, at least one day prior to the training/testing date, at the Dodge County UW-Extension Office, 127 E. Oak St., Juneau. Phone and mail registrations for PAT are not acceptable. The pesticide applicators training course will focus on the four steps of an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program: Set Action Thresholds, Monitor and Identify pests, Prevention, and Control. The program will also include a discussion of Pesticides and the Law, Reading the Pesticide Label, Safety and Emergencies, Calibrating Spray Equipment and other topics. This course is offered by the University of Wisconsin-Cooperative Extension and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). Other private applicator training for Greenhouse & Nursery, Fruit Crops and Commercial Applicator training are offered by DATCP. For more information, contact the Dodge County UW-Extension office at (920) 386-3790, visit their website at dodge.uw.edu/ or connect with us on Facebook. Visit the Pesticide Applicator Training website at ipcm.wisc.edu/pat/ and find trainings in other counties at ipcm.wisc.edu/pat/events/.



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