

Wauzeka-Steuben Buzz

301 E Main St. Wauzeka, WI 53826

May 2025

Wauzeka-Steuben High School Announces 2025 Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Emma Wall has been named Valedictorian and Zoey Jelinek has been named Salutatorian of the Wauzeka-Steuben High School 2025 graduating class.

Emma is the daughter of Pat and Jackie Wall. Emma was initially homeschooled her first year of high school, but quickly acclimated to Wauzeka-Steuben High School. She has been very active the past three years while excelling academically. Emma has consistently been named to the Summa Cum Laude honor roll, receiving an academic letter and two pins for her excellence in the classroom. She was most recently named to the Ridge and Valley All-Academic Honorable Mention team. Furthermore, Emma has challenged herself by taking a rigorous course load throughout high school that contained a variety of dual credit and AP courses.

Emma has been actively involved in a number of extra-curricular activities over her high school career. She has participated in NHS, PALS, FBLA, HOSA, Hornet Council, Book Club, and Math Team. She has held various leadership positions within these groups and organizations. She has successfully competed in many FBLA competitions, qualifying for state. Athletically, Emma has participated in volleyball, cross country, basketball, softball, and track. She has been an instrumental member of these athletic teams receiving numerous accolades for her athleticism, sportsmanship, and leadership over the years. Emma and her teammates have experienced success in the way of conference and regional championships. Emma, herself, has experienced success with numerous all-conference and all-district recognitions. Emma has also represented her high school at Badger Girls State and been named Student of the Month several times.

Emma has devoted a lot of time to helping others. She has volunteered her time and services to our local summer rec program, youth basketball program, area roadside cleanups, blood drives, Buckets of Hope fundraisers, and ringing bells for the Salvation Army. Emma is always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need and does so with a smile on her face.

Outside of school, Emma has been employed at both Hickory Grove Golf Course and Leisure Time Sports Bar and Bowl gaining valuable work experience in working with the public.

Following graduation, Emma plans to initially earn an Associate of Applied Science from Northern Iowa Area Community College (NIACC). Emma then plans to further her education in a specialized healthcare field. While enrolled at NIACC, Emma will also play collegiate softball.



Interim District Administrator-Dr. Gary Albrecht
Nikki Asleson-President

Jessie Bird-Vice President

Board of Education
Tom Martin-Clerk

Ken Buck-Treasurer

District Principal-Mrs. Tiffany Dums
Brandon Millin-Member

Emma would like to thank her parents for teaching her the value of a strong work ethic and always supporting her. In addition, Emma would like to thank her sisters for pushing her to be the best version of herself and her brothers for teaching her how to be assertive. Emma would also like to recognize her grandma and the impact she had on her life, building her confidence and teaching her many valuable life lessons. Lastly, Emma would like to thank her teachers for the support they have provided her and the knowledge they have instilled in her.



Zoey is the daughter of Chad and Amy Jelinek. Zoey transferred to Wauzeka-Steuben High School her sophomore year and quickly acclimated herself. She has been very active throughout her high school career while excelling academically. Zoey has consistently been named to the Summa Cum Laude honor roll, earning herself an academic letter and two pins for her excellence in the classroom. She was most recently named to the Ridge and Valley All-Academic Honorable Mention team. Furthermore, Zoey has challenged herself by taking a rigorous course load that contained a variety of dual credit courses. Zoey also earned her Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certification.

Zoey has been actively involved in a number of extra-curricular activities over the past four years. She has participated in HOSA, FFA, SkillsUSA, Ski Club, Yearbook, NHS, Science Club, Spanish Club, PALS, DECA, and Hornet Council. She has held various leadership positions within these clubs and organizations as well. Athletically, Zoey has participated in volleyball, basketball, and track. She has earned several accolades for her performance in these activities. Zoey was also selected as Student of the Month several times throughout high school. She was chosen by the Wauzeka-Steuben staff to represent the district as a Wisconsin Leadership Seminar (WILS) participant.

Zoey has been very involved in her community and church volunteering her time and services. She has assisted with blood drives, bell ringing for the Salvation Army, collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, fundraisers for Sue's Buckets of Hope, catechism teaching, highway cleanup, our afterschool program, Booster Club concession stands, and Memorial/Labor Day community activities.

Outside of school, Zoey works at Soldiers Grove Nursing Home as a CNA and provides home health care. She is also registered as a Youth Apprentice.

Following graduation, Zoey plans to attend Southwest Technical College (SWTC). She plans to initially complete one year of the Nursing program to obtain her LPN certification, while waiting upon entry into the Radiography program.

Zoey would like to thank her parents and teachers for their constant support and encouragement throughout the years.

Congratulations and best wishes to Emma, Zoey, and all the Wauzeka-Steuben 2025 graduates. We wish you all a bright and successful future.

WAUZEKA-STEUBEN SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

May 19th 6:30 PM Regular/Library

June 16th 6:30 PM Regular/Library

School Board agendas will be emailed to radio stations WPRE and KADR, to the District's website manager, and to the Clerk of the Village Board of Steuben for posting. Copies of the agenda will be posted at the front and rear doors of the school, at Peoples State Bank, the Wauzeke BP, and the faculty/staff lounge". The meetings will also be noticed in the school newsletters.

The above are scheduled school board meetings. Special meetings will be called as needed and posted locally.

HOSA state leadership conference

HOSA took a trip to the state leadership conference in Wisconsin Dells. It was a great experience networking, learning about health careers and meeting new people. They are looking forward to next year and the competitive events.



PBIS ASSEMBLY

We recognized our Confident Cobras, those students who believe in themselves, don't worry about what others think of them, do not let small problems ruin their day, and trust themselves and the decisions they make. Next up is the Clever Fox!



Buzzing Broom - Kindergarten



Golden Spoon - 1st grade



Silent Slipper - 4th grade

Elementary students of the month



Hudson Folbrecht (Kindergarten), son of Dayton and Lacy Folbrecht. Hudson is a really great friend and helpful to others in the classroom. He has been working hard on being thoughtful with his work in the classroom. He has done a great job with this mindfulness and has done some great classroom work. Hudson continues to come to class each day ready to learn and do his best. Keep up the great work Hudson!

Leo Buck (1st Grade), son of Ken and Emily Buck. Leo is an outstanding, smart, and hardworking student to have in class. He comes to school everyday excited to learn and puts forward his best effort in everything he does. He is always working to be the best he can be inside and outside the classroom. He is always doing his best to help others and Mrs. Knowles can't wait to see all the amazing things he will do. Keep up the great work Leo!



Esme Ward (2nd Grade), daughter of Ryan and Tricia Ward. Esme is a very helpful and thoughtful student who always goes out of her way to assist her classmates. She is conscious of how her peers are doing and offers to help them when they are confused or don't understand something. She always has a positive attitude and loves learning new things. She works hard and puts in her best effort on every assignment. Esme is a natural-born leader and perseveres through challenges to reach her goals. She has a bright future ahead of her and Ms. Rimkus loves watching her grow!

Ana Walz (4th Grade), daughter of David and Kate Walz. Ana is a bright and enthusiastic learner who truly enjoys coming to school! She brings a positive attitude to the classroom and is always committed to doing her best. She loves taking on new challenges and takes responsibility for her learning journey. What stands out is her ability to cooperate wonderfully with both the teacher and her classmates. She's always polite, shows great manners, and follows classroom rules with ease. Her kindness shines through as she is always there to lend a helping hand to friends who might be feeling down. She treats her teachers and peers with respect and can always be counted on to get things done. It's clear that she thinks carefully about how she interacts with others and values everyone in our classroom and the school community. Overall, she makes our classroom a fantastic place to be!





Jaxon Gouger (5th Grade), son of Sarah Thesing. Jaxon demonstrates outstanding responsibility, respect, and effort in his daily school life. He shines as a role model in the classroom, always showing kindness to others, taking responsibility for his work, and putting forth his best effort in everything he does. Whether completing assignments with care, helping a classmate in need, or showing great respect to teachers and peers, he truly exemplifies the qualities of a dedicated and hardworking student. His commitment to learning and positive attitude make him a deserving recipient for Student of the Month.

MS/HS students of the month

Zoey Jelinek (Senior), daughter of Chad and Amy Jelinek. Zoey is a great student who truly cares about her education. She is kind to everyone and involved in many extracurricular activities. She has a bright future ahead of her. Best of luck!

Addison Mara (Junior), daughter of Robbie Mara and Brenda Chonat. Addison is working very hard in class this year. She is taking on some leadership roles and being involved in more clubs. She maintains excellent grades and always has her work completed on time. Keep up the great work!

Oaklyn Kilburg (8th Grader), daughter of Kevin and Kelly Kilburg. Oaklyn is a dedicated and hardworking student who takes great pride in her academics. She consistently hands in her work on time and goes above and beyond in every task she's given. Her determination and responsibility are proof that she is a natural leader and consistently sets a good example for her peers.

Breileigh Trautsch (8th Grader). daughter of Brian and Ashley Trautsch. Breileigh is a hard worker and always puts forth her best effort. She is always prepared for class, responsible, and organized. Breileigh is respectful to her teachers and always willing to stand up for her peers. She is always willing to jump in and help whenever needed. She participates in class, extra curricular activities, and athletics.



MS/HS Honor Roll 3rd Quarter

Cum laude 3.5 - 3.749

Brody Bunders -8th grade

Jordy Huber -8th grade

Hunter McCallister -8th grade

Breileigh Trautsch -8th grade

Adam Gehrke -7th grade

Savannah McCalister -7th grade

Mayson Diekmann -7th grade

Jase Huber -6th grade

Trey Kamopp -6th grade

George Lapine -6th grade

Jenna Martin -6th grade

Dax Redman -6th grade

Braxton Trautsch -6th grade

Gerald Walz -6th grade

Brianna Ray -10th grade

Ryder Fralick -9th grade

Stetson Zeeh -9th grade

Magna cum laude 3.75 - 3.899

Serena Gianfrancesco -12th grade

Ruger Paetz -12th grade

Brett Wagner -12th grade

Addison Mara -11th grade

Mallory McCullick -10th grade

Devyn Allert -9th grade

Bentley Dums -9th grade

Alexa Martin -9th grade

Joshua Martin -9th grade

Hayley Mitchell -9th grade

Magna cum laude 3.75 - 3.899

Hailey Martin -8th grade

Matthew Zinkle -8th grade

Logan Evans -7th grade

Lahaina Huber -7th grade

Summa cum laude 3.9 - 4.0

Oaklyn Killburg -8th grade

Tess Pitzer -8th grade

Arabella Redman -7th grade

Sophia Read -6th grade

Ellasyn Sims -6th grade

Summa cum laude 3.9 - 4.0

Madison Evans -12th grade

Catherine Geraghty -12th grade

Trisha Grillitzer -12th grade

Zoey Jelinek -12th grade

Kiley Manning -12th grade

Brooke Mitchell -12th grade

Francesco Ragosta -12th grade

Julian Stueber -12th grade

Kacper Szygenda -12th grade

Emma Wall -12th grade

Isabella Bunders -11th grade

Molli Hooker -11th grade

Cooper Lomas -11th grade

Macy Mitchell -11th grade

Emma Steinhorst -11th grade

Olivia Colson -10th grade

Avery Killburg -10th grade

Violet Mitchell -10th grade

Jazzmine Walters -10th grade

Chloe Manning -9th grade

Alayna Martin -9th grade

Elyse Sims -9th grade

HS Honor Roll 3rd quarter

Cum laude 3.5 - 3.749

Savannah Swatek -12th grade

Elizabeth Wright -12th grade

Clint Mitchell -11th grade

Emma Udelhoven -11th grade

Nataile Wright -11th grade

William Zander -11th grade

Brynnlee Benoy -10th grade

Ellah Jones -10th grade

Disney Prom 2025

On Saturday, April 12th, the Junior Class put on a Disney-themed prom. The grand march started at 8:30, and the students danced away until midnight. Following the dance, a post-prom event was held in the Hornets' Nest from midnight until 3:30. Some activities included a scavenger hunt, laser tag, car racing, prize winning, snacks/beverages, and other games. The miniature queen was Hadley Okey and the miniature king was Cam Lomas. This year's 2025 prom King and Queen were Macy Mitchell and Cooper Lomas. The junior class would like to thank all the parents and staff members for making all of this possible through donations for post prom and chaperoning. It was a night to remember!

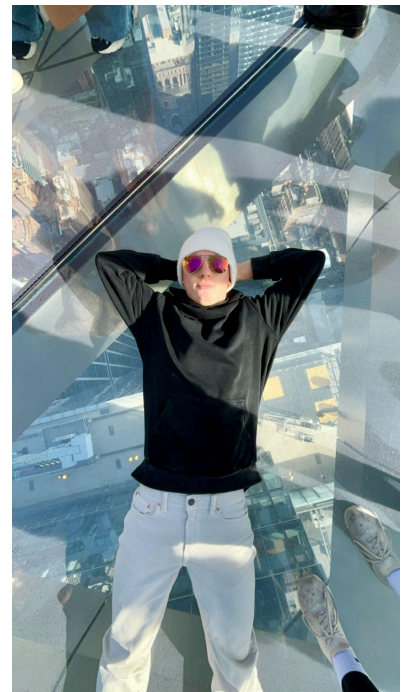


Back row from left to right: Natalie Wright, Ted Millin, Olivia Allert, Emma Steinhorst, Mason Johnson, Emma Udelhoven, William Zander, Isabella Bunders. Middle Row: Wyatt Mullikin, Addison Mara, Macy Mitchell, Cooper Lomas, Clint Mitchell, Molli Hooker. Front Row: Miniatures Hadley Okey and Cam Lomas



New York, New York!

The Wauzeka-Steuben seniors went to New York City for their class trip this year. They explored the 9/11 Memorial Museum and the USS Intrepid Space and Sea Museum. They were able to go to the home opener of the Brewers game at the Yankees Stadium and Broadway, which was showing Wicked. They walked through some of Central Park and half of the Brooklyn Bridge. The seniors were able to walk around Times Square and got to go on the Edge, which is 400 Hudson Yards in the air on glass. They also got to go on The Today Show (national TV) and get pictures with the host and Savannah. The seniors were able to see a bunch of different attractions in New York. They went to the famous Stardust Diner for supper one night and the Hard Rock Cafe the next night. They visited the Statue Of Liberty, Ellis Island, and Roosevelt Island to look at the sights there. Overall, these seniors had a blast on their trip to New York and are so thankful the school allows this opportunity to the students. Special thanks to everyone who has supported the trip through various fundraisers.



8th Grade/Freshman visit Washington, D.C.

The Freshman and 8th graders were very fortunate to visit Washington, D.C last month. On Tuesday, March 25th, the Wauzeka-Steuben students took off for Washington, D.C On Wednesday, March 26th, after driving all night, they arrived in Gettysburg, PA, at 7 AM for breakfast. After eating breakfast, they got back on the bus to go on a Gettysburg bus tour. Following that, they finally got out to stretch their legs at the Gettysburg Museum Tour. They then went on a tour at Mt. Vernon. Finally, to end the day, they arrived at their hotel at 6:45 to eat pizza and settle down for the night. On Thursday, March 27th, they left the hotel at 7:15 AM to get to the tour beginning at 8 AM and ending at noon. They then went from 1:30-4:00 pm to the Air Force Memorial, 9/11 Memorial, and DEA Museum. When done looking through all the museums, they went to Pentagon City Mall for shopping and dinner. To end the night, they went to the Presidential Memorial. On Friday, March 28th, they departed for a White House picture stop and People's House Tours, followed by the Smithsonian Museum Tours, picture at the Capitol, the Holocaust Museum, and dinner at Pentagon City Mall. To end the night, they went to the JFK Performing Arts Center Rooftop Visit. Saturday, March 29th, they departed for the National Zoo and attended the Air and Space Museum Udvar Hazy Center. They then returned to the bus to return to Wauzeka. This trip was filled with so many educational activities and students and chaperones were very exhausted on the ride home. The students want to thank the school for allowing them to attend and everyone who supported them through various fundraisers. They enjoyed visiting our Nation's Capital!



Skills USA in Wauzeka-Steuben High School

Last week, 25 students from the Wauzeka-Steuben High School competed at the 52nd annual SkillsUSA competition in Madison, WI. Congratulations to Mallory McCullick for being elected as the District 6 vice President and Wauzeka-Steuben's first-ever state representative. We thank Mallory for her hard work and dedication to our SkillsUSA chapter and congratulate her on receiving this honor and representing us at the state level.



Career Fair

On April 3rd, the Wauzeka-Steuben High School students made their way to North Crawford High School for a career day field trip, along with Seneca, West Salem, Kickapoo, and Prairie du Chien Schools. Our students were able to talk with employers and college admissions representatives as well as attend breakout sessions on a variety of careers to better prepare us for our future. It was a great day!



State FBLA



Olivia, Parker, Violet, Brooke and Jazzmine competed in the state FBLA on March 31st in Green Bay. They competed, attended workshops, and learned so much for future competitions. They had a great time!

State Forensics



Congratulations to these exceptional young ladies who performed at State Forensics yesterday at UW-Madison! Our team brought home 7 gold medals, 3 silver, and 2 bronze! Way to represent!

Spring Sports Startup



As the weather warms up, spring sports create new excitement. Both baseball and Softball are returning to the field, ready to kick off their season. Coaches are optimistic about their rosters this year, with returning players and newcomers ready to make an impact. When asked about the future, Coach Dums, the 2018 coach of the year and the 2019 all star game coach said, "We are pretty young as a whole this year, and as the years pass, we will improve as these young players grow and gain experience." He is optimistic about the future of this program. As for Coach Smith and the softball team, he says, "The expectations and standards remain the same, but every year, the game plan and scheme change to best compliment each individual's skill set." Baseball and softball have both had unfortunate beginnings to their seasons so far, both with a 0-2 start. The boys and girls received their second loss on April 9th; the boys lost to River Ridge and the girls to Fenimore. Track and Field is also starting up again with two meets. Runners and throwers are happy to be back in the swing of things. With a limited team for the boys, Coach Shannon, the girls' track and field coach, is very optimistic for the future and the growing popularity of the sport among the girls. Coach Bunders is very excited for this year and has a lot of hope for this team's future. He has had some trips to state in recent years and hopes to keep that going. Good luck to our spring sports teams!



COMMUNITY NEWS

301 E Main St. Wauzeka, WI 53826

May 2025

MINUTES OF WAUZEKA TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 7, 2025

The regular monthly meeting for the Town of Wauzeka was called to order at 6:30pm on Monday, April 7, 2025 in the Town Meeting Room by Chairman Tom Jazdzewski.

Verification was made that the meeting was properly posted at the Town Meeting Room, Bush Hollow Road, Horseshoe Tavern, Oak Lane, and on WPRE Radio Station.

Roll Call was taken with all members present.

Mike McGuire made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Casey Reising. Motion Carried.

Mike McGuire made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Casey Reising. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mike McGuire to approve the monthly bills, seconded by Casey Reising. Motion Carried.

Roads: The Board will be doing a Road Review.

Gravel Bids were opened as follows:

Milestone Materials - \$14.40/ton delivered (gravel & breaker)

Prairie Sand & Gravel - \$13.00/ton delivered (gravel & breaker)

Tom Jazdzewski made a motion to accept the Prairie Sand & Gravel bid for gravel & breaker for \$13.00/ton delivered. Seconded by Casey Reising. Motion Carried.

Building/Driveway/Other Permits: Tom Jazdzewski made a motion to accept the building permit for Ben Reuter, seconded by Mike McGuire. Motion Carried. Tom Jazdzewski made a motion to accept the driveway improvement permit for Kyle Patzner, seconded by Casey Reising. Motion Carried.

Public Comments: No Public Comments

A motion was made by Mike McGuire to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 pm, seconded by Casey Reising. Motion Carried.

Shawna L. Walz
Wauzeka Town Clerk

**Minutes have not been approved by the board.*

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

TOWN OF WAUZEKA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Wauzeka in the County of Crawford, State of Wisconsin, for the transaction of business, as is by law required or permitted to be transacted at such meeting, will be held at the TOWN MEETING ROOM on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

Dated this 7th Day of April, 2025

Shawna Walz, Wauzeka Town Clerk

Luminary Candle Service-Eve of Memorial Day

On the eve of Memorial Day, there will be a light vigil ceremony at the Wauzeka Cemetery in memory of loved ones who have passed away for both military and non-military. The ceremony will be on Sunday, May 25th (eve of Memorial Day) at 8:00 PM. If you would like to purchase a light in memory of a loved one, please complete the following and return it and the donation to:

Wauzeka Cemetery Association

% Suzette Ray

PO Box 302

Wauzeka, WI 53826

Donations must be received by: May 16th.

*Checks should be made out to Wauzeka Cemetery Association

Light at \$5.00 per light Total \$ _____ *Any additional donation is greatly appreciated!

Names for whom lights purchased Military Non-military Catholic Cem. Wauzeka Cem.

MINUTES OF WAUZEKA ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

April 15, 2025

The Electors of the Town of Wauzeka met at the Town Meeting Room to hold the Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

The Annual meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 in the Town Meeting Room by Chairman Tom Jazdzewski.

Tom Jezdzewski, Mike McGuire, Casey Reising, Kathy Oswald, & Shawna Walz were in attendance.

Tom Jezdzewski made a motion to approve the minutes of the last Annual Meeting, seconded by Casey Reising. Motion Carried.

The Financial Report was discussed and looked through. A motion was made by Mike McGuire to accept the Financial Report without being read, seconded by Casey Reising. Motion Carried.

Discussed/Reviewed Road Maintenance & Projects for 2025.

A motion was made by Mike McGuire to adjourn the meeting at 6:34pm, seconded by Casey Reising. Motion Carried.

Shawna L. Walz
Wauzeka Town Clerk

District News & Information

301 E Main St. Wauzeka. WI 53826

May 2025

School District of Wauzeka-Steuben, in accordance with Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 and other Federal and State regulations, hereby declares that it is committed to the principle of equal education and employment opportunity and, accordingly, does not discriminate as to sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability. Any inquiries or complaints alleging non-compliance with Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 or other Federal and State civil rights or nondiscrimination regulations shall be referred to District Administrator Dr. Gary Albrecht at the School District of Wauzeka-Steuben, 301 E. Main St., Wauzeka, WI 53826, (e-mail) alexadav@wauzeka.k12.wi.us (call) 608-875-5311 ext. 214 and/or Jamie Nutter, Title IX Coordinator of the School District of Wauzeka-Steuben, at Cooperative Educational Service Agency #3, 1300 Industrial Drive, Fennimore, WI 53809, (call) 1-608-822-2148 (e-mail) jnutter@cesa3.org.

Note: All career and technical education opportunities will be offered on a nondiscriminatory basis (without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, disability, etc.) All students in qualifying grades are eligible for enrollment. For further information please contact District Principal Tiffany Dums (608)875-5311 ext. 211 or dumstiff@wauzeka.k12.wi.us.

Wauzeka Angels Fitness Center

Monthly Rates

\$10 per adult W-S School District/Non District Resident plus \$10 for key fob

Annual Membership Rate

\$100 per adult W-S School District/Non District Resident plus \$10 for key fob

*Rates are to cover maintenance and supervision expenses.

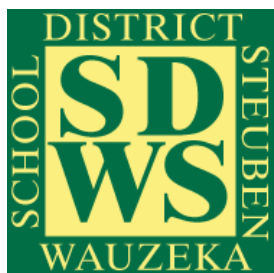


Substitutes Needed

State law has recently changed allowing more flexibility on the requirements people need to be a substitute teacher or support staff. If you are interested in being a substitute please contact District Administrator Dr. Gary Albrecht via email: albregar@wauzeka.k12.wi.us or by phone (608)875-5311 ext. 214.

Substitutes needed:

- Food Service
- Bus Drivers
- Para professional



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Send community events that you would like to be included in the newspaper to:

Alissa Mullikin at mulliali@wauzeka.k12.wi.us

Or drop off any information in the district office.

Next Submission Date: May 9th

Wauzeka, WI 53826

The Wauzeka-Steuben School District is utilizing a community-wide Resource Officer. Officer Alex Udelhofen of the Crawford County Sheriff's Department will be available to the District during regular District hours. In case of an emergency, please call 911.



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