

Wauzeka-Steuben Buzz

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THANK YOU

WAUZKA-STEUBEN SCHOOL DISTRICT HONORS THE HEROES AMONG US



Regan Kramer - Senior & Senior Editor & Hornet Council Secretary

Lindsey Krachey - Senior & Senior Editor & Hornet Council Co-President

On November 11th, 2020, students of the Wauzeka-Steuben School District viewed a short film that celebrated Veterans' Day. The film was organized by the Wauzeka-Steuben Hornet Council.

The program included students and members of the community in many ways. These included elementary students coloring pictures to honor veterans, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, and writing a short paragraph on what Veterans' Day

means to them. Middle school students wrote an essay on what Veterans' Day means to them as well and past high school band students performed the Star Spangled Banner. Brooke Mitchell, an eighth grader, sang the national anthem to honor the heroes among us. Additionally, the district's CLC program contributed to the cause by constructing "thank you" cards. Furthermore, the Badger Girls and Boys State representatives, along with Hornet Council delegates, led the program by reciting Veterans' Day poems and introduced a community member to speak about his own personal experience serving the country. Mr. Ben Dums, the Hornet Council Advisor, and Mr. Mitchell Cernek produced the film, while using the footage that Hornet Council members collected.

This was an opportunity for the entire Wauzeka-Steuben School District to show their sincere appreciation for those in the community who have and continue to serve for the place that we all call home. Although this year's program was not offered in person, it served as a way to not only remember those in our community who have risked their lives to make a difference, but it also highlighted the Veterans' Memorial that our town is able to cherish forever.

The members of Hornet Council invited this year's speaker, Chad Smethurst, to speak and share his unique story. Chad and his family live outside of Eastman, Wisconsin and he is the owner of NCS Gunsmithing in Prairie du Chien. He joined the U.S. Army in 1994 and later retired in 2014. On behalf of the Hornet Council, we would like to sincerely thank Chad for his dedicated service to the United States and for speaking to the parents and students of the Wauzeka-Steuben School District.

At the end of the virtual program, the Veterans' Memorial was particularly acknowledged by recognizing all of the names of the men and women in our near and dear communities who have fought for the United States of America.

A special thank you goes to those individuals and to the Wauzeka and Steuben communities. Additional gratitude also goes to all of the student participants, in grades K-12.

Interim District Administrator - Mr. David Alexander
Nikki Asleson - President

Jessie Bird - Vice President

Board of Education
Tom Martin - Clerk

District Principal - Mrs. Tiffany Dums
Mara Hird - Treasurer
Ken Buck - Member

Athletics, Organizations & Student Achievements

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HONOR ROLL **HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL** **FIRST QUARTER OF THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

Summa cum laude 3.9 - 4.0

Atkinson, Lavern E.
Fischer, Julie A.
Krachey, Lindsey J.
Kramer, Regan E.
Martin, Nathaniel L.
Martin, Zachary T.
Zinkle, Michael W.
Bird, Elizabeth R.
Check, Landen R.
Olsen, McKenzie M.
Reichmann, Isaac G.
Reichmann, Jonah E.
Reichmann, Madalyn A.
Mitchell, Lily M.
Mormann, Desirae M.
Mitchell, Brooke A.
Hooker, Molli
Colson, Olivia R.
Kilburg, Avery G.
Mitchell, Violet

Magna cum laude 3.75 - 3.899

Bunders, Aerial M.
Groom, Gabriella D.
Hurda, Morgan G.
Karnopp, Bradley C.
Karnopp, Ethan C.
Mullikin, Bianca E.
Ralph, Gavin O.
Wielepski, Alexis D.

Kapinus, Emma J.
Kapinus, Garrett G.
Klema, Ethan D.
Krachey, Paul D.
Mitchell, Blake R.
Redman, Cohen A.
Gillitzer, Trisha M.
Bunders, Isabella M.
Lomas, Cooper T.
Mitchell, Macy
Steinhorst, Emma R.
Benoy, Brynnlee K.
Ray, Brianna
Walters, Jazzmine

Cum laude 3.5 - 3.749

Walz, Amelia A.
Beers, Kayla F.
Hooker, Gracie
Jenson-LaLande, Noah
McCarthy, Jordan J.
Baka, Emerson V.
Redman, Carson L.
Atkinson, Jacob C.
Bird, Benjamin M.
Hurda, Cameron N.
Geraghty, Catherine G.
Loomis, Oen J.
Mezera, Andrew D.
Mitchell, Clint S.
Jones, Ellah J.
McCullick, Mallory L.

FFA SPOTLIGHT MEMBERS OF THE MONTH: NOVEMBER

This year, the Wauzeka-Steuben FFA Chapter is adding a monthly "FFA Membership Highlight". We will be asking each participant a handful of questions to get to know our FFA Chapter members a little better. This month, our "FFA Spotlight Member" is: Lily Mitchell.



Lily Mitchell

Grade: 10

Role in FFA: Vice President

How long have you been in FFA? 4 years

What has been your favorite part of FFA? My favorite part of FFA is going to National Convention and competing in activities.

Why did you join FFA? I joined so I could meet new people with similar interests in agriculture and have fun.

What is your favorite thing to do in Agriculture? I enjoy working with and showing beef cattle.

What is your favorite Ice Cream flavor? Mint Chocolate Chip

AN ELECTION TO REMEMBER

Amelia Walz- Senior Editor & NHS Treasurer



The Wauzeka-Steuben National Honor Society is involved in the community throughout the entire school year. They organize events and help when needed in the school and community. The most recent event that members volunteered their time was during the 2020 Election held on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020 at Century Hall. Members of the National Honor Society took time out of their day to be of the utmost help.


The individuals who participated helped keep the ballot stations clean, reset the voting machines, and much more. Members volunteered in groups of two in a two hour time frame each. Though this was just a small gesture of kindness towards the community, many were grateful for the help offered. Not only did multiple community members find it helpful, but the NHS members also were able to broaden their horizons on the importance of these particular things while organizing an election, especially during a pandemic. Seniors Zach Martin, Nate Martin, Regan Kramer, Alexis Wielepski, Amelia Walz, Regan Kramer and Lindsey Krachey participated in the volunteer opportunity. Additionally, juniors Gracie Hooker, Emma Kapinus, Lizzie Bird, Maddy Reichmann and Satine Cox also dedicated time from their day. This was a great way for the next generation to gain experience in regard to how voting and an election is operated.

Community News & Activities


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American Red Cross



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blood donor



HOPE begins with you.

**Curtis Bradley Groom
Memorial Blood Drive**

Wauzeka Village Hall
213 E Front Street


**Friday, December 11, 2020
12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit
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Sponsored by the Wauzeka American Legion Auxiliary

By donating at this blood drive, you are helping one or more graduating seniors earn a scholarship!

Appointments preferred; walk-ins welcome!



Scan to schedule an appointment.

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WAUZEKA-STEUBEN'S "SCIENCE CLUB"

The Science Club is still planning on hosting the group's annual Community Give Back Day in the spring.

This is a way for the members of the club to become and continue to be involved within the community, while helping community members with outdoor tasks before the busy summer begins.

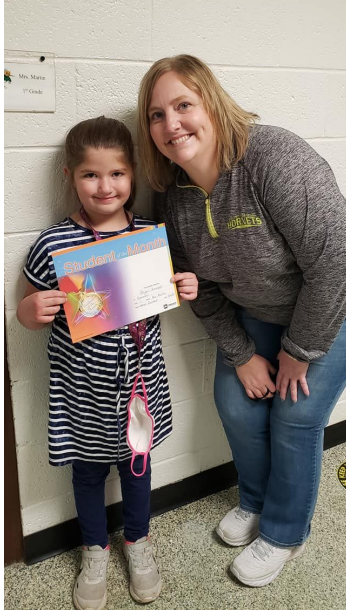
Some things in the past that were done include raking leaves, painting curbs, picking up trash, and tidying up the yard.

If anyone in the community has any ideas on locations to clean up, please contact a Science Club member or Mrs. Reichmann (reichkir@wauzeka.k12.wi.us) as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support!

November Students of the Month

1st Grade, Abigail Karnopp



Abigail has done a fantastic job working hard in all areas. She listens and participates in class every day and comes to school ready to learn. She makes smart choices daily and lets others know respectfully when and how to make better choices. She is kind to everyone and leads by her example. Abigail is in Mrs. Martin's 1st grade class and the daughter of Stacey and David Karnopp.

5th Grade, Alexa Martin



Alexa is a hard worker whether face-to-face or virtual. She has a positive attitude and is always respectful to her peers and teachers. She is always willing to help out and is very responsible. Alexa is in Mr. Zeeh's 5th grade class and the daughter of Travis Martin and Amanda Martin.



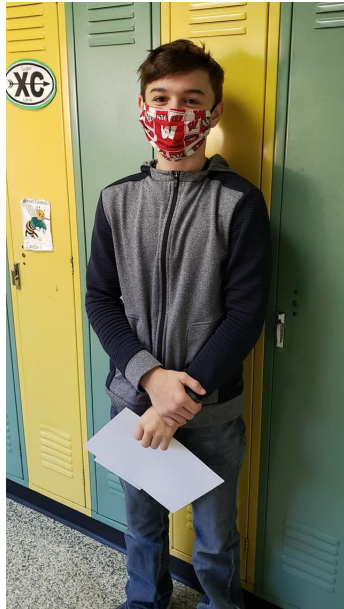
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November HS Students of the

Month

Carson Redman

Grade: 10



Carson has really worked hard this year to improve his grades and is taking class more seriously. He has been getting his work in on time and to a higher quality than last year. Carson has shown great improvement from last year and is continuing to become a stronger student. Carson is a sophomore and the son of Craig and Angie Redman.

Favorite Class: Woodworking and Forensic Science

Favorite Music: Depends on how I'm feeling.

Favorite Food: Tacos

Favorite TV Show/Movie: All American

Favorite Sport/Team: Green Bay Packers

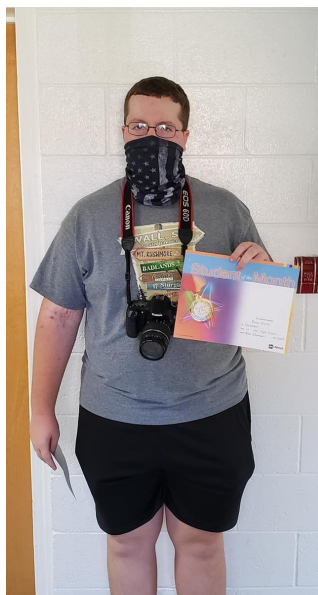
Who inspires me? My Dad

When I graduate I want to be: Engineer or Crime Scene Investigator

Other: I'm "surprisingly" short for my age.

Beau Kinley

Grade: 11



Beau has had an excellent year so far. He has improved from last year in taking school seriously and has seen a great improvement in his grades. Beau has turned in all of his work and it has been done on time. Beau is an excellent student to have in class and loves to contribute random things he has read about into class discussions. Beau is a junior and the son of Carla Kinley and Russell Kinley.

Favorite Class: Publication and Design

Favorite Music: 70's and 80's Pop

Favorite Food: Chicken Alfredo

Favorite TV Show/Movie: Law and Order: SVU

Favorite Sport/Team: Packers



Positive Behavior Intervention & Support

When I graduate I want to be: Computer Tech

November MS Student of the Month

Brooke Mitchell Grade: 8



Brooke is hard working, polite, kind, respectful and a pleasure to have in class. She puts her all into everything she does and it shows. Brooke is in 8th grade and is the daughter of Bart and Amy Mitchell.

Favorite Class: U.S. History

Favorite Music: Country or Pop

Favorite Food: Anything Italian

Favorite TV Show/Movie: The Goldbergs

Favorite Sport/Team: Whatever Sport I am in at the time.

Who inspires me? Fallon Taylor

When I graduate I want to be: Something with horses or animals.

Other: I love horses.



MINUTES OF WAUZEKA TOWN BOARD MEETING
December 7, 2020

The regular monthly meeting for the Town of Wauzeka was called to order at 6:43 p.m. on Monday, December 7, 2020 in the Town Meeting Room by Chairman Tom Jazdzewski.

Verification was made that the meeting was properly posted at the Tn. Mtg. Rm., Bush Hollow Rd., Horseshoe Tavern, Oak Ln., and on Radio Station W.P.R.E.

Roll Call was taken with all members being present.

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

A motion was made by Dennis Nagel to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Mike McGuire. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mike McGuire to accept the monthly bills, seconded by Dennis Nagel. Motion Carried.

There were no public comments.

Mike McGuire made a motion to approve the 2021 Budget for the Town of Wauzeka, seconded by Dennis Nagel. Roll Call vote: Tom Jazdzewski – Yes, Dennis Nagel – Yes, Mike McGuire – Yes. Motion Carried with a Roll Call Vote.

There were no building permits.

A motion was made by Mike McGuire to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m., seconded by Dennis Nagel. Motion Carried.

Carol Mullikin
Town Clerk

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ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

ENDOWMENT FUND FOR ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

Any community members or alumni who are interested in donating money to the recently founded Alumni Scholarship Endowment Fund are encouraged to contact the Wauzeka-Steuben Business Office. Any monetary donation up to a cumulative level of \$25,000 will be matched dollar for dollar by a 1976 alumnus.

Many of the alumni from Wauzeka-Steuben High School have leveraged their WSHS education to become successful employees, entrepreneurs, and community leaders. The recently established Alumni Scholarship was initiated by a 1976 WSHS alumnus, and is intended to encourage academic excellence and additional post-high school education by helping defer tuition and related educational expenses at a four-year college for an outstanding graduating WSHS senior. The scholarship is intended to be one of the premiere WSHS scholarships awarded to a graduating senior, with a current stipend level of \$2,000 payable near the time of the 1st semester college enrollment. Selection is based primarily on high school GPA, active participation in WSHS extracurricular activities, and college standardized admission tests such as ACT or SAT, thereby demonstrating considerable promise for academic success in college.

In order to provide long-term financial stability for the Alumni Scholarship, an endowment fund with a goal of \$50,000 is being set up. Any WSHS alumni or benefactor donation up to a cumulative level of \$25,000 will be matched dollar for dollar by the 1976 alumnus. All WSHS alumni and friends are encouraged to consider making a donation to help achieve the endowment goal for this scholarship.

Questions regarding the endowment fund for the Alumni Scholarship can be directed to:

Jeff Mara, Business Manager
Kelly Kilburg, School Counselor

Monetary donations for the endowment fund for the Alumni Scholarship can be mailed to:

Wauzeka-Steuben Alumni Scholarship Fund
c/o Jeff Mara
301 E. Main Street

Scholarship and Award Opportunities

December 2020

College Specific Scholarships

Be sure to check into any scholarships that the college you're planning to attend offers. Often, a separate application is needed for these scholarships. You can typically find this information on their website. If you have difficulty doing so, please stop in the guidance office so Mrs. Kilburg can assist you.

UW System -

<https://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/counselors/navigating-financial-aid/uw-system-scholarship-links/>

Wisconsin Technical College System - <http://www.wtcsystem.edu/colleges>

Wisconsin's Private Colleges - <http://www.wisconsinsprivatecolleges.org/>

The **Hagan Scholarship Foundation** awards scholarships up to \$6,000 each semester for up to 8 consecutive semesters. The purpose of the Hagan Scholarship is to provide each recipient with the opportunity to obtain a four-year college education and graduate debt free; and to provide a practical understanding of important life skills not typically taught as a part of the school curriculum. For more information, including the scholarship application, please visit www.hsfmo.org. **Application Deadline: December 1, 2020.**

The AXA Foundation, in association with U.S. News & World Report, is offering the **AXA Achievement Scholarship**. Scholarship awards range from \$2,500-\$25,000. Award winners are known as AXA Achievers. They are students who set and reach ambitious goals, demonstrate drive, determination and ability to succeed in college and who have respect for self, family, and community. Apply online at <http://www.axa-equitable.com/axa-foundation/about.html>. **Application Deadline: December 15, 2020.**

The **Engineers Foundation of Wisconsin** is offering various scholarships to graduating high school seniors who plan to study engineering at an institution of higher learning. Additional information and applications are available online at <https://www.wspe.org/scholarships>. **Application Deadline: December 21, 2020.**

The **Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE)** is conducting an essay contest in which scholarship prizes will be awarded. High school juniors and seniors for the 2020-2021 school year are eligible to participate in FIRE's essay contest. To enter, students must submit an essay between 700-900 words on the provided prompt (focuses on the topic of free speech). One \$10,000 first place prize, one \$5,000 second place prize, three \$1,000 third place prizes,

and four \$500 fourth place prizes will be awarded for the best essays. To enter, visit <https://www.thefire.org/resources/high-school-network/essay-contest/>. **Application Deadline: December 31, 2020.**

The **American Legion, Department of Wisconsin** awards various scholarships annually. Scholarships are open to all students that meet certain eligibility requirements. To view descriptions of the many programs and scholarship opportunities available, visit: <https://wilegion.org/oratorical-scholarships/>. **Application Deadline: Individual Scholarships Vary.**

- *Includes the American Legion Baseball Scholarship, Americanism and Government Scholarship Tests Programs and many more!*

The **GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program** is offering various scholarships to college-bound students who excel in leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship. Scholarships are renewable in the amount of \$10,000 and can be up to \$40,000 per recipient. Additional information and an online application are available online at <https://www.reaganfoundation.org/education/scholarship-programs/ge-reagan-foundation-scholarship-program/>. **Application Deadline: January 5, 2021.**

The **Foot Locker Scholar Athletes** program is offering twenty \$20,000 scholarships to high school seniors entering a four-year college in fall 2021. Students must be involved in high school sports, intramural sports, or community based sports, and have a minimum GPA of 3.0. Application materials are available online at <https://www.footlockerscholarathletes.com/>. **Application deadline: January 8, 2021.**

America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, is offering \$1,500 scholarships to students pursuing an ag-related field of study. The program is managed by the National FFA Scholarships Program, but applicants are not required to be FFA members. Additional information is available online at <https://www.ffa.org/scholarships>. **Application Deadline: January 14, 2021.**

The **National FFA Organization** provides scholarships designed to fit the diversity of our applicants. Scholarships sponsored by businesses and individuals, through the National FFA Foundation, are awarded to support a wide variety of higher education plans and career goals. The new scholarship platform provides a variety of benefits for the end user. Students can create, edit and submit an application utilizing any web platform including a smart phone. Uploading any required documents directly to their application and accepting an awarded scholarship; all on-line. FFA Advisors can easily validate a student's application with one click! If you are not an FFA member, don't worry! FFA has scholarships for you as well. Check out all of the possibilities online at <https://www.ffa.org/scholarships>. One application; multiple opportunities! **Application Deadline: January 14, 2021.**

The **Foundation of the Wisconsin Automobile & Truck Dealers** is offering various scholarships to graduating high school seniors, adult students, and continuing technical college students who are pursuing a career in the auto or truck industry. There are four types of scholarships available: Automotive, Diesel, Auto Collision, and Motorcycle. Scholarships will be awarded in the spring and summer of 2021 with funding to begin the 2021 fall semester. Additional information and an application is available online at <http://www.watda.org/Scholarship>. **Application Deadline: January 15, 2021.**

UW-Platteville will be offering various new freshman scholarships to students who plan to enroll in their university in the fall of 2021. **Only admitted students will receive scholarship information.** For more information please visit: <https://www.uwplatt.edu/freshman-scholarships>. **Application Deadline: February 1, 2021.**

The **UW-La Crosse Foundation** is offering various scholarships to students who plan to attend UW-La Crosse in the fall of 2021. Specific information and applications are available online at <https://www.uwlax.edu/scholarships/scholarships/foundation-scholarships/>. If you plan to attend UW-L next year, you should check this out! **Application Deadline: February 1, 2020.**

The **Wisconsin Professional Police Association** is awarding various scholarships to Wisconsin students enrolling in a course of study leading to a degree in police science, criminal justice, or a law-enforcement-related field. Applications are available online at <http://wppa.com/resources/scholarship-program/>. **Application Deadline: February 1, 2021.**

In recognition of the tremendous efforts put forth by the Wisconsin's rural schools to provide their students with quality education in an ever-changing environment, it is with pleasure that the **Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance (WiRSA)** offers an annual scholarship program. To qualify, participating schools must be current paid members of WiRSA (Wauzeka-Steuben School District is a member). WiRSA is now offering six \$750 scholarships to students going into any post-secondary field of study and six \$750 scholarships to any student going into the field of education. A written essay is required for the application. Applications are available online at <http://wirsas.org/wirsas-scholarship/>. **Application Deadline: February 12, 2021 (Please submit to Mrs. Kilburg by 3:30 p.m.).**

Alliant Energy is seeking applications for their 2021 Innovation Scholarships as the company recognizes outstanding community leadership. Up to 25 students will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to help them reach their academic goals. Applicants for the annual scholarships will be asked to write an essay that identifies a problem in their community and presents an innovative solution using science, technology, engineering and/or math. Recipients will be selected based on the content of the essay, participation in a leadership role in community service activities and volunteer work, grade-point average and standardized test scores. Applicants must be age 24 or under and enrolling for the first time at an undergraduate school. They also must be a dependent child of a current Alliant Energy customer or a customer themselves. Applications available online at <https://www.alliantenergy.com/CommunityAndStewardship/CommunitySupport/Scholarships>. **Application Deadline: February 17, 2021.**

Community First Bank annually awards scholarships to graduating seniors from high schools in the Wisconsin communities they serve. This year, they will grant several \$500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who reside in their general market area. All seniors at Wauzeka-Steuben High School are encouraged to apply. Applications are available online at <https://www.cfbank.com/Information-Center/Our-Bank/Scholarship-Program>. **Application Deadline: March 15, 2021.**

The **Southwest Tech Foundation** is offering various scholarships to students who plan to attend SWTC in the fall of 2021. Additional information and applications are available online at <https://www.swtc.edu/foundation/scholarships/apply>. If you plan to attend SWTC next year, you should check this out! **Application Deadline: March 31, 2021.**

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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 Mr. David Alexander 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 fee for Key Fob

Annual Membership Rate

\$100 per adult W-S School District/Non District Resident
plus \$10 fee for Key Fob

Rates are to cover maintenance and supervision expenses

Wauzeka-Steuben Buzz

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

krahnben@wauzeka.k12.wi.us

Or drop off any information in the district office.

Next Submission Date: **December 11th**

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 Dave Alexander via email: alexadav@wauzeka.k12.wi.us or by phone (608)875-5311 ext. 214

Substitutes needed:

- Food Service
- Bus Drivers
- Para professionals