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ALL HANDS ON DECK

WAUZEKA-STEUBEN SCHOOL DISTRICT STAFF, STUDENTS & FAMILIES ADAPT TO VIRTUAL LEARNING



Wauzeka-Steuben Buzz Staff-
Executive Editor & Senior Editors & Associate Editors

Though the phrases "social distancing", "self quarantine" and "mask up" were not ubiquitous in American lexicon at this time last year, they are now.

On November 16, the Wauzeka-Steuben School District announced it would transition to a "virtual learning model" for a period of 17 instructional days.

While the teaching staff was diligent in making sure the transition to virtual learning was as seamless as possible, another important area of the district ensured that the consistency from in-person learning to virtual learning remained the same.

Each morning, the kitchen staff (Jannette Ward, Robin Jones, Mary Stuckey, Roni Gundlach and Mary Walker) assembled nearly 400 meals to be distributed throughout the community and surrounding areas. The meals were then packaged, sorted and loaded onto district vehicles for their delivery to households that signed up for the meal service.

Samantha Larsen, Shelly Mainwaring, Todd Russell, Kaylee Hurda, Joni McCarthy, Don Noel and Bruce Zinkle then took to the road on three separate routes to deliver the meals to almost 80 different households throughout the region.

On Monday, December 21st, the kitchen and transportation staff collected again to provide approximately 1,200 meals to households for December 21st through December 23rd in one delivery.

Though this was a massive undertaking, the staff showed that anything can be accomplished when people work together towards a common goal.

The *Wauzeka-Steuben Buzz* staff would like to express our sincere gratitude to the community, the families and the students for their support and desire to adapt to the ongoing unpredictability of the COVID-19 pandemic. We thank you.

Interim District Administrator - Mr. David Alexander
Nikki Asleson - President Jessie Bird - Vice President

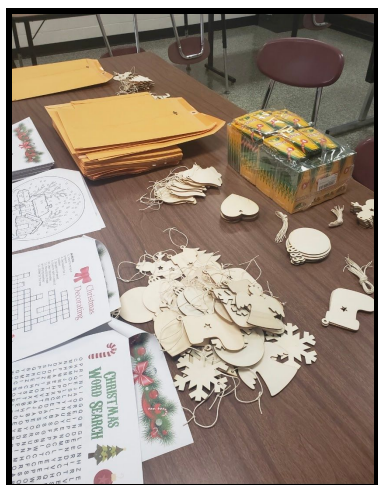
Board of Education
Tom Martin - Clerk

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

BELIEVING IN THE MAGIC OF THE SEASON

Bianca Mullikin- *Senior Editor & FCCLA Secretary*

Lindsey Krachey- *Senior Editor & FCCLA President & NHS President*



It is a known fact that COVID-19 has overruled many of the traditional activities that a “normal” school year would entail. As the Wauzeka-Stauben Family, Community, Career, Leaders of America (FCCLA) and the National Honor Society (NHS) chapters and its members promote the organization and participation in volunteer opportunities within the community, this unique year was no different. Alongside one another, each member voiced one main goal: to bring holiday cheer to those who need it during this heartbreaking and life altering time. The students involved within these organizations

felt this was a great chance for members to highlight their creative senses that volunteerism

and the desire to give back to the community inspired, while also teaming up with another large volunteer oriented organization within the school. It was a moment in the school year that students were able to look at the positive aspects in life.

The two organizations worked together, eventually deciding to produce a Christmas Kit for each resident at the Prairie Maison nursing home in Prairie du Chien. Each member was responsible for creating a digital or homemade card, while a pack of crayons, a wooden ornament, and a Christmas themed word search, coloring page and maze were also included to spread a little hope and joy.

Although this year has been different, being able to reach out and spread the holiday spirit is something that both groups wanted to make happen. By being involved, yet maintaining safety, the clubs were able to reach the goal of spreading cheer even though it was distant.



THE CURTIS BRADLEY GROOM MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

Nate Martin- *Senior Editor & NHS Secretary*

On Friday, December 11, the National Honor Society (NHS) volunteered at the Curtis Bradley Groom Blood Drive held at Century Hall in Wauzeka. The event was the first blood drive the organization was able to participate in this year because of COVID-19. Students worked in groups of three with two-hour shifts spanning from 12:30 to 5:30. Students took temperatures, checked in donors and answered any questions the donors may have had. A total of sixty-nine people set up appointments to donate, and no walk-ins were allowed due to the number of people who signed up. Overall it was a great and successful experience.

APPLES & ORANGES: ANNUAL FFA FRUIT SALE

Regan Kramer- *Senior Editor & FFA
President*

Throughout all the uncertainty this past year, some things remained the same. The Annual FFA Fruit Sale was held earlier in October for approximately two weeks, where members sold fruit to local communities. This year, the Wauzeka-Steuben FFA Chapter fundraised a total of \$5,469.00. Our top seller was 7th grader William Zander, who sold \$1,675.00. Overall, it was a very successful fundraiser despite the challenges that we have faced this year. Thank you to everyone who bought fruit!



SENIOR SCORES HIS WAY TO UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY

Wauzeka-Steuben Buzz Staff- *Executive Editor &
Senior Editors & Associate Editors*

On Thursday, December 3rd, senior Gavin Ralph officially announced that he will be continuing his academic and basketball career at Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Iowa.

Ralph has been a starter for Wauzeka-Steuben's basketball program since he was a freshman, while appearing in over 75 games during that span. At the time of this writing, Ralph has over 1,150 career points and looks to add on to this remarkable achievement throughout the remainder of the boys' basketball season.

Gavin Ralph will join 2020 Wauzeka-Steuben graduate Carter Lomas (Winona State University) as a mens' basketball player for the Northern Sun Conference.

When asked about his opportunity to play basketball at the collegiate level Ralph stated, "I would like to thank everyone that has been a part of this journey and I'm thankful for this new opportunity; I can't wait to see what the future holds."



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December Students of the Month



Kindergarten, **Maverick Hird**

Maverick has done great keeping up with his work through Schoology. He also has joined our zoom meetings both in the morning and at night. He is always so excited and full of energy during our zoom meetings. Maverick is in Mrs. Cathy's Kindergarten class and the son of Terry and Mara Hird.



Kindergarten, **Dylan Dobson**

Dylan also has done a great job through our virtual learning in Schoology. He also joined our Kindergarten zoom meetings both during the morning and at night. Way to go Dylan on your hard work. Dylan is in Mrs. Cathy's Kindergarten class and the son of Chad and Cara Dobson.



1st Grade, **Hudson Bunders**

Hudson continues to work hard even during virtual learning. He has learned how to log in on his own and navigate Schoology in order to watch the videos each day. During Zooms, Hudson continues to follow the rules and participate respectfully. Hudson is in Mrs. Martin's 1st grade class and the son of Ryan and Misty Bunders.



2nd Grade, **Dax Redman**

Dax is kind and is always helpful. He is respectful to his teachers and peers and always puts forth his best effort. Dax is in Ms. Boylen's 2nd grade class and the son of Craig and Angie Redman.

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December HS Students of the Month

Regan Kramer

Grade: 12



Regan is just an all around great young lady. She puts forth her best effort daily, contributes in many organizations in and out of school and always has a positive attitude. She is an honest person and cares about learning. Regan is a senior and the daughter of Travis and Becky Kramer.

Favorite Class: Any science or Ag. Class

Favorite Music: Country

Favorite Food: Pasta

Favorite TV Show/Movie: New Girl / The Bucket List

Favorite Sport/Team: Green Bay Packers

Who inspires me? My Family

When I graduate I want to be: A Veterinarian or something in The Ag. Industry

Morgan Hurda

Grade: 12



Morgan is dedicated, hard working, polite, respectful, helpful and kind. She came in twice during virtual to make sure the yearbook pages were done correctly and has been calling businesses to support our yearbook. She checks in daily and goes above and beyond. She works hard in class and out of class to make sure her work gets done. She is a team player. Morgan is a senior and the daughter of Jason and Amy Hurda.

Favorite Class: Art or English Class

Favorite Music: Rap

Favorite Food: Spaghetti

Favorite TV Show: Chicago PD, Chicago Med, Chicago Fire

Favorite Sport/Team: track

Who inspires me? My Family

When I graduate I want to be: An Art Teacher

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December MS Student of the Month

Ariana Fish - Grade 7



Throughout the virtual time, Ariana is consistently the first one to class and is ready to go right away first hour. She shows dedication when working from home and is not afraid to ask for help when needed. Ariana has many cute, four-legged distractions at home right now, but does a great job working through distractions to focus on school. Ariana is in 7th grade and the daughter of Bette and Joe Fish.

Favorite Class: P.E.

Favorite Music: Country

Favorite Food: Stuffed Peppers

Favorite TV Show/Movie: NCIS

Favorite Sport/Team: Basketball

Who inspires me? My Brother. He was always there for me and cheered me up.

When I graduate I want to be: A dog sitter

Other: I love dogs and my favorite breeds are german shepherd and a husky

Landon Oppermann - Grade 6



Landon Oppermann is a new student this quarter. He made sure he had all his materials he needed and lessons before going virtual and works hard daily on them. He has caught up to the rest of the class due to the fact he missed the first couple weeks of the quarter. He is constantly engaged during our zooms, asking questions and has a positive attitude. He is a very hard worker and a polite young man. Landon is in 6th grade and the son of Mike and Cassie Opperman.

Favorite Class: English

Favorite Music: Country Pop / Old Town Road

Favorite Food: Peanut Butter and Jelly

Favorite TV Show/Movie: Transformers

Favorite Sport/Team: Green Bay Packers

Who inspires me? My Family

When I graduate I want to be: A Vet

Other: I am type 1 diabetic, I like to play my DS, I like to hunt and fish with my Dad, I like to build things.

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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

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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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: **January 13th**

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