

## Briefs

### City staff breakfast planned

JANESVILLE — Mayor Mark Novak is hosting a breakfast for all city employees Dec. 16 at 7 a.m. at the Purple Goose. Novak said this is not a meeting but there may be three or more city council members in attendance. The cost will not come from any city budget, he said.

### Collecting recipes for Janesville cookbook

JANESVILLE — Judy Jacobs is compiling recipes for a cookbook to raise funds for the Chamber of Commerce Hay Daze Fire Works fund and Sign Fund. All receives should be in by Dec. 31 in the hopes of having the cookbook printed by Valentine's Day.

Contributors may enter their own recipes online at Typensave by using the purplegoose as the group log-in, their name as the contributor, and bxc4n as the contributor password.

Those who do not want to enter recipes online may drop them off at the Purple Goose and Jacobs will enter them in their name.

### City seeks board, commission members

JANESVILLE — The city of Janesville is looking for interested residents to fill board and commission vacancies.

For further information, contact city administrator Clinton Rogers at 234-5110 by Dec. 30.

The city council will appoint board members at its Jan. 9, 2012 council meeting.

The Light and Power Board, Nursing Home Board, Planning Commission, Economic Development Authority and Housing and Redevelopment Authority have one opening each. The Park Advisory Board and Golf Advisory Board have two vacancies each.

## Correction

WASECA — On Page A4 of the Nov. 30 edition of the Waseca County News, the same column was printed twice. The column that appeared, titled *In response to Mayor Srp's column*, was written by Rep. Tony Cornish. It should not have been printed under Rep. Kory Kath's name and photo.

A correct version of Rep. Kath's column has been printed on Page A4 of this week's edition.

The County News regrets the error.

# Santa Anonymous brings holiday cheer

By RUTH ANN HAGER  
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WASECA — Six hundred Waseca County children, birth to 12th grade, will receive Christmas gifts through Santa Anonymous this year. Each child will receive one piece of clothing, one toy or age appropriate item, one book, one family game and a stocking stuffer in addition to handmade quilts for many.

Between now and Dec. 22, parents who live in the county and have met income guidelines will shop by appointment in the Santa Anonymous "store" in the back room of the Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center.

"I know when you can give back, you will," NSC program manager Cindy Coy tells those who receive gifts for their children at Christmas.

Volunteers helping to make the program possible are Wendy Hansen of New Richland and Beth Krause of Waseca who buy and organize the gifts in preparation for shopping, enlisting eight of their friends for help.

Thursday, Hansen and Krause sorted quilts by size and made space for the toys,



County News/Ruth Ann Hager

**Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center volunteers Wendy Hansen of New Richland and Beth Krause of Waseca sort quilts Thursday at the Neighborhood Service Center for the Santa Anonymous program.**

clothing, books and gifts.

"We have to move the food out first because there's no room," Hansen said.

Then they go through items left over from last year's Santa program and begin organizing the items by age and gender.

All of the money spent on the program is raised and spent in Waseca County, Coy said. This year she is also using purchase orders for stores in New Richland and Janesville. The BoxCar Bar held

its annual Santa Anonymous Auction raising \$10,453 for the program. Quilting groups around town donate dozens of handmade quilts. Local companies raise funds and both companies and individuals sponsor families to shop for, Coy said. Itron and the Cub Scouts are already sponsoring families and Walmart is donating \$1,000 worth of toys.

"It's starting," she said about the momentum to give to the program.

The deadline for apply-

ing for Santa Anonymous was Nov. 18, making it possible for Hansen and Krause to shop on Black Friday. Coy has, however, created a waiting list. Last year 596 children received gifts from the program, and every child on the waiting list got something, she said.

The teenagers are the hardest group, Hansen said, especially on a limited budget. As far as the toys, Krause said they try to buy toys that are educational.

# iWealth provides big donation to WANSC

By ZACH HACKER  
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WASECA — For the second straight year, iWealth in Waseca is helping the Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center make the holidays a little brighter for needy families in Waseca County.

Friday morning, Brad Connors, certified wealth strategist with iWealth, and his wife, Trudi, were at the WANSC to present a check for \$7,588 to be used towards its 2011 Holiday Food Drive. The money will be used by the Neighborhood Service Center to fill food baskets with holiday meals for families throughout Waseca County.

The money from iWealth was donated by clients, businesses and other people in the community throughout the month of November. iWealth provided a match of \$3,000 towards the total amount.

"I work in financial planning so most of the people I work with are doing OK," Connors said. "For them to take some of what they have and give to others is important."

"We are just so appreciative that they are so willing to give with such abundance that people are truly benefiting," said Cindy Coy, programs



County News/Zach Hacker

**Brad and Trudi Connors of iWealth in Waseca presented a check for \$7,588 to the Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center Friday morning. The donation will go towards the WANSC's Holiday Food Drive. Pictured (from left): Vivian Bombach, Cindy Coy, Elaine Spain, Brad Connors, Trudi Connors, Toni Larson and Ron Purcell.**

manager at WANSC. "These are people that they don't know who they are or where they're coming from."

Coy said the WANSC will be able to provide holiday meals for more than 300 households with donations from the holiday drive. On Dec. 16, volunteers will be

on hand at the service center to pack bags full of groceries from HyVee. The bags will be packed according to the size of family. For example, according to Coy, families of three, four and five will receive a turkey, mashed potatoes, vegetables, fruit, a dessert and a gallon of milk

through a donation from the Waseca County Dairy Association.

After all the meals are

packed on Friday, more volunteers will be on hand Saturday morning to pass out the meals at the Neighborhood Service Center. Coy said it "takes a crew of volunteers" to pack and check out over 300 people in just three hours.

"We're as good as McDonalds drive-thru," Coy laughed.

This is the second year iWealth has donated to the cause, according to Connors. Last year he said it raised about \$6,600. He said it was "humbling" to see clients and businesses make donations ranging from \$3 all the way up to \$800.

"The Lions Club helps provide the Thanksgiving baskets here," Connors said. "We felt a need to step out on a limb and help out to provide holiday baskets to people who need them."

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