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First BID Grant Awarded

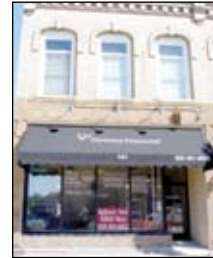
Article written by Doug Coker, Berlin BID Chairman

The BID has disbursed its first grant check for the 2010 year! Recipient David Shattuck has completed his renovation of 141 W. Huron St and received \$5,000 towards his renovation work. David renovated the inside, replaced windows, and improved the external façade. Eight (8) grant awards remain and will be disbursed once the projects are completed. Remember, all projects must be completed by Oct 31st.

141 W. Huron St. BEFORE



141 W. Huron St. AFTER



September BID Meeting Planned

The next BID meeting is on Wed. Sep 8th at 5:30 PM. Discussion topics will include the 2011 Budget, Broadband/WI-FI initiatives for BID Members, and parking. The BID now meets quarterly so if you want to be involved please plan on attending. Minutes from previous meetings can be viewed at www.1berlin.com.

Berlin Business News

Finishline Studios

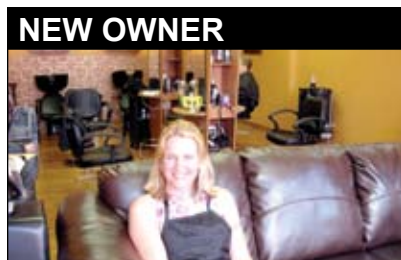
Owner: Nathan Hess
141 W. Huron St. 877-468-6872
Email: info@finishlinestudios.com
www.finishlinestudios.com
Specializing in web design, logo design, print design and website programming.



Thrivent Financial

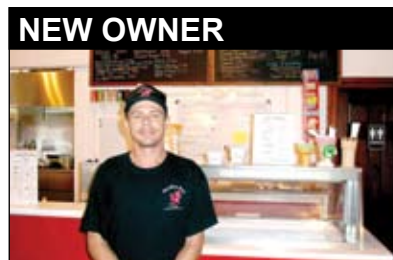
Owners: David Shattuck & Noah Hinrichs
141 W. Huron St. 920-361-4800
www.thrivent.com

Thrivent Financial is a faith-based membership organization called to improve the quality of life of its members, their families and their communities by providing solutions that focus on financial security, wellness and caring for others.



Mop Shop

Formerly Uptown Hair
Owner: Jennifer Keller
107 S. Wisconsin St. 920-361-4011
Hair Play: Jody Congdon
LB Hair Design: Lisa Buhrow
Tootsies: Jill Hartzke



Fox River Beef

Owner: David Challe
106 N. Capron St. 920-658-1020
www.foxriverbeef.com
Email your order in: orders@foxriverbeef.com
Fax your order in: see website for form.
Delivery available. Specials available M - F



Berlin Heating & Cooling

Owner: Paul Maas
134 Quarry St. 920-361-3066
Continued superb service for all your HVAC needs.

***** See Inside Cover For Calendar of Events *****

2010 Berlin CommUNITY Calendar of Events

Berlin Chamber of Commerce can be contacted by calling 920-361-3636

Have your Berlin event listed today.

September

11 - All Saints Catholic School Dinner Auction at the City Inn. Entire community is welcome, 5:30 start. Contact Teri at 920-789-8800 or Mary at 361-0626.

15 - 1st National Bank Business After 5, sponsored by the Berlin Chamber of Commerce.

22 - A Night Out For Woman's Health. Register by 9/14, call 294-4070. Planned by the Tri County Health Departments and CHN.

25 - R & M Motors Open House and Customer Appreciation. N359 Hwy 49. Whiskey River Band, pig roast, pedal pull & more.

October

02 - Pumpkins On Petunias. Berlin's premier fall event. Shop Berlin! Organized by the Chamber/Sponsored in part by the BID. Call 361-0533 w/questions.

09 - Berlin Fire Department Annual Pig Roast & Open House. Food, Fun, & Learning for the whole family.

16 - Berlin Historical Society's Ghost Walk in Oakwood Cemetery. Contact Lee Erdmann 361-2460.

November

04 - CHN Diabetic Health Fair

18 - Berlin Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade at 6:30 p.m. Call the Chamber TODAY to register your entry 361-3636.

20 - Musical Open House. Shop Berlin! Family Fun! Organized by the Chamber/Sponsored in part by the BID. Contact Tricia Clasen-Prellwitz at 361-3535.

December

02 - Farmers and Merchants Bank Business After 5, sponsored by the Berlin Chamber of Commerce.

05 - Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols starting at 4 p.m. at Federated Church of Berlin. Visit www.federatedchurchberlin.org or call (920) 299-5040.

Meeting Schedule

CommUNITY Team - First Wednesday of the month at 8 AM at City Hall.

BID - QUARTERLY starting in September 2010 - Second Wednesday of the month, at 5:30 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers. All BID members encouraged to attend.

Chamber - Third Thursday of the month at Noon. Chamber members please. Call for location, 361-3636.

For a complete listing of meetings go to 1berlin.com or watch channel 97 (digital 990).

“Creating A Successful Marketing Plan” Workshop

Join us for the start of our fall workshops, “Creating a Successful Marketing Plan” to be held on five different dates and locations including:

Tuesday, September 21 in Wautoma at the Waushara County Courthouse,

Wednesday, September 22 at UW Sheboygan,

Thursday, September 23 at UW Fond du Lac,

Tuesday, September 28 in Kaukauna at the Heart of the Valley Chamber,

Wednesday, September 29 in Oshkosh at the UW Extension office.

All workshops are held from 6-8 p.m.

This two hour workshop will discuss the basics of writing a marketing plan, including how to research market conditions and trends to develop winning strategies for product/service mix, pricing, promotion, location/distribution and positioning.

Visit our website at: <http://www.uwosh.edu/cob/sbdc/upcoming-programs> to register.

Small Business Development Center

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, College of Business

549 High Ave., Oshkosh WI 54901

1-800-232-8939 or locally at 920-424-1453

Chamber Chat

Article written by Harry Kwidzinski, Berlin Chamber Executive Director

I hate to say it but I hope you had a good summer. Hate to say it 'cause summer is just about over. Kids are back to school and the weather will soon change. I'm sure with the kids back to school we are all tending to our driving especially in school zones. Please consider Oprah's pledge of no texting or talking on the cell while driving, it really does make a difference.

It's nice to see that with the reformed BID that buildings downtown are being repaired, painted, or remodeled. In the next few months it is hopeful that we are on the upward swing, and the downtown should look even better. Speaking of looking better, our office looks great with the new exterior paint, in case you haven't noticed.

Pumpkins on Petunias is our next big event for Berlin. October 2nd is the date for the fun-filled family day. From cow drops and tractor parade, to pumpkin drops - it'll be a blast.

Home Refinancing Tips

Article submitted by Jennifer Gitzel, Baylake Bank Berlin Financial Center Manager

Did you know that mortgage and home equity loan rates are nearly at an all time low right now? That means it could be a great time to refinance or take out a home equity loan for those remodeling projects, vehicle purchases, and much more.

When you refinance, you pay off your existing mortgage and create a new one. You may even decide to combine both a primary mortgage and a second mortgage into a new loan. The interest rate on your mortgage is tied directly to how much you pay on your mortgage each month--lower rates usually mean lower payments. You may be able to get a lower rate because of changes in the market conditions or because of your credit score. A lower interest rate also may allow you to build equity in your home more quickly, by applying more to the principal each month.

You may want a mortgage with a longer term to reduce the amount that you pay each month. However, this will also increase the length of time you will make mortgage payments and the total amount that you end up paying toward interest. Shorter-term mortgages--for example, a 15-year mortgage instead of a 30-year mortgage--generally have lower interest rates. Plus, you pay off your loan sooner, further reducing your total interest costs. The trade-off is that your monthly payments usually are higher because you are paying more of the principal each month.

By the way, just so no one gets excited that we may be cruel to animals, we are not dropping cows but instead are counting on their droppings for some cash prizes to be awarded. Check it all out in your hometown paper, The Berlin Journal, or call Allison at 361-0533 for more information.

This year the Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade will be on a Thursday evening, Nov.18. When contacting bands last year many expressed that it would be much easier for them to join in on our 25th Anniversary Parade if it were on a weekday evening, so we will give it a go and see how all of you like it. The weekends are difficult with most entertainment being taken by area cities events, and of course deer hunting. It's definitely not too early to think about your entry. Entry forms will soon be available but you don't need one at this time to make your plans. Please be part of "the biggest little parade in the valley."

Home equity is the dollar-value difference between the balance you owe on your mortgage and the value of your property. When you refinance for an amount greater than what you owe on your home, you can receive the difference in a cash payment (this is called a cash-out refinancing). You might choose to do this, for example, if you need cash to make home improvements or pay for a child's education.

Determining your eligibility for refinancing is similar to the approval process that you went through with your first mortgage. Your lender will consider your income and assets, credit score, other debts, the current value of the property, and the amount you want to borrow. If your credit score has improved, you may be able to get a loan at a lower rate. On the other hand, if your credit score is lower now than when you got your current mortgage, you may have to pay a higher interest rate on a new loan.

Lenders will look at the amount of the loan you request and the value of your home, determined from an appraisal. If the loan-to-value (LTV) ratio does not fall within their lending guidelines, they may not be willing to make a loan, or may offer you a loan with less-favorable terms than you already have.

*Source: Federal Reserve Board; <http://bit.ly/InfoRefi>

"Working Downtown" Seminar Available at No Cost To You

With summer coming to a close the September RWD webinar session is right around the corner. The Revitalizing Wisconsin's Downtowns webinars lend themselves to further dialogue and peer-learning at the local level.

The next webinar is on Thursday, September 9th from Noon-1:30 pm. and will be held at the Goose Blind in Green Lake.

The topic will be "Working Downtown," In many communities, the design and nature of downtowns make it an ideal setting to develop as a place to work. An ample stock of buildings in proximity of one another, nearby housing, service amenities,

and convenient transportation options all make downtowns an attractive spot for employers.

This presentation will explore how communities can take advantage of these attributes to develop their downtowns as centers of business and employment. Nurturing business expansion, creating space for employment, and improving the quality of the downtown work experience are some of the topics that will be addressed during the presentation.

Presenter: Beth Nichols of Milwaukee Downtown BID#21

These webinars are prepaid through local organizations for your learning pleasure.

Magnum Products, LLC

215 Power Dr. 920-361-4442

www.m-p-llc.com

Interview and article by Bobbie Erdmann

Berlin Wisconsin is on the world map because of her manufacturing companies and the products they make. One such company is Magnum Products LLC. In just a little over two decades Magnum went from a one-man operation to an industry leader in mobile diesel light towers.

Started by Tom Joseph in his garage in Hartland, Wis. the company moved to Berlin in 1989. In a short time the need for more space took them to the North Industrial Park. As demand for their light towers grew and product lines increased so did the facility and employee numbers.

Today, Magnum Products LLC has over 250 associates selling and producing light towers; mobile generators; mobile water trailers; combination power units that include a light tower, water trailer and generator; trash, diaphragm, and portable pumps; plus specialized equipment for government services. Customers include equipment rental dealers, specialty power (generator) and pump distributors, government agencies, international equipment distributors; the oil and gas industry; and the emergency and disaster relief industry.

One advantage Magnum Products has is its stock availability. Drive by the plant on Power Dr. and one will see rows of

generators and light towers standing ready to be shipped anywhere in the world at a moment's notice. Their 24 hour, 7 day a week customer support program is well known in the industry putting them on top of the game.

Magnum Products can attribute its success as an industry leader to their customer service driven manufacturing, administrative and sales associates; all focused on a quality product to fit the needs of their customers. Their practices and policies have paid off even in this down-turn economy. They report record sales in the first two quarters of this year.

Besides providing jobs for area residents Magnum believes in community involvement. They have supported several causes and programs around the area and have assisted with projects such as the Tri-County Boys and Girls Club and the Basic Needs Fund of the Green Lake County/Ripon Community Foundation. Employees are always encouraged to participate in charitable events and projects around the area.

This multi-award winning company continues to be a good neighbor and to help put Berlin Wisconsin on the map of industry leaders.



Community Organization

Spotlight

Berlin Booster Club

Interview and article by Bobbie Erdmann

What is a booster? The dictionary states that a 'booster' is "one that actively promotes something such as a cause" and..."any device for increasing power or effectiveness".

The Berlin Athletic Boosters were formed in 1976 to promote high school athletics and provide for equipment, etc. for these programs. Their very first major project was the building of the press box at the Clay Lamberton football field. Over the years they have paid for score tables, championship banners, indoor and outdoor batting cages, pitching machines, portable scoreboards, a John Deere gator, baseball and softball bats, and even helped pay for buses for away events, among other things. Their mission is: To promote and encourage public interest and support and to stimulate and advance athletic activities for the Berlin Wis. athletic department of the Berlin Public School system.

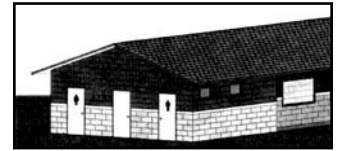
The latest project is an ambitious one...building a new concession stand and restroom facility at the south end of the football field and track. Total cost is estimated at \$80,000. To pay for this structure Booster Club members have been selling "stock certificates" for \$50 each. Each contributor will receive a printed, full-color, personalized certificate and have their

name etched on a plaque that will be hung in the stand. Started in 2009 and with around half the pledges in, the club decided to break ground this summer to have the stand ready this fall. There are several locations where one may make a "stock" purchase or contact Bob Malchetske at Farmers & Merchants Bank.

Anyone can join the Berlin Athletic Boosters. The club holds a membership kickoff and brat fry at the first 'home' football game (which was August 27th this year). By buying a Booster Club pass one gets into every home event free, for all sports. There are currently about 100 families that belong. The cost is \$30.00 for a single pass; \$60.00 for a family pass and \$90.00 for a business/family pass.

Besides the membership, the club holds an annual golf outing, headed by Steve Stellmacher, the 2nd Wednesday in July, which has always been very successful. Many golfers return year after year for this event. The proceeds help with the various projects the club takes on. The club is run by a Board of Directors headed by Greg Walker.

The Berlin Athletic Boosters have certainly increased the power and effectiveness of Berlin's athletic programs.



Service Business Spotlight

Farmers & Merchants Bank

123 W. Huron St. 920-361-1454

www.fmberlin.com

Interview and article by Bobbie Erdmann

Whenever a business marks an anniversary it is a time for celebration for the company itself, its employees and customers, and its community. In 2010 Berlin's Farmers & Merchants Bank is recognizing its 70th anniversary of providing banking services to our community.

Founded in 1940 by a group of Berlin businessmen and former bankers, the company has grown to be one of the most respected in this city. A member of this original group, Harry Kujawa, was elected to be Vice-President and Cashier. By 1956 Harry was elected President and began the building of the bank's family-centered reputation. Today his son, John, and grandchildren, Catherine, Paul and Peter head up the team of highly skilled, knowledgeable and customer focused staff.

A full service bank, their product lines offer a wide range of services for their customers. Farmers & Merchants was the first bank in Berlin to offer the now popular ATM service. Over the years they have added a long list of corresponding products

and services to meet the needs of their customers. A popular feature is electronic banking - "you don't even have to come into the bank if you have a

phone and computer, it can be done from the comfort of home" and is fully secured.

With this product growth came the expansion of their building. Determined to keep a 'downtown' location the Bank expanded into neighboring buildings both on Huron St. and Pearl St. Today, Farmers and Merchants customers do business in a modern, bright and up-to-date facility.

Besides helping their customers on a day to day basis, employees are encouraged to participate in community events and projects. The company also sponsors special events for their customers AND the community throughout the year. Watch for announcements of special offerings during this anniversary year.



Retail/Service Business Spotlight

Nutrition Center/Mastercraft Auto Detailing & Chemicals

248 Ripon Rd. 920-361-3166

Interview and article by Bobbie Erdmann

There has been a greater emphasis on nutrition and health in the last 20 or so years. Pick up a magazine or newspaper and you are likely to find an article or two on healthy living and nutrition. Berlin has been fortunate in that the Nutrition Center has been located here for most of that time. Started by Bette Schmidt, it was purchased in 2006 by Jerry and Carol Harrington and moved to their Ripon Rd. site.

The store carries vitamins, herbs, spices, healthy snacks, teas, protein and energy drinks and nutritional supplements...all natural or organic products to support a healthy lifestyle. They also carry body creams and other products to help care for the skin. Stop in today and see their extensive line. If they don't have what you are looking for they can special order it for you.

Also pick up your free copy of Better Nutrition magazine for more ideas to help bolster your body's defenses and health. The store is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is closed Saturdays but has Sunday hours from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mastercraft Detailing was started by the couple in 1976 and moved to the Ripon Rd. location in 1984. They specialize in cleaning and detailing vehicles such as washing them inside and out, shampooing carpets and buff and polish exteriors. They offer their services to both individual customers and dealers. The firm carries a line of auto body clean-up supplies for the do-it-yourselfer as well.



Tri-County Business and Entrepreneurs Roundtable

Article written by Patrick Nehring, AICP Community Agent UW-Extension Waushara County

Owners or managers of successful business and successful inventors will be the guest speaker at a round table discussion of what works, what to avoid, and how to overcome problems that may occur as you startup and operate a business or bring an invention to market. The group will be meeting in Wautoma on Thursday, September 23 from 8:00-9:00 AM at the courthouse or the library. For further information contact Patrick Nehring at (920) 787-0416.

A Salute To Berlin's Industrial Partners

The City of Berlin has been deeply involved with its manufacturing sector for well over 55 years. Starting out as the Berlin Industrial Development Corporation in 1952, the BIDC was a chartered organization through the State of Wisconsin, designed to deal with manufacturing development and coordinate a business assistance program. The BIDC was very instrumental in developing the South Johnson Street area including the Wilson Hurd, Ripon Jackets, and former David White properties as our first industrial park area. As the community grew and the need for manufacturing land increased, the SE Industrial Park area was purchased by the City and development of the park took place in the late 1970's. Lastly, the North Business Park adjacent to the Wastewater Treatment Plant was purchased in 1976 and expanded in the late 1990's to provide available sites for upcoming manufacturing development.

Aurora Manufacturing

329 S. Church St.
owners, Ceman, Brooks and Rucks families
Specializes in industrial equipment manufacturing and re-manufacturing, engineering and design of product.

Badger Mining Co.

409 S. Church St.
also known as: Chier Sand Co.
owned by Corp.
started in 1922
Company's main focus is mining industrial silica sand for use in metal casting, energy extraction, and other applications.

Badger Seal & Man. Co. Inc.

479 S. Industrial Park Rd.
owned by Don Zietlow
started in 1990
Specializes in gaskets for electric motors, generators and like equipment.

Berlin Buckskin Co. Ltd.

147 Water St.
owned by Corp.
started in 1994.
Tanner/converter wholesale company specializing in game skins for the leather industry.

Darling International

W694 White Ridge Rd.
owned by corp.
also known as: National By-Products
Processes dead animals and by-products, inedible produce into protein additives for animal feed and products for bio-fuel industry.

Daul Industries

844 Knopf Rd
owned by Daul family
came to Berlin in 1993
Structural steel fabrication plant for commercial and industrial building projects

DeRuyter & Co.

433 S. Industrial Park Rd.
owned by Lynda & Todd DeRuyter
started in 1980's
Finishers & refinishers of wood components, and residential and light commercial interior painting and wood finishing.

In order to take advantage of state funding programs, the Berlin Community Development Corporation (BCDC) was formed. Department of Commerce grants have been received by the BCDC/City and in turned loaned out to Companies through our Revolving Loan Program. Over the years the BCDC has worked with the majority of the businesses in Berlin.

The BCDC meets monthly to monitor the Revolving Loan Programs and the Companies they presently have ties with. As current BCDC President, Gordon "Jake" Jodarski put it, "Our local manufacturers are an extremely important part of Berlin's economy. We greatly appreciate their foresight in locating and expanding their business in our Community. The BCDC encourages any Company with current or future development plans to consider partnering with the BCDC on programs and funding options available."

Fine Northern Oak

433 S. Industrial Park Rd.
came to Berlin in 2007
Specializes in oak flavored technology for the wine industry.

Fox River Industries

222 Leffert St.
agency of Green Lake County Health & Human Services Department
started in 1972
Clients bag replacement parts, kit packages, do component assembly and produce a cob corn product sold as squirrel feed.

Grede Corp.

242 S. Pearl St.
also known as: Citation, Snyder Corp., McQuay-Perfex, Perfex, & Berlin Chapman (Berlin Foundry)
owned by Grede Corp.
started in 1911
Metals foundry for multiple components for a variety of customers

Heat Treat

529 N. Wisconsin St.
owned by Nick Thoma
started in 2008
Does heat treat processing of product.

HEXECO, Inc.

N1102 29th Ave.
owned by R. Christiansen family
started in 1976
Specializes in design and manufacture of bearing oil coolers and heat exchangers

Hover Shuttle

328 Ripon Rd.
owned by: Raymond Joridson & Laurance Brown
started in 2000
Design & build modern high-tech innovative hovercraft.

Hy-Pro Inc.

546 S. Industrial Park Rd
owned by Schildt family
Specialize in CNC (computerized numeric control) machining and partial assembly.

Ideal Wood Products Inc.

480 N. Industrial Park Rd.
owned by Mark & Colleen Lunow
came to Berlin in 2005
Specialize in custom and special order moldings and other wood products.

J.P. Luther Co.

173 S. Pearl
owned by Mel Werch and family
started 1866 - changed venue in 1920's
Now produces Masonic aprons, and other ceremonial garb. Maintains a catalog of multiple Masonic items for a world-wide market.

Karam Manufacturing

133 Enterprise Dr.
owned by Michael Grunsted
Manufacturer of rotary phase converters which operates 3 phase equipment from a single phase line.

Lawent Iron & Metal Co.

478 E. Huron St.
a division of Sadoff & Rudoy Industries LLP
Specializes scrap metal recycling for the foundry industry.

Magnum Products LLC

215 Power Dr.
owned by Tom Joseph family
came to Berlin in 1992
Manufacturer of light towers, mobile diesel-powered generators and water trailers.

Mindus International

N231 Hwy 49 N
owner: James Thoma
started in 1998
Industrial finishing.

Phoenix Coaters

745 Knopf Rd
division of Mayville Engineering Co.
came to Berlin in 2002
Specializes in liquid painting, shot blasting and assembly of metal components

Ripon Athletic

290 Junction St.
also known as: Ripon Athletic Jacket/RAJ
owned by Derleth family
started in 1949
Produces custom uniforms for football, baseball, softball, volley ball and track. Also designs and creates award jackets and warm-up suits for a variety of venues.

Safeguard America LLC

150 W. Franklin St.
owned by Chicago Protective Apparel
Manufacturer of safety industrial gloves for firemen, foundry, steel mill, petro and glass industries.

W.C. Russell Moccasin Co.

285 S.W. Franklin St.
owned by Lefty & Judy Fabricus
started in 1895
Manufactures hand crafted leather moccasins, shoes & boots.

Waste Management

W9101 Willard Rd.
owned by corp.
established in Berlin in 1987
Land fill and recycling plant.

Wilson-Hurd Co.

202 S. Johnson
owned by Wilson-Hurd Co., Wausau
started in 1904
Produces custom decorated and fabricated nameplates, point-of-sale display components, formed in-mold decorated components and electronic control products.

Wisconsin Spice

478 S Industrial Park Rd.
owned by Phil & Beth Sass
started in 1973
Manufactures mustards and other spices for a world-wide market.

Witmer Wood Products LLC

540 Industrial Park Rd.
owned by Ken Witmer
moved to Berlin in 1992
Produce dovetail joined cabinet drawers for multiple world-wide customers.

Inside City Hall

Article written by Berlin Mayor, Dick Schramer

Berlin is on the verge of being in the lead on the economic recovery. Through this downturn in the economy starting in 2007, your economic development team has been meeting on a regular basis and keeping in contact with various prospects. Those continual contacts keep Berlin on the retailers' radar screen, so that when the economy turns around, the City of Berlin is fresh on their minds. Your Economic Development Team meets on at least a monthly basis and sometimes as frequently as weekly, depending on the amount of activity. The EDT consists of the Mayor, City Administrator/City Clerk, and Zoning Administrator/Assistant City Administrator and keeps a log of activity in different areas of development. First, we have

a list of retail contacts consisting of the Retailer Name, Contact Information, and historical log which includes the most current status. This is repeated for an Industrial Contact list, a Fox River related project list, and a Developer Contact list.

There have been several meetings on the Wal-Mart Supercenter up to the writing of this article, with this project coming back in front of both the Council and Planning Commission at the end of August and beginning of September. The outlook is promising and could mean 80 to 100 new jobs for the community. Once all the approvals are met and the bids within Wal-Mart's budget, our West End will see a lot of construction activity.

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Your Business
Contact Info.
Up-To-Date**

Have a new address?
Email?
Would you like your
business website link on
the City website?
Please call 920-361-5401
ext. 5456 or email
sknoke@dotnet.com
to ensure your
information is current.

Tri-County Leadership Initiative

The Tri-County Leadership Initiative, now in its seventh year, is recruiting participants and sponsors for its annual leadership class. The Tri-County Leadership Initiative (TCLI) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to help meet the local demand for community leaders.

TCLI offers individuals in Green Lake, Marquette, and Waushara Counties and the Ripon area the opportunity to change their lives and to become active leaders in their communities. TCLI's intense, comprehensive course will:

- ~ Equip participants with the skills to make a difference in their communities;
- ~ Engage participants in their community;
- ~ Provide the opportunity for personal and professional growth;
- ~ Develop civic responsibility, and,
- ~ Encourage collaboration between local government, community, and private investment.

In six courses over six weeks, instruction and practice will cover: self mastery, team building, leading in times of change, conflict management, fund raising, and participating in local government, just to mention a few of the topics. We will kick off this year's TCLI with an overnight team building session beginning at noon on Sunday, October 3 and running through until 5pm on October 4. Following classes run from 1-6pm on October 11, 19, 27 and November 4 and 12. November 4 is a full day trip to Madison to visit our state representatives and to learn about government. Following the coursework portion, the class will work on team projects. The presentation of project accomplishments and the graduation ceremony is planned for October 2011.

To apply for the TCLI, please visit <http://greenlake.uwex.edu/> and scroll to the bottom of the page. If you would like to help sponsor the program, please contact me directly. Cost is \$400 per participant. Scholarships of up to \$350 will be available to the first ten successful applicants who are applying as individuals, while other scholarships may be available for applicants taking the class in their role with an organization. For more information about the Tri-County Leadership Initiative, please contact Jason Kauffeld in the Green Lake County UW-Extension Office at (920) 294-4032.

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