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Leadership Waupaca County Graduating Class XXII 2021-2022



Casey Beyersdorf
Waupaca County
Highway Commissioner

Brief Bio:

Casey is employed with Waupaca County and has served as the Highway Commissioner for the past 6 years. He graduated from Marion High School in 1997, and in 2002 he received a degree in Building Construction Management with a minor in Drafting Design from UW-Platteville. In 1997, while also attending college, Casey enlisted in the U.S. Army and served the State of Wisconsin National Guard for 20 years until his retirement in 2018. Casey has been married to his wife Leslie since 2007, and has two beautiful children, Emalee and Easton. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, and building things. He also coaches wrestling with the Waupaca Youth Wrestling Club and has participated in several years of softball and baseball with the Waupaca Rec. Center.

LWC Project:

Casey worked on the *Joint Municipal Facility* project.

"ESSAYONS.

Let us try."

- Casey Beyersdorf



Craig Freitag
City of Clintonville
Chief of Police

Brief Bio:

Craig Freitag grew up in Barneveld Wisconsin, where he graduated from Barneveld High School in 2003. He then attended Madison College and obtained his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement. He also completed the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Academy at Madison College. Craig began his law enforcement career in 2004 as a part time patrol officer with the Village of Rio Police Department. In 2005 he became a full time officer with the Village of Randolph Police Department. In 2014 he started with the City of Lodi Police Department and moved up the ranks to the position of Lieutenant. In May of 2019 he became the Chief of Police of the City of Clintonville Police Department. Craig has been to many specialized trainings and held various positions in his career, evidence technician, field training officer, internet crimes against children investigator, DARE Officer, drug investigator. Over the years he has volunteered his time in many activities, including overseeing a youth football program, coaching football at the middle and high school level, law enforcement explorer advisor, driver for EMS, served on a school board for six years, and is a member of the Clintonville Rotary Club.

LWC Project:

Craig worked on the *Joint Municipal Facility* project.

"Give them the proper guidance, encouragement and tools and they will get the job done."

- Craig Freitag



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Matt McGregor
Hoffman Planning,
Design, and
Construction
Senior Project Manager

Brief Bio:

Matt McGregor grew up in Pine River WI where he attended and graduated from Berlin High School in 2005. He later graduated from UW Stout in 2009 with a degree in Construction. Matt has grown through the ranks after college working in several roles from Superintendent all the way up to Senior Project Manager. In his current role he is responsible for overseeing the entire design and construction process with a specific focus on budget and schedule. Matt enjoys hunting, fishing, working on numerous projects around home, and spending time with family and friends.

LWC Project:

Matt worked on the *Rural Revitalization* project.

"Empowering younger generations to grow through active leadership."

- Matt McGregor



Amy Meinhardt
The Compassionate
Connections Center
Senior Program
Manager

Brief Bio:

Amy grew up in Clintonville and after traveling some of the world, she moved back home where she worked at several local Financials and spent more than 20 years as a waitress at Mathew's Supper Club. For ten years Amy worked for the Federal Government in a program that provided loan and grants for home repair for low and very low income households. Amy's one on one interactions with families impacted by significant poverty is why she is passionate about removing the stigma and shame associated with poverty. Our battle is with poverty itself, not the people affected by it.

LWC Project:

Amy worked on the *Rural Revitalization* project.

"I wish to be known for working hard and being kind, so that I can expand the concept and commitment to being part of a growing community, everyone has value and everyone is welcome."





Sheila Mroczynski
Premier Community
Bank
Cash Management
Team Member

Brief Bio:

Throughout her life Sheila Mroczynski lived in various Northeast Wisconsin communities, spent a few years in Lexington, KY, and has resided in New London for the past 31 years. She earned a bachelor's degree in Broadcast Journalism from UW-Eau Claire and has worked in television and radio broadcast news and advertising. Sheila chose family over career and took a part-time job at a local pharmacy, while her children were young. She left that position to return to school at Fox Valley Technical College and earned an associate's degree in Educational Interpreting. She served as a Sign Language interpreter for the Appleton, Kimberly and Rosholt school districts for ten years. Sheila then joined Premier Community Bank as a Customer Service Representative, became a Universal Banker, and is now part of the Cash Management Team.

In her free time, she enjoys a variety of outdoor activities, reading and spending as much time as possible with her family and friends.

LWC Project:

Sheila worked on the *Waupaca Internet Service Education (W.I.S.E.)* project.

"I lead by example, promote positivity, listen with an open mind, am honest and accept change."

- Sheila Mroczynski



Caz Muske
City of Clintonville
Deputy Administrator

Brief Bio:

I am foremost a mom of a spunky 4-year-old son and a wife of a dedicated peace officer. I am a Texas native who followed her love of cheese to the beautiful state of Wisconsin. I enjoy staying active in nature or through spin classes. I love being among friends & family while playing a board/card game or two. I am a forever student and always seek personal improvement. My why in this world is to empower those around me to realize their own unique excellence. My profession in government administration allows me to have a platform to champion my teammates as they perform some of the most valuable work—enhancing quality of life. Additionally, I am able to work with other passionate community leaders by inspiring them to take pride in where they live and create a better tomorrow for generations to come.

LWC Project:

Caz worked on the *Joint Municipal Facility* project.

"I empower others to do better and be better so that they can trust me to help them through their most challenging seasons of life."

- Caz Muske





Durant Popple
City of Waupaca
Information Technology

Brief Bio:

Durant Popple graduated from Fox Valley Tech in Appleton, with a degree in Web Design and Development. Growing up around Waupaca, an opportunity for work for a small municipal ISP (Waupaca Online) got him started on the path of networking. Now after several years in the business, installation and service of internet/networking equipment, and occasional tower climbing are almost second nature. In his free time, he likes playing video games with friends, or casting aluminum with his brother in their backyard forge.

LWC Project:

Durant worked on the *Waupaca Internet Service Education (W.I.S.E.)* project.

"If you can't find the time to do it right, when will you find the time to do it again?"

- Durant Popple



Janice Popple
City of Waupaca—
Library
Technical Services
Technician

Brief Bio:

Janice Popple grew up in Appleton Wisconsin and graduated from Fox Valley Technical College with an Associates degree in Natural Resources. After getting married she moved to the Waupaca area and became a full time stay at home mother for several years.

She was hired at the Waupaca Area Public Library as a part-time library associate in 2004. After 17 years she was promoted to full time as a Technical Services Librarian where she purchases, acquisitions, and catalogs most new material as well as is responsible for training in some of these areas. Included in some of her duties would be assisting the Library Program director with many events and activities.

In her free time Janice enjoys traveling, spending time with her family and friends, working with stained glass, doing some occasional quilting, watching the Packers, and of course reading a good book!

LWC Project:

Janice worked on the *Waupaca Internet Service Education (W.I.S.E.)* project.

"I help and inspire others so that I can provide capable, reliable and invaluable service."

- Janice Popple





Scott Purchatzke
Waupaca City
Council, Waupaca
County Board of
Supervisors

Brief Bio:

Scott Purchatzke grew up in Weyauwega and moved to Waupaca in 1974. He has been married to his wife Becky for 47 years. Scott has 2 grown sons and 2 grandchildren. After college he worked for 25 years in the agricultural sector. Then finished his working career in the automotive world. Scott sits on both the Waupaca City Council and Waupaca County Board of Supervisors.

Presently retired, Scott enjoys playing golf, watching sports, home improvement projects and being with family and friends.

LWC Project:

Scott worked on the *Joint Municipal Facility* project.

"I strive to do the right thing, not the easy thing, knowing our actions always have consequences for others."

- Scott Purchatzke



Laurie Yaeger
Premier Community
Bank
Loan Quality Assurance

Brief Bio:

I grew up around the Clintonville area, graduating from Clintonville High School and marrying my High School sweetheart. My husband and I were dairy farmers for over 30 years, selling all the animals 8 years ago. It was a great way to raise our son and daughter and instill in them what working hard means to us. We still raise crops, bale hay and straw (small square), oats and corn.

I have been in the banking industry for over 30 years and have worked in all aspects of banking, but loans have always been my favorite.

My current position, Loan Quality Assurance, is a new position at the bank. It has taken many hours to update and implement procedures so that the department is working consistently and correctly and I have learned in this position that each person brings their own expertise.

My Hobbies are taking long walks, singing in the Worship Choir at Church, all types of gardening, crocheting, and sewing, but most of all my pride and joy are our 7 grandchildren, 6 which are 4 years old and younger.

LWC Project:

Laurie worked on the *Rural Revitalization* project.

"I am hardworking, helpful, approachable, efficient, and accurate. I inspire others to be more than they think they can be so that I can help them succeed and advance."

- Laurie Yaeger





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