



# The mosinee link

A LINK BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND ITS CITIZENS

## 8<sup>th</sup> Graders Perform in Wisconsin Valley Honors Band

On February 1st, seven 8th grade students from Mosinee Middle School attended the **Wisconsin Valley Honors Band**. The honors band is made up of the most exceptional musicians from neighboring middle schools, and students are nominated by their teacher based on their musicianship, work ethic, and dedication to band. The students spent the day rehearsing the music and presented a concert to the public at 4:30pm.

The event took place at John Muir Middle School in Wausau and featured guest clinician **Elissa Kinstler** from West Salem Middle School.



Pictured above (l to r): Mosinee's 8th grade students that participated in the Wisconsin Valley Honors Band were (back row): Zachary Fuls, Lily Heldt, Gracie Sanford, Katelyn Walkowski, (front row): Haileigh Kroeplin, Rachel Ruthe, and Lakyn Vanden Heuvel.

## Superintendent's Message



Greg Doverspike  
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Mosinee School District Residents,

In last month's issue of *The Mosinee Link*, I started by saying that I hoped everyone was staying warm – and as I write this article, the temperature is well below zero. The winter season seems endless, but I'm certainly looking forward to seeing the grass turn green again.

This time of year is always busy with a variety of tasks, but with the passing of the referendum, the building project has become our primary focus this winter. Over the past month, we have continued making progress on all aspects of the project. The plans are coming along well, and we are moving through the various stages of the design process. The designs are starting to feel more tangible as we visualize how the spaces will look with furniture and other fixtures in place.

The financing phase of the project is also progressing smoothly. The district recently received its bond rating and successfully sold the first \$14.9 million in bonds. The bond interest rate came in lower than projected, resulting in a savings of over \$1.5 million in interest compared to what we estimated during the referendum process. The remaining bonds will be sold next year as we continue moving forward with the project.

Another significant focus this time of year is planning for the upcoming school year – specifically the budget, goals, curriculum, and other important details. It's hard to believe we are already in the early stages of preparing for the 2025-2026 school year. Budget development is always a process that requires hard work and difficult decisions. Nonetheless, we remain committed to presenting a balanced budget at next year's Annual Meeting, demonstrating our dedication to being responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars.

As always, if you have any questions about the building project or any other matters, please feel free to reach out to me or any of the other administrators. I can be reached by phone: 715-693-2530, ext. 6103 or by email: [gdiverspike@mosineeschools.org](mailto:gdiverspike@mosineeschools.org).

## MES Teddy Bear Clinic

During the month of January, the kindergarten students had the opportunity to attend the Teddy Bear Clinic at Mosinee Elementary School. For this event, kindergarten students chose a reason why their stuffed animals needed to visit the doctor. The stuffed animals had various ailments from the stomach flu, to broken bones, or the need for stitches. Various



volunteers played the role of doctors, and met with the children to fix up their animals, and provide prescription M&M's® as needed. This was a great experience for the kindergarten students and a way to help ease fears of an actual doctor visit.

*Pictured above (l to r): Linda Hanke, a volunteer at the Teddy Bear Clinic, helps Oaklynn McHugh check her doll's temperature.*

## MES 100<sup>th</sup> Day Celebration



In mid-February, Mosinee Elementary School joined schools around the country to celebrate the 100th day of school. Mosinee students celebrated by dressing up as 100 years old, using an aging software program to modify their picture to see how they might look at 100 years old, writing about what they would do with 100 dollars, making 100 Valentine cards, bringing in shared collections of 100 things, and doing 100 acts of kindness. The students were so excited to reach the 100 day mark!

*Pictured above: Ms. Flottmeyer's kindergarten class celebrating the 100th day of school.*

## Schuster Receives Outstanding Young Band Director Award

Mosinee High School Band Director **Tyler Schuster** was awarded the 2025 Outstanding Young Band Director Award from the Wisconsin Concert Band Association (WCBA). This award is given to a director who exhibits characteristics of a master teacher, including enthusiasm, musicianship, student rapport, and professionalism. The award recipient should also contribute significantly to the musical success, quality of performance, and visibility of a program. Congratulations on this prestigious award!



*Pictured above: MHS Band Instructor Tyler Schuster receives his Outstanding Young Band Director Award at the 2025 WCBA Annual Convention.*

## MHS Students Attend Trees For Tomorrow

Mosinee High School students attended **Trees for Tomorrow** in Eagle River where they participated in a variety of outdoor learning experiences. The students spent three days learning about energy and climate change. They studied the impacts of a changing climate on animals and ecosystems in Wisconsin and they also explored how energy transfers in ecosystems, and how forest management practices impact carbon sequestration.



*Pictured above (l to r): Visiting the ice castle in Eagle River were (back row): Ms. Natzke, Aries Zoromski, Jasmine Ray, Brayden Hladilek, Ms. Eschman, (middle row): Izabella Furman, Genevieve Thompson, Crystalina Gagas, Isabel Plaisance, Callie Elliott, Myia Berndt, (front row): Amber Wolf, Liana Diestelhorst, Makayla Burns, and Faith Korte.*



## FCCLA Competes in Regional Leadership Competition

Mosinee FCCLA (Family, Community, and Career Leaders of America) members will be heading to the State competition in April after earning a gold in the Regional competition on February 12th. Mosinee had eight students compete in a variety of programs and events:

**Jena Bartnik** - Job Interview - Gold

**Mayla Johnson** - National Programs in Action Community Service - Gold

**Sophia Knetter** - Career Investigation - Gold

**Madison Orlovsky** - Focus on Children - Gold

**Ruby Sliwicki & Abigail Wysocki** - Focus on Children - Gold

**Malik Wolfram** - Job Interview - Gold

**Eowyn Pince** - Career Investigation - Bronze

Congratulations and good luck at State!

## FFA American Degrees

Mosinee FFA alumnus **Jacqueline Kramer** and **Dannika Layden** have met the requirements to earn their **American Degrees** - the highest award a member can earn within the FFA. Candidates must have an active Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) project, complete over 100 hours of community service, participate in activities on all levels of the organization, and complete agriculture education classes. This is an honor that only about 1% of the National membership obtain. Congratulations, Jacqueline and Dannika!

## FFA District Leadership Event



This year, the Mosinee FFA had eight members compete in district leadership development events. These speaking contests encourage students to develop social and leadership skills and develop their confidence in speaking in front of crowds, problem-solving, and collaboration. Competitors were: **Tyler Yauck** - Extemporaneous Speaking, **Martina Mullins** - Employment Skills, **Brayden Hladilek** - Creed Speaking, **Emily Phillips** - Discussion Meet, **Owen Lynch** - Prepared Speaking, and **Ezmei Cronk**, **Aidyn Cronk**, & **Jackson Park** - Quiz Bowl.

*Pictured above (l to r): FFA members competing in the leadership development events were (back row): Ezmei Cronk, Aidyn Cronk, Brayden Hladilek, Owen Lynch, (front row): Emily Phillips, Martina Mullins, Tyler Yauck, and Jackson Park.*

## DECA Highlights

Mosinee DECA, a club that prepares students for leadership responsibilities and careers in business and management, completed its annual "Trick or Can" this past October. Members went door to door and collected canned and boxed goods to donate to the **Community Center of Hope**; over 200 items were donated! They also rang bells for **The Salvation Army** in December and raised over \$700.



In January, DECA students competed in the District Competition in Wisconsin Rapids. Twelve high school students competed in various categories against other DECA students from around the state. They performed role plays in apparel and accessories, travel and tourism, hotel and lodging financing and marketing, accounting problem-solving, and more. For example, one team wrote a 25-page report on School-Based Enterprise (SBE) for competition, focusing on the MoTown Market, the MHS school store.

Results from Districts were:

**Alannah Wolfgram** medaled in her Role Play 1.

**Joshua Selle** medaled in his exam and was overall honorable mention for his total score.

**Alexia Borysenko & Claudia Szekeress** medaled in their exam and placed third overall in the competition.

**Alexander Tourdot** medaled in his exam.

**Brayden Hladilek** medaled in his exam and was an overall honorable mention for his total score.

**Holden Stephens & Parker Filipiak** medaled in their exam.

**Grace Struble & Marissa Swita** medaled in their exam and their role play 1 and placed third overall in the competition.

**Eliza Judd & Jordyn Sickler** medaled in their exam and were overall honorable mentions for their total score.

*Pictured above (l to r): DECA club members (back row): Parker Filipiak, Elliot Yirkovsky, Trent Gorski, Holden Stephens, Chase Hoerke, Rylan Kahon, Joshua Selle, Alexander Tourdot, (front row): Marissa Swita, Grace Struble, Madison Orlovsky, Adeline Judd, Eliza Judd, Jordyn Sickler, Claudia Szekeress, Alexia Borysenko, Alannah Wolfgram, and Adviser Mrs. Stephanie Kurtzweil.*

## MMS Kindness Week: Celebrating Positivity and Connection

During the week of February 10-14, students at Mosinee Middle School embraced the spirit of compassion and togetherness during Kindness Week, an event aimed at spreading positivity throughout the school. Throughout the week, students participated in a variety of activities designed to uplift one another, build stronger bonds, and remind everyone of the power of kindness.



One of the standout projects was the creation of butterfly wings. Each student was able to decorate their own oval for the wings, incorporating uplifting and kind messages. The vibrant wings, adorned with heartfelt words like "You are amazing," "Be kind," and "You matter," brightened up the wall next to the cafeteria.

In another effort to celebrate kindness, students wrote thoughtful notes about their friends and teachers. These kind messages were written on heart-shaped pieces of paper to create a wall of positivity, and were also plastered all over the lockers and doors throughout the school.

In addition to these activities, students worked on a kindness quilt project. Each grade designed their own quilt squares – featuring drawings, inspiring words, and colorful designs – expressing the theme of kindness in a creative way. When completed, the quilt will serve as a lasting reminder of the school's commitment to fostering kindness and respect among its students.

Kindness Week has been a wonderful reminder of how simple actions – whether it's a kind word, a thoughtful gesture, or a piece of art – can create ripples of positivity throughout a community. By working together on these projects, the students not only learned the value of kindness but also made it clear that when we support and uplift one another, we can make the world a better place, one small act of kindness at a time.

*Pictured above: Briella Schremp stands in front of the kindness butterfly.*

## Feeding Our Future Donations

Feeding Our Future, Mosinee's school food pantry, would like to thank the following for their donations: Eau Pleine Riders Snowmobile Club, Lake DuBay Lions Club, MHS Boys Basketball, Peyton's Promise, Mosinee PTO, Brightside Nutrition, Kuk Designs, Next Level Kreations, Meyer's Landing, Charlie's Hardware, LPG Gifts, and Krueger Floral. Your generosity is appreciated!



*Pictured above top left: Linda Maurer with Lake DuBay Lions Club presents their donation check to Rocky Beinemann, Feeding Our Future Co-director.*

*Pictured above top right: Isabel Groshek and family with the food collected at Piggly Wiggly.*

*Pictured above bottom left (l to r): Nicole Kukuczka, Feeding Our Future Co-director Dana Kamke and Dana Betz with the food donation.*

*Pictured above bottom right: Prizes that were raffled at Meyer's Landing.*

## Valentines for Veterans

Mosinee FFA members showed their appreciation to our country's heroes by creating valentines for veterans. The students handcrafted cards and decorated them with sentiments thanking veterans for their service. Approximately 30 club members participated and over 100 cards were created! The valentines were sent to the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs where they were hand-delivered by staff to Veterans Housing and Recovery Programs in Chippewa Falls, Green Bay, and Union Grove. After completing the cards, members went snow tubing down Sylvan Hill in Wausau.

*Pictured above: Mosinee FFA members work on their valentines to send to veterans.*





# Open Enrollment Dates

**February 3 - April 30, 2025**

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has announced the dates for public school Open Enrollment for the 2025-26 school year. Children in 4K to grade 12 may apply to attend a nonresident school district under the open enrollment program. However, a child may transfer to a nonresident school district for early childhood education or 4K only if the child's resident school district offers the same type of program and only if the child is eligible for that program in the resident school district. The regular open enrollment application period for the 2025-26 school year begins on **February 3, 2025, and ends at 4:00pm on April 30, 2025. Late applications will not be accepted.** Parents may apply online at: <https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>. For more information: Toll-free: 888-245-2732; Email: [openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov). You may also call Carrie Kunding at the Mosinee School District with questions: 715-693-2530.

## 4K Registration for the 2025-26 School Year

Children who turn four on or before September 1, 2025 are eligible to register for 4K for the 2025-26 school year. To learn more about Mosinee's 4K program and to complete the registration process, visit the district's 4K webpage at <https://www.mosineeschools.org/schools/4yok/>. The page offers a program overview and detailed step-by-step instructions for registration.

If you have questions or need assistance, please call the elementary school at 715-693-2810.

## 2025-26 Kindergarten Registration

Mosinee Elementary School is excited to welcome the incoming kindergarten students for the 2025-26 school year! Students currently enrolled in 4K within the Mosinee School District will be automatically registered for five-year-old kindergarten at MES. In early August, families will receive an email with back-to-school details, and teacher assignments will be available in Skyward Family Access.

If your child will not be attending Mosinee Elementary School next year or you have any questions about this process, please call us at 715-693-2810 as soon as possible.

For families new to the district, kindergarten registration can be completed online through the Mosinee School District website: <https://skyward.iscorp.com/scripts/wsisa.dll/WService=wsedumosineewi/skyenroll.w>

## Developmental Screening

The Mosinee School District is hosting "The Other Check-up" a free developmental screening on Friday, March 7, 2025 from 7:00am-12:00pm at Mosinee Elementary School, 600 12th Street. The event gives parents an opportunity to have their children, ages two years/nine months to five years, complete a screening of all areas of their development. Children will be asked to complete a variety of activities in the areas of motor skills, verbal skills, and cognitive/readiness skills. Parents need not have concerns to schedule a screening. District residents may schedule an appointment by calling Becky at 715-693-3660, ext. 2140.

## Mosinee Board of Education Notes

At the February 18, 2025 regular Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the following:

- minutes from the regular Board of Education meeting on January 20, 2025
- extended field trips, policy changes, donation from A&B Process Systems, 2025-2026 Budget Development Calendar, and CESA Shared Services Contract
- January's monthly voucher list and treasurer's report, resignation and retirements, and Act 20 updates

The Board received a presentation from:

- FCCLA shared information about the club, awards members have earned, and the evolution of Motique

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the District Educational Service Center. The public is invited to attend.

## A&B Process Donation

Recently, **A&B Process Systems** made a generous donation to Mosinee Manufacturing, a student-led business within the high school's Technical Education Department. The donation included various sizes and types of grating. This grating will be used by Mosinee Manufacturing for a variety of projects, as well as by other groups within the high school. The donation is valued at several thousand dollars and will positively impact the students for months to come.

The generosity of local businesses is truly extraordinary and not something found in every community. On behalf of the district, thank you for your ongoing support of Mosinee students.

## Care Solace

The Mosinee School District has partnered with **Care Solace**, a service that quickly and confidentially connects individuals to available mental health and substance use providers. The service offers multilingual support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, regardless of insurance coverage. There is also a self-serve website to find providers and services on your own. Care Solace is provided to Mosinee students, staff, families and community members at no cost.

Call: 888-515-0595 or visit: [caresolace.com/mosinee](https://caresolace.com/mosinee)

*Please note: Care Solace is not an emergency response service or mental health service provider. In the event of a life threatening emergency, call 9-1-1 or the National Suicide Hotline 9-8-8.*

The Mosinee School District shall not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, religion, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, handicap or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or any other characteristic protected by state or federal law in the educational programs or activities which it operates or in employment practices. All inquiries or complaints regarding discrimination under Title II, Title IX, Section 504 or other state or federal law shall be directed to Greg Doverspike, Superintendent of Schools, Mosinee School District, 146001 State Highway 153, Mosinee, WI 54455 at 715-693-2530.

## March Calendar of Events

March 24 - 28 **NO SCHOOL** - Spring Break

### MOSINEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 7 Developmental Screening ..... 7:00am-12:00pm  
10 PTO Meeting - Creske Library ..... 5:30pm

### MOSINEE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 1 District Solo & Ensemble (Merrill)  
6 Parent-Teacher Conferences ..... 4:00pm-7:30pm  
17 8th/HS Band Solo & Ensemble Showcase -  
Creske Auditorium ..... 7:00pm

### MOSINEE HIGH SCHOOL

- 1 District Solo & Ensemble (Merrill)  
GBB - Regionals (TBD) ..... 7:00pm  
Gymnastics - Sectionals (Wis. Rapids) ..... TBD  
Wrestling - Individual State Tournament (Madison) ..... TBD  
4 BBB - Regionals (TBD) ..... 7:00pm  
6 Parent-Teacher Conferences ..... 4:00pm-7:30pm  
GBB - Sectional Semifinal (TBD) ..... 7:00pm  
6 & 8 Boys Hockey - State Tournament (Middleton)  
Girls Hockey - State Tournament (Middleton)  
7 BBB - Regionals (TBD) ..... 7:00pm  
7-8 Gymnastics - State Tournament (Wis. Rapids)  
8 BBB - Regionals (TBD) ..... 7:00pm  
GBB - Sectional Final (TBD) ..... 7:00pm  
Wrestling - Team State Tournament (Madison) ..... TBD  
11 ACT Test - Juniors  
13 BBB - Sectional Semifinal (TBD) ..... 7:00pm  
14-15 GBB - State Tournament (Green Bay)  
15 BBB - Sectional Final (TBD) ..... 7:00pm  
17 8th/HS Band Solo & Ensemble Showcase -  
Creske Auditorium ..... 7:00pm  
21 Girls Track - Invitational (A - UWSP) ..... 4:00pm  
21-22 BBB - State Tournament (Madison)  
22 Boys Track - Invitational (A - UWSP) ..... 10:00am  
25 Boys Track - Invitational (A - Marshfield) ..... 4:30pm

For a complete list of activities and events, visit [mosineeschools.org](http://mosineeschools.org).



## Parent-Teacher Conferences

### High School & Middle School

Thurs, March 6 • 4pm - 7:30pm



## Community Outreach Classes

To register, contact: Michelle Pozorski at [mpozorski@mosineeschools.org](mailto:mpozorski@mosineeschools.org)

CLASS	BEGINS	DAY	TIME	SESSIONS	LOC.
Zumba	3-1	Sat	9am-10am	1	MES Gym
Beginners Guitar	3-3	Mon	3:30-4:30	4	Creske Library
Beginners Yoga	3-3	Mon	5:30-6:30	4	Yoga Room
Beginners Yoga	3-5	Wed	6:00-7:00	4	Yoga Room
Needle Felted Animals	3-6	Thur	6:00-8:00	1	Creske Library
Acrylic Painting - Tropical Theme	3-11	Tues	5:30-7:30	1	MHS Cafeteria
iPhone Basics	3-12	Wed	6:00-7:30	1	Creske Library
Needle Felted Landscapes	3-13	Thur	6:00-8:00	1	Creske Library
Zumba	3-15	Sat	9am-10am	1	MES Gym
Crochet II	3-18	Tues	6:00-8:00	1	Creske Library



## Save the Dates

The Mosinee School District is excited to offer another year of engaging and enriching learning experiences through our Summer School Program! Running from **June 9-July 10**, students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of hands-on and interactive classes designed to keep learning fun over the summer. Classes will take place Monday through Thursday, from 7:50am-12:30pm, with breakfast and lunch available daily, unless the teacher provides different instructions.

Students entering into grades 2-8 can choose from two 2.5-week sessions, while incoming kindergartners will enroll in Kickoff to Kindergarten, and incoming 1st graders will join Fun in First Grade, both running for the full five weeks. Exciting class offerings include free swim lessons, art, outdoor adventures, weightlifting, reading, math, science, safety courses, LEGO building, and more! A full class listing and descriptions will be sent home before Spring Break, with online registration opening in early April via Skyward. Stay tuned for more details on this fantastic summer learning opportunity!

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