



# The mosinee link

A LINK BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND ITS CITIZENS

## Be Amazing Club Donates Children's Activity Bags

The Mosinee Middle School Be Amazing Club met in March to create activity bags for children at The Women's Community, Inc. in Wausau. These activity bags will be used by children that have to wait for their parent/guardian if and when they need to receive medical attention at a hospital or clinic. Items included in the activity bags include: fidget toys, coloring books, journals, crossword puzzles, crayons, books, etc. The Be Amazing Club strives to help others through a variety of community service projects and has two more meetings scheduled before the end of the school year.



Pictured above: Be Amazing club members filled bags with crayons, books, card games and other toys.



Pictured above: Be Amazing club members proudly display the activity bags that will be donated to children at The Women's Community, Inc.

## Mosinee High School Welcomes Principal Halvorsen; Thank You Principal Lehman



David Muñoz  
Superintendent of Schools

The Mosinee School Board approved a two year contract for Mr. Daniel Halvorsen to be the next Principal of Mosinee High School starting on July 1, 2022. Mr. Halvorsen started teaching in Wisconsin Rapids as a high school science teacher/middle school teacher after graduating from UW-Stevens Point. Mr. Halvorsen achieved more than most before attending college including serving eight years in the US Army in different parts of the world before being honorably discharged. After his teaching career took him to the Racine

Public School District, Mr. Halvorsen earned an Assistant Principal position which he served in for nine years in multiple districts in the greater Milwaukee and Racine area. For the last nine years Mr. Halvorsen has been a highly successful principal of Fort Atkinson High School. He holds a Masters and Bachelors degree with Principal, Director of Instruction, and Teacher Lifetime Licenses. Mr. Halvorsen is happily married and has four daughters, two of whom are actively serving in the US military. Mr. Halvorsen is excited to be returning to an area that he knows well from his college days.

Congratulations to Dr. Lehman on being selected as the next Superintendent of Schools for the Stratford School District. Dr. Lehman worked as Principal of Mosinee High School for eight years before which he taught and coached in the Fond du Lac School District for thirteen years. Principal Lehman led Mosinee High School students, staff, and families through a focus on lifelong learning including but not limited to preparing students for college and/or career readiness. During Lehman's tenure, Mosinee High School achieved at or near the highest ACT score in Marathon County multiple times which was a substantial improvement from before his arrival. Additionally, Mosinee High School has become the #1 dual credit granting high school in the region as reported through Northcentral Technical College.

The Mosinee School District is excited to welcome our new High School Principal Halvorsen but equally thankful to Principal Lehman for his many years of service to the Mosinee School District. Dr. Lehman's last day of work will be June 30, 2022 with Mr. Halvorsen's first day of work on July 1, 2022.

## Class of 2022 Award Winners

**State of Wisconsin  
Academic Excellence Scholarship**  
(recognizes top two students based on academic criteria)



Annabella Kennedy



Adalyn Lehman

### Wisconsin Technical Excellence Scholarship

(recognizes top two students  
based on career/technical education)



Haylee Fliss



Logan Johnson

## MMS Drama Club Performs *Annie Jr.*



In April, the Mosinee Middle School Drama Club performed *Annie Jr.*, the musical. The cast and crew were involved in all aspects of theater including lighting, sound, stage managing, choreography, singing, dancing, acting, costumes, hair and makeup. Special thanks to **Flowers of the Field, Lodge at Cedar Creek, Tessa Knetter** and **Lisa Haessly** for vocal direction as well as **Sara Gornicke** and the cast's families for their help with this fun production.

*Pictured above left (l to r): Orphans played by (Back row): Nicole Rust, Bailey Anderson, Sophia Knetter, Kenna Fischer, Elissa Nyman, (Front row): Huaci Xiong, Alannah Wolfgram, and Katie Knetter.*

*Pictured above right (l to r): The cast of characters included Oliver Warbucks played by Jonah Haupt, Annie played by Ruby Sliwicki, and Grace Ferrell played by Brylee Schwartz.*

## SkillsUSA Competes in State Leadership & Skills Conference

The first ever Mosinee High School SkillsUSA Chapter was started at the beginning of this school year. SkillsUSA is a national organization offering a wide array of chances for students to showcase the knowledge and skills they have learned throughout Career and Technical Education classes in both the middle school and high school.

The club consists of 28 students that are involved in the MHS Tech Club, Mosinee Manufacturing, and/or Multimedia Productions Club, along with students that want to showcase skills in their career pathway choice.

Students competed at both the District and Regional levels, and 14 qualified for the Wisconsin State Leadership and Skills Conference in Madison. Students competed in Carpentry, Cabinet Making, Photography, Technical



Drafting, Welding, and Team Engineering. Throughout the two-day event, students took a written test on the technical standards in their field and spent a full day showcasing their knowledge through skills challenges.

The Mosinee chapter did an outstanding job in their first year competing, with the following results:



**Chase Akey** - Photography - 3rd Place (National Qualifier)

**Zachary Worring, Joseph Fochs, Kirsten Balgord** -  
Team Engineering - 4th Place

**Griffin Grohall** - Carpentry - 6th Place

**Maxwell Kloos** - Carpentry - 10th Place

**Jackson Folwarski** - Carpentry - 13th Place

**Michael Danczyk** - Cabinet Making - 8th Place

*Pictured above (l to r): Kaiden Kasten, Aubrey Little-Ebert and Spencer Luebbe competed in Team Engineering at the SkillsUSA State competition in April.*

*Pictured above: Chase Akey received Bronze and qualified for Nationals in the Photography category.*

## MHS Metals Awarded Grant for Shop Improvements

Since June 2020, countless hours have been dedicated to maintaining, repairing, and updating the metals shop by Mosinee's Industrial Technology instructors **Ms. Kristie Heckendorf-Paul, Mr. Zakary Kachel** and **Mr. Bradley Oleson**. With the help of many local businesses and CWIMA, improvements in the manufacturing program have started to move forward allowing the staff to fully engage and train students.

In October 2021, Ms. Heckendorf-Paul applied for the **Wisconsin Fast Forward Technical Education Equipment Grant** and was recently notified that Mosinee was chosen to receive \$50,000. With this grant, the MHS Industrial Technology department will start updating the Machine Tool area, continuing their quest to move the shop out of the 1950s and into a highly rigorous manufacturing program relevant today.

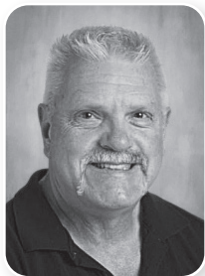


# Mosinee School District Selects 2021-22 Teachers and Support Staff of the Year



**Allison McCarty** was selected as Mosinee Elementary School's Teacher of the Year. Mrs. McCarty is an amazing teacher and a true advocate for her students. She brings energy and passion to her classroom and knows how to engage all her students, building relationships and going above and beyond to help them be successful learners. She is

patient, kind, and cares a lot about the students she teaches. Her lessons are well planned and she brings enthusiasm and excitement to her room daily. She makes her students feel included and special and is always there to support them. Along with being an amazing teacher, Mrs. McCarty excels at being a great team member. She has been a team leader for multiple years at the elementary school and is currently the first grade team leader. Mrs. McCarty comes to the meetings well prepared and asks thoughtful questions to support her team's needs and concerns. She is collaborative and works well with her team and other teachers/staff throughout the building. Whatever it is, Mrs. McCarty gives 110% and does an outstanding job as a teacher and colleague.



**Dean Oelke** was selected as the Support Staff of the Year at Mosinee Elementary School. Mr. Oelke is always ready to offer a hand – from helping with a spill or cleanup, unlocking a door, fixing a broken zipper, unjamming a locker, or setting up classrooms, tables and chairs, Mr. Oelke is there! He arrives early every day to ensure the building is ready and

safe for students and staff, and has work requests fulfilled long before students arrive. Even when something comes up last minute, Mr. Oelke helps without hesitation. In the past, Mr. Oelke helped support struggling learners by being a check-in/check out person. He would meet with the students in the morning before school and check out with them at the end of the day. He knows how important relationships are and he is gifted at building them with students and staff alike. Mr. Oelke is friendly and kind and always there to listen.



This year's Teacher of the Year at the middle school is **Cody Brietzke**. Mr. Brietzke's commitment to his students as both a teacher and coach is second to none. His ability to teach math while entertaining the kids makes learning fun and keeps the students engaged. Students enjoy going to math class and his teaching style makes understanding

math easier. Mr. Brietzke works incredibly hard to make positive connections with parents, students, and fellow staff, and he is an asset to the district.



**Brenda Bond** was chosen as Support Staff of the Year at Mosinee Middle School. Mrs. Bond works continuously to support students in all areas of their school day. Her flexibility and work ethic is contagious with the staff that she works with. Her co-workers have commented on her extreme kindness and her willingness to help when and wherever she is needed. Mrs.

Bond is well liked by the students and she does a great job during lunch and recess times. Every day Mrs. Bond comes to work with a smile that is contagious to students and staff. She is a huge asset to Mosinee Middle School and its daily operations.



Mosinee High School's Teacher of the Year is **Paul Nievinski**. Mr. Nievinski is currently in his 35th year of teaching. He taught at D.C. Everest High School for two years, then taught social studies at Mosinee Middle School for 29 years. He has spent the last four years teaching alternative education and Odysseyware classes at MHS. He is also heavily involved

with weight room supervision, is the Student Senate advisor, and makes the best popcorn in Marathon County! With Mr. Nievinski's leadership, the alternative education and Odysseyware programs have had a ton of success along with good graduation rates. He is a motivator, encourager, and listener while having the ability to help students stay motivated to finish strong, even the ones that might not want to come to school. Students have complimented how much they appreciate him always being there for them, mentoring them, caring for them, and making learning fun!



**Diana Halverson** has been chosen as the high school's Support Staff of the Year. Mrs. Halverson is currently in her 6th year in the district. Mrs. Halverson started working in the IMC, while also subbing for study hall, the health office, and SSR. After two years, there was a need for help in the health room.

Mrs. Halverson was the perfect fit. Students feel so welcome when visiting the health room, whether they are feeling sick, need to take medication, or just stopping in to say hi. Her calm and positive attitude makes her a great team player. She is the epitome of what the values are at MHS. She always comes to work with a smile on her face; she is so caring, and truly cares about students and staff.

The Mosinee School District is fortunate to have many outstanding teachers and staff – the 2021-22 recipients are no exception. Congratulations to all of this year's honorees!

## State Forensics Results

MHS Forensics sent fourteen students to the State competition at DeForest High School on April 8th. The students competed through two rounds, sub-district



in Marshfield and then district at SPASH, in order to receive scores of 21 out of 25 which qualified them for state. Forensics encompasses a variety of speaking opportunities from informational/persuasive speeches, to poetry and prose reading, and solo and group acting. This year, because of Covid, contests were mixed between video and in-person judging. All students who competed in Forensics this year made it to the State competition with the following results:

**Stephanie Inman** - Prose - Gold

**Hailey Shnowske, Hannah Shnowske, Brooke Baumann, and Aubrey Little-Ebert** - Play Acting - Silver

**Katelyn Kramer** - Farrago - Silver

**Jacqueline Kramer** - Farrago - Silver

**Ashley Colden** - Oratory - Silver

**Claire Kroening** - Poetry - Bronze

**Sienna Tiffany** - Prose - Bronze

**Noah Nechuta** - Prose - Bronze

**Kyle Allen** - Solo Acting - Bronze

**Isabelle Olson** - Radio Broadcasting

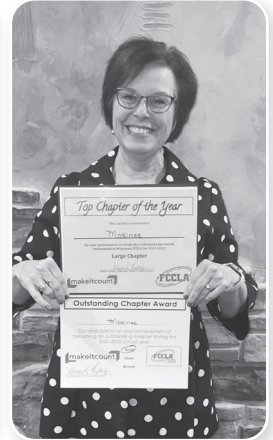
*Pictured above (l to r): (Back row): Noah Nechuta, Jacqueline Kramer, Katelyn Kramer, Aubrey Little-Ebert, Brooke Baumann, Hailey Shnowske, Hannah Shnowske, (Middle row): Kyle Allen, Claire Kroening, Sienna Tiffany, Ashley Colden, Isabelle Olson, and (Front row): Stephanie Inman competed at State Forensics.*



## MHS Student Senate Blood Drive

The MHS Student Senate will host a Blood Drive on **Wednesday, May 11** from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Creske Center lobby. Walk-ins are welcome!

## FCCLA Members Compete at State Leadership Conference



Student leaders from Mosinee's FCCLA attended the State Leadership Conference at the Kalahari Resort in the Wisconsin Dells from April 4-6 under the guidance of **Mrs. Sue Swinick**, advisor. Mosinee's chapter was awarded an Outstanding Chapter Gold Award and earned the #2 Top Chapter in the State based on membership, volunteerism, and participation in competitive events. **Megan Garski**, MHS senior, was awarded Outstanding Member of the Year based on her work with the MHS Student Resource Closet. **Taylor Javoroski** was acknowledged for her service as a Regional Representative for Region #3. The following talented students earned medals:

**Bryanna Schwartz** - Teach and Train - Gold Medal and National Qualifier

**Taylor Javoroski** - Job Interview - Gold Medal and National Qualifier

**Megan Garski and Kiarra Kennedy** - Chapter Service Project Portfolio - Gold Medal and National Qualifier

**Jessica Brown, Annabella Kennedy, and Adalyn Lehman** - Sustainability Challenge - Silver Medal and National Qualifier

**Megan Wengelski** - Culinary Arts - Silver Medal

Mosinee was well represented for all their accomplishments at the state level; congratulations Mrs. Swinick and students!

*Pictured above left (l to r): (Back row): Jessica Brown, Annabella Kennedy, Bryanna Schwartz, Megan Garski, (Front row): Adalyn Lehman, Kiarra Kennedy, Taylor Javoroski, and Megan Wengelski competed at the FCCLA State Leadership Conference*

*Pictured above right: Advisor Susan Swinick proudly displays the chapter awards that Mosinee FCCLA earned at the State Leadership Conference in April.*

## Mosinee Boys Soccer to Host 5K Run/Walk in May

Mosinee Boys Soccer is hosting the third "running" of the **Mosinee 500** on **Saturday, May 21st at Edgewood Park**. The 5K Prediction Run and Walk starts at the halfway line and winds out and back along the beautiful Wisconsin River Purple Circle Trail. On-site registration begins at 8:00 am and the race starts at 9:30 am. Entry fee consists of a donation of non-perishable food items which will be donated to the Community Center of Hope food pantry. Award winners will be those competitors who can most accurately predict their finish time without the use of a personal timing device. A special prize will also be awarded to the most accurate dog and dog walker! Come join Mosinee Boys Soccer and help raise 500 lbs. of food items at a fun, low-key community event.



## MMS Battle of the Books

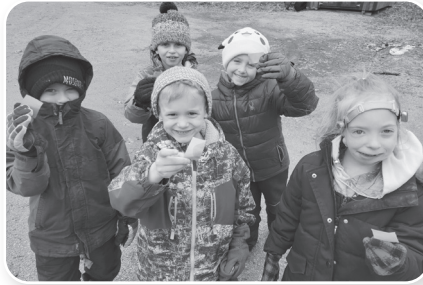
This year, Mosinee Middle School has five fourth and fifth-grade teams participating in Battle of the Books. Teams meet weekly to discuss and listen to great literature and test their knowledge about what they read. They will be competing in the final battle with each other in May.



*Pictured above (l to r): Tucker Rindfleisch, Ronni Stankowski, and Katie Knetter participate in a book battle.*

## School Forest Lesson: Birds

Kindergarten students visited the school forest to learn about birds and their adaptations. They learned about different bird nests and how they are built, how bird colors are used for camouflage or attraction, and different bird beaks and what can be eaten with each type. The Kindergartners ended the visit to the school forest by hanging up student-made bird feeders to help out the birds this spring until the weather warms up.



*Pictured above (l to r): (Back row): Bentley Smith, Asher Myszka, (Front row): Cove Meddaugh, Luke Fleischmann, and Finnley Patton searched for colored slips of paper to learn about camouflage.*

## MES Breakfast and Books Day

Mosinee Elementary second graders invited special people in their lives to come to school to read books, eat muffins, drink juice, do a special craft, interview each other, and play a game. The kids enjoyed showing their special someone(s) their classroom and examples of their writing.



*Pictured right: The second graders enjoyed reading and having breakfast with their someone special(s).*

## Food Pantry Donation

Feeding Our Future, the food pantry based in the Mosinee Middle School, received a generous donation thanks to **Dustin Brooks, Macey Mielke** and **Samantha Ruchti**. The students volunteered their time collecting food at the Mosinee Piggly Wiggly through **Peyton's Promise**. Customers generously donated \$67 and 270 items of food!



*Pictured above (l to r): Dustin Brooks, Macey Mielke and Samantha Ruchti collecting donations for Feeding Our Future.*

## Mosinee Board of Education Notes

At the April 19, 2022 regular Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the following:

- minutes from the regular Board of Education meeting on March 15, 2022
- updated Board policies
- statement of the Board of Canvassers from the spring election
- fee changes and employee benefits for the 2022-23 school year
- March's monthly voucher list and treasurer's report, Kidstown contract, Other Post Employment Benefits valuation contract, technology purchases, and high school IMC furniture purchase
- elementary school Special Education and middle school Technology teacher hires, and maintaining seventh section to support first grade students
- extended field trips for FFA and band

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the District Educational Service Center. The public is invited to attend.

## PTO Notes

Highlights from the April PTO meeting:


- The PTO approved a mini grant of \$300 for the MMS Physical Education department to purchase outdoor activities and backyard games.
- The PTO will provide snacks for Staff Appreciation Day on May 5th.
- Three students were selected to receive PTO scholarships for the 2021-22 school year.

The next PTO meeting is Monday, May 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm, in the HS IMC.

## Mosinee Community Pool Info Available Online

For the latest pool schedule which includes water walk, aqua zumba, water exercise, swim team, swim lessons, open swim and lap swim, visit: [www.mosineeschools.org/community/pool.cfm](http://www.mosineeschools.org/community/pool.cfm)

Or follow MCP on Facebook...

 Mosinee Community Pool



MOSINEE HIGH SCHOOL  
**Class of 2022**  
**Graduation**

Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>  
 7:00pm

- MOSINEE RECREATION CENTER -

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# Community Outreach Classes

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

CLASS	BEGINS	DAY	TIME	SESSIONS	LOC.
Acrylic Painting - Bumblebees & Daisies	5-17	Tues	5:30-7:30pm	1	MHS 406

## May/June Calendar of Events

MOSINEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL			
May 2	NO SCHOOL - District Inservice		
9	PTO Meeting - HS IMC	6:00pm-6:45pm	
6	3rd Gr. Concert - Creske Auditorium	1:30pm	
30	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day		
June 3	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - EARLY RELEASE	12:40pm	
MOSINEE MIDDLE SCHOOL			
May 2	NO SCHOOL - District Inservice		
10	6th & 7th Gr. Band Concert - Creske Auditorium	7:30pm	
12	6th & 7th Gr. Choir Concert - Creske Auditorium	7:30pm	
13	Culture Fest	12:30pm-3:00pm	
16	8th Gr. & HS Band Concert - Creske Auditorium	7:00pm	
24	8th Gr. Variety Show - Creske Auditorium	7:00pm	
30	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day		
June 2	8th Gr. Promotion Ceremony	1:00pm	
	8th Gr. Dance - MS Gym	3:30pm-6:00pm	
3	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - EARLY RELEASE	12:49pm	
MOSINEE HIGH SCHOOL			
May 2	NO SCHOOL - District Inservice		
	Boys Track - Meet (A-Stratford)	4:30pm	
	Baseball - Merrill (H)	5:00pm	
	Softball - Medford (H)	5:00pm	
3	Golf - GNC Meet (A-Rhineland)	3:00pm	
	Baseball - Shawano (H)	5:00pm	
	Softball - Tomahawk (H)	5:00pm	
	Soccer - Rhineland (A)	7:00pm	
5	Golf - GNC Meet (A-Medford)	3:00pm	
	Soccer - Amherst (A)	5:00pm	
	Softball - Lakeland Union (A)	5:00pm	
6	Boys Track - Invitational (A-Merrill)	5:00pm	
	Baseball - Kettle Moraine (A)	5:30pm	
7	Baseball - Pewaukee (A)	10:00am	
	Soccer - Wausau East (H)	11:00am	
	Softball - Invitational (A-DC Everest)	11:00am	
9	Softball - Marathon (H)	7:00pm	
10	Golf - GNC Meet (A-Tomahawk)	3:00pm	
	B & G Track - Invitational (A-DC Everest)	4:00pm	
	Baseball - Tomahawk (H)	5:00pm	
	Soccer - Lakeland Union (H)	5:00pm	
	Softball - Northland Pines (A)	5:00pm	
11	Student Senate Blood Drive - Creske Lobby	8:30am-1:30pm	
12	Golf - Invitational (A-Oconto Falls)	1:00pm	
	Baseball - Antigo (A)	4:30pm	
	Softball - Medford (A)	5:00pm	
	Soccer - Medford (A)	7:00pm	
13	Golf - GNC Meet (A-Minocqua)	3:00pm	
	Baseball - Tomahawk (A)	5:00pm	
	Softball - Marshfield (A)	6:00pm	
14	Softball - Tournament (A-Wisconsin Rapids)	10:00am	
15	Choirs Spring Concert - Creske Auditorium	2:00pm	
16	Baseball - Rhineland (A)	5:00pm	
	8th Gr. & HS Band Concert - Creske Auditorium	7:00pm	
17	Golf - GNC Meet (A-Deerbrook)	3:00pm	
	B & G Track - Conference Meet (A-Antigo)	4:00pm	
	Baseball - Edgar (H)	5:00pm	
	Soccer - Antigo (H)	5:00pm	
18	Career Signing Night	6:30pm	
19	Baseball - Rhineland (H)	5:00pm	
	Soccer - Northland Pines (A)	5:00pm	
20	Baseball - Stratford (A)	5:00pm	
21	Soccer - Howards Grove (A)	11:00am	
23	B & G Track - Regionals (A-Tomahawk)	3:00pm	
24	Golf - Regionals (TBD)	TBA	
	Softball - Regionals (TBD)	TBA	
	Soccer - Rhineland (H)	5:00pm	
	Baseball - Waupaca (A-Athletic Park)	7:00pm	
25	Senior Awards Night - Creske Auditorium	7:00pm	
26	B & G Track - Sectionals (TBD)	TBA	
	Baseball - Regionals (TBD)	4:30pm	
27	Graduation - Mosinee Recreation Center	7:00pm	
30	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day		
31	Golf - Sectionals (TBD)	TBA	
	Soccer - Regionals (TBD)	TBA	
	Softball - Sectionals (TBD)	TBA	
June 1	Golf - Sectionals (TBD)	TBA	
3	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - EARLY RELEASE	12:49pm	
	B & G Track - State (TBD)	TBA	
7	Baseball - Sectionals (TBD)	TBA	
	Golf - State (TBD)	TBA	
9	Soccer - Sectionals (TBD)	TBA	
	Softball - State (TBD)	TBA	
14	Baseball - State (TBD)	TBA	
15	Baseball - State (TBD)	TBA	
16	Soccer - State (TBD)	TBA	

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