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A LINK BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND ITS CITIZENS

MMS Penny War Funds Donated to Humane Society

The Mosinee Middle School Student Senate and Student Lighthouse Team hosted a Penny War from February 24th through March 1st in conjunction with the Scholastic Book Fair. The money collected from the Penny War was then donated to the **Humane Society of Marathon County**.

The rules of the penny war were simple: pennies counted as positive values while silver coins and bills counted as negative values. Students in fourth through eighth grade competed against each other to be the grade level with the highest value.



The results were:

5th Place: 4th Grade (-17,040)

4th Place: 6th Grade (-11,424)

3rd Place: 8th Grade (-10,935)

2nd Place: 7th Grade (-6,513)

1st Place: 5th Grade (-2,019)

The grand total of money collected was \$600.74!

Lisa Leitermann, Executive Director for the Humane Society of Marathon County, accepted the donation at the March Student of the Month assembly.

Pictured above (l to r): Kelly Remondini, Mollie Lingl, Michelle Buelow, Lisa Leitermann, and Sara Kaczor.

Superintendent's Message



Greg Doverspike
Superintendent of Schools

As with any school year, this is the time to reflect on the great accomplishments we've shared and to look ahead to the exciting tasks that await us next year. It's also a season of transitions—both for individuals and for our district as a whole.

First and foremost, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to our retirees. Thank you for your years of dedication, passion, and service. The impact you've had on our students, staff, and broader community is immeasurable. You've left a lasting legacy, and we hope

your next chapter is filled with joy, adventure, and well-deserved relaxation.

We also want to express our sincere appreciation to Kevin Hermening, Kelli Zebro, and Peter Hansen – our outgoing members of the Board of Education. Your leadership, insight, and commitment have helped guide the Mosinee School District through significant milestones. Being a board member is often a thankless role, but your service and dedication have made a meaningful difference. Thank you for the legacy you've created, which will benefit our district for years to come.

At the same time, we warmly welcome our newly elected board members, David Bauer and Derek Nest. Thank you for your willingness to step up and serve in such an important role. We look forward to working with you and continuing to build on the momentum of this past year as we strive to provide the best possible educational experience for our students.

To all of our staff, students, families, and community partners – thank you for an incredible year. While one of the most visible accomplishments was the successful passing of our referendum, for which we are deeply grateful, we also celebrate the many day-to-day milestones achieved by our students and staff across all areas of our district. Mosinee truly is a great place to be an educator – and an even better place for our students to learn and grow. Your energy, collaboration, and resilience have made this year one to remember.

As we look ahead to the final weeks of the school year, we invite you to join us for a variety of spring events. From concerts and athletic competitions to awards ceremonies and more, there are countless opportunities to celebrate the talents and hard work of our students and staff. These celebrations culminate in one of our most cherished traditions: graduation. We invite the entire community to join us as we honor our graduating seniors on Friday, May 23rd at 7:00 pm at the Mosinee Recreation Center.

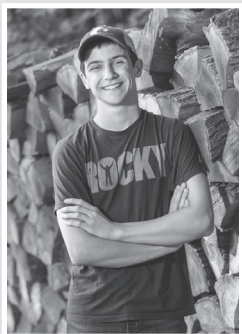
Finally, we wish each of you a relaxing, safe, and joyful summer. Whether you're traveling, spending time with family, or simply enjoying the sunshine, we hope your summer is everything you need it to be.

Class of 2025 Award Winners

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



Henrik Thompson



Jackson Nechuta

Wisconsin Technical Excellence Scholarship

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



Kaitlyn Krause



Cooper Kaiser

MES Hosts Family Night

Mosinee Elementary School hosted a pirate-themed Family Night in April. Students and their families were able to choose from a variety of activities including a delicious meal, face painting, a book fair, an art show, a basket raffle, and a mystical magic show. The elementary staff is grateful for the many generous donations that helped make Family Night a success!



Pictured above: Students and their families enjoy the magic show performance on Family Night.

Bartnik Receives DAR Good Citizen Award and Thomasson Scholarship

Mosinee High School has selected **Jena Bartnik** as the recipient of the **2025 Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen Award**. Each high school chooses one student to receive the award based on the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their school and community. Jena has demonstrated these qualities through her role as FCCLA president and National Honor Society vice president. One of her most rewarding volunteer projects was being actively involved in relocating and updating Motique, the high school's student resource closet, which she continues to help stock and organize.



In March, Jena traveled to Indiana University Indianapolis to compete in the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy's Pitch Your Passion scholarship contest, where she was one of three students to be awarded the **Thomasson Scholarship**, which covers up to four years of tuition and fees, room and board, books, and a semester abroad! The competition paired like-minded students into groups to brainstorm solutions to a current economic, social or cultural challenge related to their area of interest. The groups then had just a few hours to prepare their slides before presenting to the judges, fellow competitors, family members, and current philanthropy students and staff. In addition to the group presentation, students were evaluated on their grades, extracurricular activities and interests, academic and career goals, and an individual interview with a faculty and staff committee.

Jena is thrilled to be attending IUI this fall and is beyond grateful to the Thomasson Family for bestowing this scholarship. She credits her success to her participation in FCCLA, her involvement in the Youth Philanthropy Leadership Program, and her job shadow at the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin.

Congratulations, Jena, on these outstanding accomplishments!

Science Olympiads Compete in State Tournament

On April 5th, the Mosinee High School Science Olympiad Team traveled to the University of Wisconsin-Stout to compete in the 2025 State Tournament.

Logan Neufeld and **Christoffer Martin** competed as a team in Code Analysis, which required them to analyze computer code to determine the output. **Evan Colden** and **Waylon Barber** competed as a team in Chemistry Lab, which required them to solve chemistry problems, and identify three clear, colorless

liquids through a series of chemical reactions. Both teams earned 6th place overall in the small school division. Congratulations!

Pictured above (l to r): Evan Colden and Waylon Barber analyze their findings to identify the liquid during the Chem Lab competition.



Mosinee School District Selects 2024-25 Teachers and Support Staff of the Year



Mosinee Elementary has selected **Renae Seeger** as Teacher of the Year. Renae has 28 years of teaching experience, with the majority of that time spent in third grade. She was instrumental in establishing a successful multi-age level classroom, and currently serves as MES Lighthouse Coordinator.

Renae thinks outside the box, designing engaging learning experiences that bring joy to the classroom while supporting individual growth. A colleague shared, "Renae welcomes all students into her classroom and works diligently to meet the unique needs of all individual learners."

Families often express deep appreciation for her care and energy. One parent noted, "Mrs. Seeger is a phenomenal teacher. She is upbeat, extremely caring, and goes above and beyond for the kids in her class. She has a heart of gold, and I feel so incredibly lucky that my child gets to spend her days with her."

Renae's positive attitude, willingness to accept feedback, and passion for continuous improvement are just a few of the reasons she is so highly respected in the school community.



Mosinee Elementary's Support Staff of the Year is **Chloe Smith**. Chloe serves as one of the school nurses with remarkable dedication and care. She provides high-quality care to all students, while also bringing a strong passion for mental health services.

Whether it's managing daily medical needs, addressing health emergencies, or supporting students with chronic conditions, Chloe works hand-in-hand with families and staff to ensure each child's well-being. One staff member shared, "She is someone who is always willing to step up and lend a hand when needed. She is so passionate about her job and helping our staff and students with anything they might need."

Beyond physical health, Chloe's commitment to student wellness extends to proactive education and advocacy. One parent shared, "Chloe's compassion and commitment to each child's well-being create a safe and supportive environment where students can focus on their education without worry."

Chloe makes a difference every single day and her professionalism, empathy, and dedication are felt by all who work with her.



Mosinee Middle School has selected **Kelly Remondini** as Teacher of the Year. Kelly's unwavering dedication, contagious enthusiasm, and unmatched ability to make math meaningful has left an indelible mark at MMS.

Whether it's simplifying algebraic expressions or guiding students through the intricacies of math, Kelly does more than just teach, she inspires. As one student described, "Mrs. Remondini always has a smile on her face and is always willing to drop everything to help her students and make sure we understand things."

Mrs. Remondini is known for building strong relationships with students, creating a classroom environment that fosters confidence, curiosity, and resilience. She understands that before students can tackle a tough equation, they need to feel seen, supported, and safe.



The MMS Support Staff of the Year is **Mary Cihlar-Ritger**. With grace, patience, and unmatched professionalism, Mary is the steady hand and friendly face that supports MMS. From managing front office operations to juggling phone calls, subs, scheduling, student needs, and everything in between, she does it all.

One colleague said, "Mary has a wonderful way of making sure everything functions within our building. Whether it comes to managing money for student activities, the details behind arranging substitutes, getting the copiers filled, or all of the other things she does to support us as teachers, her work is recognized and greatly appreciated." Another colleague describes Mary as "the glue that holds us together" and "the heartbeat of the school."



Mosinee High's Teacher of the Year is **Christina Ruchti**. Chris is completing her 14th year as a special education teacher in Mosinee, and in that time, she has made a lasting impact on countless students, families, and colleagues. Her dedication, compassion, and unwavering belief in her students' potential have shaped the culture of MHS in powerful ways.

Chris works tirelessly to ensure every student has a meaningful and enriching high school experience – advocating for them, supporting them, and celebrating their progress at every step. Chris understands the essential role that families play in a student's success, and she is committed to building strong, collaborative relationships with each student's support system.

Her focus on individualized care and her commitment to student growth have truly made a difference in the lives of so many.



Support Staff of the Year for MHS is **Ethan Schroeder**. Ethan joined the Mosinee School District in November 2021 as a valued member of the Buildings and Grounds team. Prior to joining our district, he served as a police officer in the city of Sparta. He continues to give back to the law enforcement community by training future officers as an instructor at Mid-State

Technical College's Criminal Justice Academy, where he teaches coursework and facilitates real-world scenario training.

Despite his commitments outside of school, Ethan ensures the high school is always operating at a high level – clean, safe, and well-maintained. His positive attitude, strong work ethic, and proactive mindset set him apart. Staff frequently comment on how quickly and effectively he responds to requests and how much they value his reliability and initiative.

Ethan has also played an instrumental role in organizing the custodial spaces, creating detailed maps and diagrams to improve efficiency and access to supplies. His strong communication skills and willingness to dive into any project, big or small, have made a tremendous impact at MHS.

The Mosinee School District is fortunate to have many outstanding teachers and staff – the 2024-25 recipients are no exception. Congratulations to all of this year's honorees!

MMS & MHS Forensics

Fourteen MHS students competed at State Forensics on April 11th on the UW-Madison campus and had great success, returning home with three gold medals, ten silver medals, and one bronze medal!



Receiving gold were **Callie Elliott** – Public Address, **Tucker Kaiser** – Poetry, and **Jack Machak** – Informative Speaking. Receiving silver were **Liana Diestelhorst** and **Isabel Plaisance** – Play Acting, **Cassidy McMeeken** – Moments in History, **Jaxin Fields** – Poetry, **Aaliyah Redmond** – Poetry, **Danica Henning** – Poetry, **Logan Neufeld** – Impromptu, **Ruby Sliwicki** – Special Occasion, **Malik Wolfgram** – Prose, and **Genevieve Thompson** – Storytelling. **Amelia Alvarez** received a bronze medal for Prose.

To help prepare for State, MHS Forensics students visited the middle school communications classrooms to perform their pieces. They also spoke about forensics and the various competition categories in the hopes of inspiring the middle schoolers to pursue forensics in both middle and high school.

This year, Mosinee Middle School Forensics had six students join, and the group was coached by **Mrs. Dana Kamke**. In February, the club participated in two competitions, one at Wausau Newman and one at D.C. Everest. The students chose to compete in the areas of play reading, poetry, and prose.

Pictured above: MHS Forensics students outside Bascom Hall on the UW-Madison campus during their State competition.

Pictured below (l to r): MMS Forensics members are Alani Witkus, Amy Morel, Isabel Groshek, Lillianna Passehl, Nicholas Wolf, and Noah Kaiser.



FCCLA Members Qualify for Nationals at State Conference



Mosinee Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) competed at the 2025 State Leadership Conference in April and walked away with a lot of gold!

Jena Bartnik and **Malik Wolfgram** – *Job Interview* – both earned a gold medal and were #1 in their level, which qualified them for the 2025 National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida in July!

Ruby Sliwicki and **Madison Orlovsky** – *Focus on Children* – both earned a gold medal, and Madison was #1 in her level, qualifying her for Nationals!

Sophia Knetter – *Career Investigation* – earned a gold medal and was #1 in her level, qualifying her for Nationals!

Mayla Johnson – *National Programs in Action* – earned a gold medal and was #1 in her level, qualifying her for Nationals!

Eowyn Pince modeled in Wisconsin's first-ever Fashion Show and earned Best in Show for a Casual Outfit with the dress she sewed in 2023, which was ranked 4th in the nation at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in Denver.

Congratulations to all of the participants and national qualifiers!

Mrs. Susan Swinick, the adviser of Mosinee FCCLA, was recognized on stage for her retirement after 13 years of service as a Family and Consumer Sciences educator and nine years as an FCCLA adviser. Not only has she been an amazing teacher and adviser to Mosinee students, but she is an inspiration and role model to all at MHS. She will be missed!

Pictured above (l to r): Eowyn Pince, Ruby Sliwicki, Malik Wolfgram, Adviser Susan Swinick, Sophia Knetter, Madison Orlovsky, Jena Bartnik, and Mayla Johnson attended the FCCLA State Leadership Conference in Wisconsin Dells.

SkillsUSA State Conference

The 52nd Annual SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference was held in Madison this April, and showcased over 2,000 career and technical education students. The following MHS students participated in these categories, with their finished products earning in the top 98% of the product score:

Aubrey Brzezinski – *Weld Sculpture, Job Interview*

Dominic Buatti, Dakota Duberstein, Sawyer Lynch, Cale Maahs and Joel Nechuta – *Weld Fabrication, Job Interview*

Coltan Bower – *Weld Fabrication, T-shirt Design*

Easton Brooks – *Advertising Design, T-shirt Design*

Jameson Barabas – *Advertising Design, Job Interview*

Kaeden Ludwig – *Carpentry, Woodworking Display*

Congratulations to all who participated and challenged their skills at the leadership conference.



Join Us for an Open House

Monday, May 12 • 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Mosinee High School's Construction 3 students have been hard at work on this year's **Habitat for Humanity** house and would like to invite community members to an Open House on Monday, May 12th from 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm. The house is located on the north side of the high school in the staff parking lot. This open house gives the public the opportunity to tour the house and see the quality work completed by the students over the course of the 2024-25 school year before the house is moved to its permanent location at 1702 Plum Drive in Wausau.

Pictured above: Crew member Michael Roger-Behrens was just one on the many students who contributed to the completion of the Habitat house.



Visual Arts Classic State Results

The Visual Arts Classic State competition was held on April 4th at Edgewood College in Madison. Between both the Regional and State competition, Mosinee High School was one of 64 teams to compete at on-site and long-term projects this year. The students have worked diligently all year to hone their artistic skills and compete against hundreds of other art students around the state. Congratulations to the following two MHS artists who placed in this difficult competition:

Genevieve Thompson - 2nd place for Long-term and 2nd for On-site in Photography

Addison Peterson - 1st place for Long-term in Ceramics

Pictured right: Addison Peterson with her gold medal winning vessel sculpture.



Career Exploration Day at MHS

On April 2nd, the **Mosinee Area Chamber Commerce** hosted Career Exploration Day at Mosinee High School. The event provided students the chance to learn about future career opportunities and to also apply for open positions with local businesses. The event ran until 6:00 pm which allowed parents and the public to attend after the school day. Thank you to the Chamber and all of the businesses for making this event possible!

Pictured above: MHS students visit some of the different booths set up at the career fair.



Mosinee Board of Education Notes

At the April 15, 2025 regular Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the following:

- minutes from the regular Board of Education meeting on March 18, 2025, March's monthly voucher list and treasurer's report
- MEA on teacher compensation, employee benefits package, and student handbooks and fee changes for the 2025-26 school year
- 3-yr. Ice Rink Agreement with Mosinee Hockey Club
- Start College Now and Early College Credit programs
- discontinue Leader in Me curriculum and move to curriculum developed by administration
- recognition of retiring Board Member's years of service for Kevin Hermening, Kelli Zebro, and Peter Hansen; recognition of Student Representative, Dustin Brooks
- donations from Freemasons - Wausau Forest Lodge #130 and Hastreiter Industries

The board also heard a presentation by Dave from Chartwells about the Food Service Program.

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be Tuesday, May 20, 2025 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 3 mini grant applications for either full or partial funding.
- The PTO will provide snacks for Staff Appreciation Day on May 8th.
- The PTO selected three students to receive scholarships for the 2024-25 school year.

The next PTO meeting is Monday, May 12, 2025 at 5:30 pm in the Creske Library.

MSD Receives Donations

Thank you **Hastreiter Industries** for your donation of material to the metals shop. The various quantities of aluminum round and square stock/plate will be used for Mosinee Manufacturing projects, as well as by other groups throughout MHS. Valued at several thousand dollars, this donation will have a positive impact on students for months to come.

Thank you **Freemasons - Wausau Forest Lodge #130** for your monetary donation. The funds will pay off negative student lunch balances. This act of kindness provides relief to students and their families, making a lasting and compassionate impact.

The Mosinee School District is incredibly grateful for the continued support from our community!

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.



MOSINEE HIGH SCHOOL
**Class of 2025
Graduation**

Friday, May 23rd
7:00pm

- MOSINEE RECREATION CENTER -

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Community Outreach Classes

To register, contact: Michelle Pozorski at mpozorski@mosineeschools.org

CLASS	BEGINS	DAY	TIME	SESSIONS	LOC.
Zumba	5-3	Sat	9am-10am	1	MES Gym
Acrylic Painting - Floral	5-13	Tues	5:00-7:30pm	1	MHS Caf�

May/June Calendar of Events

MOSINEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	
May 2	3rd Gr. Concert - Creske Auditorium1:30pm
26	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
30	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
MOSINEE MIDDLE SCHOOL	
May 8	6th & 7th Gr. Choir Concert - Creske Auditorium ..7:00pm
13	6th & 7th Gr. Band Concert - Creske Auditorium ..7:00pm
20	8th Gr. Band Concert - Creske Auditorium6:00pm
26	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
29	8th Gr. Recognition Ceremony - Creske Auditorium ...1:00pm
30	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

MOSINEE HIGH SCHOOL	
May 1	Golf - GNC Meet (H - Indianhead Golf Course)2:00pm
	Baseball - Little Chute (A)4:30pm
	Soccer - Antigo (A)5:00pm
	Softball - Medford (H)5:00pm
2	Golf - GNC Meet (A - Inshalla Country Club)3:00pm
	Track - Invitational (A - Kaukauna)4:00pm
	Baseball - Medford (A)5:00pm
3	State Solo & Ensemble - UWSP8:00am
	Softball - Triangular (A - Rice Lake)12:00pm
5	Baseball - Merrill (A)5:00pm
	Softball - Medford (A)4:00pm
	Track - Meet (H)4:00pm
6	Golf - GNC Meet (A - Bass Lake Country Club)3:00pm
	Baseball - Tomahawk (A)4:30pm
	Soccer - Northland Pines (A)5:00pm
	Softball - Tomahawk (A)5:00pm
8	Golf - GNC Meet (A - Timber Ridge Golf Club)3:00pm
	Softball - Antigo (A)4:30pm
	Soccer - Merrill (A)7:00pm
9	Baseball - Antigo (A)5:00pm
	Track - Invitational (A - Merrill)5:00pm
10	Softball - Invitational (A - Ashwaubenon)10:00am
12	Soccer - Amherst (A)5:00pm
	Softball - Lakeland Union (H)5:00pm
	Band Concert - Creske Auditorium7:00pm
13	Golf - GNC Meet (A - Northwood Golf Club)3:00pm
	Baseball - Northland Pines (H)5:00pm
	Softball - Northland Pines (A)5:00pm
	Soccer - Rhinelander (H)7:00pm

15	Baseball - Rhinelander (A)5:00pm
	Softball - Rhinelander (H)5:00pm
	Soccer - Lakeland Union (A)7:00pm
16	Golf - GNC Meet (A - Eagle River Golf Course)3:00pm
	Track - Invitational (A - Marshfield)4:30pm
17	Softball - Tournament (A - Robinson Park)10:00am
	Spring Choirs Concert - Creske Auditorium7:00pm
19	Golf - GNC Meet (A - Black River Golf Course)3:00pm
	Softball - D.C. Everest (A)4:30pm
	Baseball - Edgar (A - Athletic Park)7:00pm
20	Track - Conference Meet (H)4:00pm
	Baseball - Amherst (A)4:30pm
	Soccer - Medford (H)7:00pm
21	Senior Recognition Night - Creske Auditorium6:30pm
22	Baseball - Lakeland Union (A)5:00pm
	Softball - Wausau West (H)5:00pm
	Soccer - Antigo (H)7:00pm
23	Graduation - Mosinee Recreation Center7:00pm
24	Baseball - Northland Pines (A - Milwaukee)2:00pm
26	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
27	Soccer - Northland Pines (H)7:00pm
29	Soccer - Adams-Friendship (H)7:00pm
30	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

WIAA PLAYOFF SCHEDULES

BASEBALL:	Regionals - May 29, June 3 & 4 Sectionals - June 10 State - June 18 & 19 (Grand Chute)
GOLF:	Regionals - May 27 & 28 Sectionals - June 3 & 4 State - June 9 & 10 (University Ridge)
SOCCER:	Regionals - June 3, 5 & 7 Sectionals - June 12 & 14 State - June 20 & 21 (Milwaukee)
SOFTBALL:	Regionals - May 22, 27 & 29 Sectionals - June 3 & 5 State - June 13 & 14 (Madison)
TRACK:	Regionals - May 27 (Bloomer) Sectionals - May 30 (Durand-Arkansasaw) State - June 6 & 7 (La Crosse)

***Activities and events subject to change.
For the most current information, visit mosineeschools.org ***