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Happy
Thanksgiving



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Dear FSS participants (and community members),

Happy November Birthday to Lisa! I hope your birthday is fabulous and you are finding a little time to take a step towards your goals.



While you are enjoying all the pretty colors in fall, check out these cool events in the area:

Legal Action of Wisconsin will be answering the 20 most common questions renters have about their rights. This **Know Your Rights** training is on **November 15, 2024 at 10am**. Please see page 7 for more information.

Salvation Army Holiday sign up is now available. **Oshkosh:** Sign up for Coats and Toy Store online at www.saoshkosh.org. **Coats for Kids sign up ends October 24th.** **Toy Store sign up ends November 27th.** Please see page 4 in this newsletter for more information. **FOX CITIES:** To register go to: www.safoxcities.org. Christmas assistance sign up ends December 4th. See page 5 for more information.

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 3rd. Turn your clock back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 2nd.



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Please read the rest of this newsletter with educational, employment and community opportunities. I wish you and your family a very Happy and Healthy November! Let's continue to strive to meet your goals and strengthen your self sufficiency. And as always, please let me know how I can help you by calling me at 920-279-3622 or emailing me at kayh@ohawcha.org.

Your success is my success.

Warm Regards,
Kay Hinton
FSS Coordinator



Rent Smart

Taught by Extension Educators

Helping to make renting a great experience for you!

2024 Summer/Autumn Online Class Dates & Times

June: 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26 @ 7:00PM-8:00PM; Mon/Wed

August: 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29 @ 1:00PM-2:00 PM; Mon/Thurs

September: 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27 @ 9:00AM-10:00AM; Tue/Fri

October: 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24 @ 11:00AM-12:00PM; Wed/Thur

November: 2, 9, 16 @ 9:00AM-11:30AM; Saturday

December: 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19 @ 7:00PM-8:00PM; Tue/Thurs

Location: Online, live instruction via Zoom; links will be sent after registration

To register, use this link OR scan the QR Code:

<https://go.wisc.edu/Rentsmartregister>



Cost: FREE!

What you will learn:

- Planning for and meeting monthly expenses
- Tips for finding and maintaining affordable housing
- How to complete an application and why landlords screen applicants
- Strategies for building positive relationships with landlords and neighbors
- Responsibilities and rights of landlords and tenants
- Participants must complete all 6 modules to earn the Rent Smart certificate
- For more information, please contact todd.wenzel@wisc.edu (920-232-1982)

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Oshkosh Salvation Army Holiday



The Salvation Army - Oshkosh

Seasonal Assistance Program

Sign - Up Information

There will be NO In-Person Sign-Up

Coats For Kids Sign - Up

For Birth - 18 yrs. (school age)

September 9th - October 24th, 2024

To sign - up online go to: saoshkosh.org

Click **Holiday Assistance** and
click on the corresponding link

OR

Scan QR Code with phone camera & follow link



Toy Store (Toys For Tots) Sign - Up

For Birth - 18 yrs. (school age)

September 9th - November 27th, 2024

To sign - up online go to: saoshkosh.org

Click **Holiday Assistance** and click
on the corresponding link

OR

Scan QR Code with phone camera & follow link



If no online access, call 920-232-7660 ask for:

Al Rolph, Lisa Winkler or Patty Zastrow

To Register Over The Phone



The Salvation Army of the Fox Cities 2024 Coats for Kids and Christmas Assistance

Coats for Kids



November 11-15 | 1 PM - 3 PM
November 16 | 9 AM - 11 AM

Coats are available for children ages 17 and under.
No pre-registration required for coats.

The Salvation Army Social Services Center
130 E North St., Appleton



Christmas Assistance Registration



Households with children ages 17 and under are eligible for:

Adopt a Family

Online Registration October 14 — 18 or until program is full

Or

Toy Shop (Toys for Tots)

Online Registration November 12 — December 4



TO REGISTER

Use the QR code or go to www.safoxcities.org
follow the link under "Christmas Assistance Programs"



ANGEL TREE

To apply in person, call The Salvation Army front desk after November 12, 2024 at
(920)734-3324 to set up an appointment.

Community Resources





Parent Resource Hours

Have kids? Have questions? We're here to help!

Developmental Screenings: Our staff can help with childhood screenings that look at milestones in playing, speaking, behaving, and moving.

Nursing Expertise: Our nurses can support you to give your baby the highest level of care!

Breastfeeding: Get one-on-one support with our lactation specialist.

Safe Sleep: Learn how to create a safe sleep environment for your child.

Lead Screening:* Learn how to prevent lead poisoning and get your child screened for lead exposure.

Vaccines:* Protect your child with routine vaccines from public health.

Car Seat Checks:* Learn the correct way to install a car seat and keep your child safe.

Health and Community Resources: Learn about programs like prenatal health care, WIC, and Head Start.

EVERY 2ND TUESDAY
1-4 PM
OSHKOSH
112 Otter Ave

EVERY 4TH THURSDAY
11 AM-2 PM
NEENAH
211 Commercial St



*Appointment needed for car seat checks, lead screening, and vaccines. Scan or call to schedule.

**Drop in any time during Parent Resource Hours!
All are welcome. Services are FREE!**

920-232-3000 / health@winnebagoountywi.gov
WWW.WINNEBAGOPUBLICHEALTH.ORG

Updated 11/23

Next Pop-Up Food Pantry is

Saturday, November 16th, 2024

491 Old Oregon Road,
Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54902

DAYS AND HOURS

3rd Saturday of the Month
Registration begins at 9:30 AM
Food bundles available 9:30-11:00 AM
Hosted by: St. John's Lutheran Church of Nekimi. For a \$25 bundle donation, you will receive \$150+ in groceries.




UMOS & the Fox Valley Job Centers

Every Tuesday

12pm until 4pm

Fox Valley Job Center
1802 Appleton Rd.
Menasha, WI 54952



Unemployment Insurance Navigator Program

Fox Valley Job Center Event
The Fox Valley Job Center and the UMOs Unemployment Insurance Navigator Program are partnering to assist the community in a job center event.

Our Services:

- Bilingual Service
- Initial Claims
- Weekly Claims
- Appeals
- Any Questions?


Why Choose Us?
The Unemployment Insurance System is intended to provide temporary support to workers when they lose their job through no fault of their own. Our Navigators, some of whom are bilingual (English/Spanish), will be assisting clients in navigating the process of filing for unemployment.

Menomonie - Green Bay - Oshkosh - Wautoma - Milwaukee - Racine

UMOS UI Locations

Contact Us!

Oshkosh UI Office Phone:
920-366-6579
ximena.rubindecelis@umos.org



HELP

Homelessness, Evictions, & Loss Prevention

- *Are you struggling with unstable housing? Struggling to keep up on rent/mortgage payments?
- *Is your housing instability leading to a possible eviction/foreclosure?
- *Have you received a Notice to Vacate by your landlord and are having difficulty finding a new place?
- *Do you need assistance getting connected with local community resources?


If your answer is yes to any of these, please reach out as soon as possible to allow HELP time to brainstorm ways to better assist with your housing needs

Winnebago County Human Services
220 Washington Ave P.O. Box 2187
Oshkosh, WI 54903

Monday-Friday FROM 8 AM - 4:30 PM Walk-In's Welcome
***Appointment preferred**

HELPProgram@winnebagoountywi.gov

HELP On Call Phone
920-509-7629



LEGAL ACTION OF WISCONSIN

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KNOW YOUR R!GHTS

Legal Action of Wisconsin Attorneys
will answer the
20 MOST COMMON QUESTIONS
renters have about their rights
at an in-person training

WHEN
November 15, 2024
10 AM - 12 PM

WHERE
OSHKOSH AREA UNITED WAY
16 Washington Ave
Oshkosh, WI 54901
(parking available behind the building)



Oshkosh Area United Way

318 South Washington Street
Suite 310
Green Bay, WI 54301

Office 920.432.4645
Fax 920.432.5078
General 855.947.2529

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State St. Center Fall Craft Fair

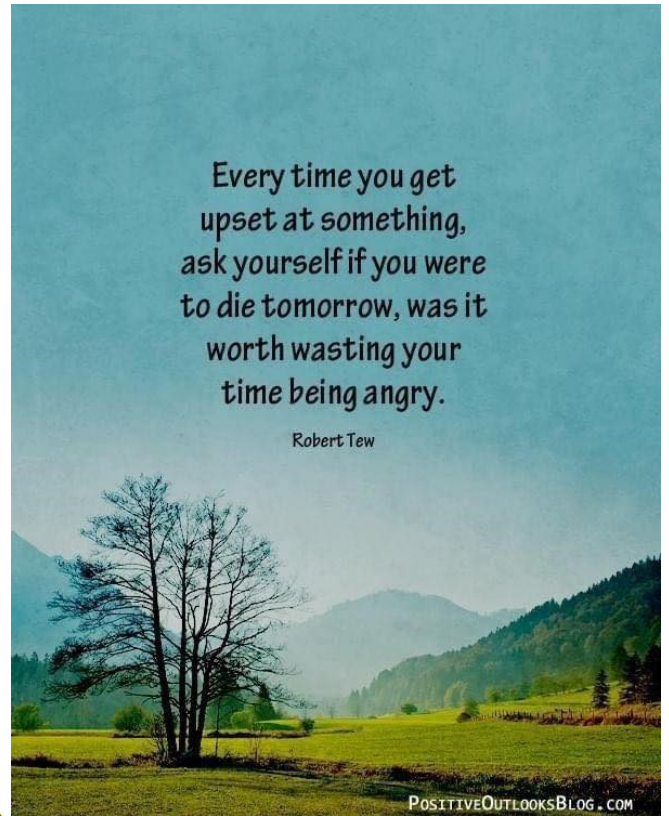


**State Street Center
Fall Craft Fair**

**Wednesday
November 13th
11am – 2pm
206 State Street
Oshkosh WI 54901**

*Members will be selling
their homemade crafts &
gifts – Start your holiday
shopping here!!!!*

Cash Only Please



**2024 THANKSGIVING DINNER PROGRAM
FATHER CARR'S PLACE 2B
NOVEMBER 28, 2024
920.231.2378**

**HAPPY
*Thanksgiving***



**THANKSGIVING DAY
MEAL PROGRAM**

- DELIVERY 10:30 – NOON
 - Accepting Orders Now
- DINE-IN NOON- 1:30PM
 - No Reservations Required

WISCONSIN SENIOR EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM



The Wisconsin Senior Employment Program (WISE) provides unemployed adults age 55+ with training opportunities and PAID part time work experience in community service organizations.

EARNINGS DO NOT AFFECT FOODSHARE OR SUBSIDIZED HOUSING BENEFITS!

HOW DO I QUALIFY?

- 55 + YEARS OF AGE
- UNEMPLOYED AND WANT TO WORK
- LOW INCOME
- RESIDENT OF COUNTIES SERVED



WHAT SKILLS CAN I LEARN?

LIBRARY AIDE
RETAIL/CASHIER
JANITORIAL
CUSTOMER SERVICE
ADULT /CHILD CARE
CLERICAL/OFFICE ADMINISTRATION
AND MORE...



TELL ME MORE

- Train with an employer in your community to learn new skills.
- Earn minimum wage, \$7.25/hour, and train up to 20 hours per week.



Serving Green Lake, Fond du Lac & Winnebago Counties

Maureen Bryden

Program Coordinator

mbryden@fvwdb.com

920-229-5557

CALL TODAY!

www.foxvalleywork.org



GET YOUR DREAM LIFE

Take your next steps with us to get the **career you want** for the **life you want**

Here's what you can get:



Tuition for training and school



A career that's right for you



Someone in your corner **all the way!**



Help with gas, rent, and other needs



Connections to local employers

OUR SPECIALIZED INITIATIVES

WIOA Adult Program

Provides job services to people looking for a **new career path**, want to go back to **school**, or want to **train** for good jobs that pay well.

QUEST

Addresses the **childcare** shortage with services to help people run childcare operations. It works with **dislocated workers** or those who were laid off because of the **pandemic**.

WIOA Youth Program

Supports **youth ages 14 - 24** who are facing barriers find a job, earn their GED, or enroll in post-secondary education or training.

WIOA Dislocated Worker Program

Helps those who've **lost employment** due to a **mass layoff** or economic transition find work as quickly as possible.

Ready to start?

Contact us to learn more:

 920-278-9264

 www.fsc-corp.org/WIOA

 foxvalleywioa@fsc-corp.org

The Fox Valley Workforce Development Board is an equal opportunity employer and service provider. If you have a disability and need assistance with this information, please dial 711 Wisconsin Relay Service or at 920-947-3529. At no cost you may request information in an alternate format, including language assistance or translation information to your preferred language by contacting us at (920) 594-5655.



Career EXCErate | Wisconsin

Personalized Job Training and Support Services to Transform Lives

A collaborative program from Goodwill NCW, Fox Valley Technical College and Rawhide Youth Services





Launch a lasting career!

Career EXCErate Wisconsin is a highly personalized training program offered at no cost to individuals who want to find a career pathway but are struggling and would benefit from individualized support.

Career educational certificate options:
Choose from eight certificate programs that range from approximately two months to two semesters.

Educational and Health Services

- Nursing Assistant
- Early Childhood Teacher Aide

Construction

- Woodworking Technician
- Pipe Trades

Manufacturing

- Welding Fundamentals
- Industrial Manufacturing Technician

Truck Driving and Maintenance

- Professional Truck Driving - Class A and B CDLs
- Heavy-Duty Vehicle Maintenance - Diesel Technology Assistant

Get started or refer someone today!

Complete a short online form at careerEXCEratewi.org

Call: 920-204-7002
Email: careerEXCErateWI@goodwillncw.org





Job Tip Wednesday

Did you know? Series



Assistance available at the Public Library!

Looking for assistance with your resume? Struggling with Interview skills? Have general job searching questions?

Fond du Lac Public Library

- Tuesday 9:30AM to 4PM
- Thursday 1PM to 4PM

920-322-3930

www.fdlpl.org/jobservices

Oshkosh Public Library

- Wednesday 1PM to 4PM

920-236-5205

www.oshkoshpubliclibrary.org/events

Call or go online to schedule an appointment!



1802 Appleton Rd. Menasha, WI - (920) 997-3272

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Parent Connection Workshop

Mental Health 101



be kind.



Offered by NAMI Fox Valley (*National Alliance on Mental Illness*)
in collaboration with Parent Connection

Special Presentation: Mental Health 101 for Parents

Join us for a Special Presentation on Mental Health presented by NAMI fox Valley. Topics will include: defining mental health vs. mental illness, identifying at least one warning sign of a mental health condition, understanding the impact of mental health conditions, identifying at least one barrier to mental health treatment services, identifying at least one resource for mental health support.

Join us Tuesday, Nov 7th
In-person - Appleton

Free On-site Childcare Available
Pre-Registration is Needed
to make sure we are ready for you

6:00-7:30 pm | Cost: FREE
Community Early Learning Center (CELC)
313 S. State St., Appleton

Register On-line:
Family Services Website:
www.familyservicesnew.org/parenting-classes
or info at Parent Connection Facebook Events:
www.facebook.com/ParentConnectionWI

For questions about this presentation
Contact the Parent Connection Workshop
Team at workshops@familyservicesnew.org or
(920) 739-4226 ext. 127



Parent Connection Fox Cities: 1810 Appleton Road, Menasha WI 54952 | (920) 739-4226
www.familyservicesnew.org/parent-connection

NAMI Fox Valley: 211 E Franklin St, Appleton, WI 54911 | (920) 954-1550
www.namifoxvalley.org




Save the Date!

Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS)

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FSS
CONNECTION
GROUP

A program coordinating committee
for Winnebago County Housing
Authority's Family Self-Sufficiency
Program.



Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS)

Date: Monday, December 9, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

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Join the Teams meeting with this link:



2024 Mini Job Fairs



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wisconsinjobcenter.org/events/

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

July 15th – Menasha Job Center

August 12th – Waupaca Public Library

September Date *TBD* – Menasha Job Center

October 14th – Menasha Job Center

October Date *TBD* – Fond du Lac – Location *TBD*

November 13th – Oshkosh Public Library

Participating employers are subject to change

Employers Register here:

<https://www.schedulicity.com/scheduling/FVJ6DX>

Select "Classes" tab, then click on the location "Mini Job Fair"

Employer Registration is \$50.00



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Connect Through Tech

One on One Tech Appointments

Programs are designed to improve your digital literacy (all levels of expertise are welcome).

Meet with an instructor one-on-one to tackle a technology problem you may be experiencing. Common issues we deal with—passwords, setting up new devices, navigating Facebook or certain apps, saving pictures, exploring features on your devices, texting, talk features and more. Keep in mind it's not always a "one and done" we will work with you until you are a pro! We are even available to help you purchase and upgrade your devices.

Various Hours are offered during the week.

Cost: R \$2/NR \$2.75 per class

By Appointment Only 920.232.5301

Appointments are available with Stephanie and Christie throughout the week. Just call to book an appointment that works with your schedule. Both instructors have knowledge about all the major operating systems such as Apple macOS, Microsoft Windows, Google's Android OS, and Apple iOS!

Wi-Fi Access (S) Cost: FREE

Bring your own device to access the Oshkosh Seniors Center's WiFi. Find a cozy spot in the Great Room, M-F, 8 am to 4 pm, and enjoy the high-speed internet service. No password is required.

One on One with Sandy Toland (S)

Sandy is from the Oshkosh Public Library and can not only answer questions about the library online services, but any other technology challenges you are experiencing.

**Mondays, November 4, 11, 18 and 25
9:15 am, 10:15 am, 11:15 am, 12:15 pm**

Cost: R \$2/NR \$2.75 per class

By Appointment Only 920.232.5301



Online Job Searching Lab

Wednesdays
Fox Valley Job Center
1802 Appleton Rd, Menasha
1:00pm to 4:00pm
Fridays available by appointment



STRUGGLING WITH YOUR ONLINE JOB SEARCH?

- ✚ Looking to reduce the amount of time it takes to complete your work search?
- ✚ Want to learn how to navigate the keyboard?
- ✚ Don't know the difference between left click and right click?
- ✚ Need to know how to attach your resume to a job application?

The lab covers a particular topic that you can learn and practice to become an independent computer user. Topics run weekly.

- ✚ **Class 1 – Basic Computer Skills/Email** - Meet your mouse and keyboard. Learn how to use and be friends with your computer equipment. Everything you want to learn about email. Setting up, storing usernames/passwords, sending, and replying to emails.

**Guided tutorial format with practice session*
1.5-hour class

Space is very limited. Call 920-997-3272 to reserve your spot TODAY!

- ✚ **Class 2 – Navigating JCW and Online Applications** – Using JCW tools to strengthen your work search activities. Learn about skills match and different search features, Skill explorer and other Labor Market Info. Open forum for questions on applying online through Job Center of Wisconsin, Indeed, and specific employers' websites including attaching resumes from smart devices.
1.5-hour class

***MUST BRING 2 ONLINE APPLICATIONS TO COMPLETE TO ATTEND THIS CLASS.**



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25 Days of Gratitude



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There are so many reasons to be grateful every day!
 Pick an activity below every day to connect with yourself,
 friends and strangers for 25 days. Remind yourself that
 there are so many reasons to be grateful for!

Write down 3 things you are grateful for	Thank a friend	Take a friend out for coffee	Give someone a compliment	Join a new class at the Senior Center
Send a card to someone	Do a 5 minute gratitude meditation	Read a book	Don't watch TV for an entire day	Call a friend or family member
Bake your neighbor a treat	Write down 3 positive things about your day	Do 30 minutes of exercise	Drink 8 glass of water	Self-Care Day
Say Thank You	Hold the door for somone	Make your favorite meal	Call a friend	Go outside for 30 minutes
Go out for lunch	Go to bed 30 minutes earlier	Write down something you love about yourself	Tell someone your favorite holiday story	Write down 25 things you are grateful for