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Valentine's
Day

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Dear FSS participants and community members,

Please welcome **Tanya** and **Breana** to our FSS program! Happy February Birthday to **Gloria**!



If you are not an FSS participant and are participating in a Winnebago County Housing Authority voucher or scattered sites program, please contact me and we can talk about what FSS can do for you! You are paying a mortgage, just not your own. Start winning the game! Become a Homeowner! FSS can get you ready!

With the COVID-19 numbers increasing, more VIRTUAL classes have popped up in the area. A wide variety of classes are available like how to: own a business, rent smart, be a Wise Wisconsin (ite), and increase your parenting skills. Check them out!

- 1) **WWBIC Presents:** Classes for new entrepreneurs, seasoned business owners and anyone looking to improve business financial health. Virtual and In-Person Options. Please see Flyer on [page 8, 9 and 10](#) for more details and registration. If registration is closed email Amy at averhagen@wwbic.com for class availability. Stay Tuned for more information when Amy speaks at our next FSS Connection meeting March 7th at 9am.
- 2) **Rent Smart:** This class may get you in the door of your new place! [Page 3.](#)
- 3) **Wise Wisconsin:** Detailed information is available on [page 4.](#)
- 4) **Parent Connection** has several parenting classes available online. Check out the Love & Logic Parenting series [page 12](#) and the Active Parenting of Teens series [page 13.](#)

And as always, please take a peak at the rest of this newsletter with community events, employment workshops, educational programs, job openings, and so much more! I wish you and your family a very Happy Valentine's day. 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 920-424-1470 ext. 133.

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!

Upcoming Class Dates & Times:

- January 2022: 2 consecutive Saturdays January 22 & 29 1-4:30 pm (check in Saturday, January 15)
- February 2022: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9-10 am February 7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18 (preprogram check in Monday, January 31)
- March 2022: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7-8 pm March 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17 (check in Tuesday, February 22)
- April 2022: Monday and Thursdays 1-2 pm April 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21 (check in Monday, March 28)
- May 2022: 2 consecutive Saturdays 9 am - 12:30 May 14 and 21 (check in Saturday, May 7)
- June 2022: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9-10 am June 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17 (check in Monday, May 30)

Location: Live, online instruction via Zoom; Zoom links sent after completing registration.

Online registration form: <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 rentsmartwi@office365.wisc.edu or call 262-741-4951**

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Job Opening: Christian Servants Home Care is a non-medical care agency providing high quality and compassionate care to all those in need. We are currently hiring respite care workers to provide care for adults with special needs. Hours include weekends and day time hours during the week. \$14-\$15 an hour. Ideal candidates would include: previous experience working with special needs clients but not required, valid driver's license and ability to pass a background check.

For more information, please feel free to email Cassie at:

cassie.sklenar@christianservantshomecare.com

Wise Wisconsin

A LIFE SPAN PROGRAM VIRTUAL LEARNING SERIES

One-hour sessions on Wednesdays at 9am

February 2nd - March 9th, 2022 via zoom

Registration here: <https://go.wisc.edu/5u4ez3>

February

2nd - Old at Heart:
Reframing the way we
think and talk about
growing older

9th - Compassion
Resilience

16th - Advanced Directives?
What are those?

23rd - Jump Start your
Energy!

March

2nd - The Retirement
Transition

9th - Preparing for the
Growing Season

****Registration is
required. Links will be
sent the week of each
session to registered
participants.****

Check out <https://go.wisc.edu/i2165a> for more details.



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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

**Email Sara Richie, Life Span
Program Manager, at
sara.richie@wisc.edu with any
questions.**

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NEED LEGAL HELP?

Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic is a non-profit organization consisting of volunteer attorneys and paralegals who provide free legal assistance to the community on most civil legal issues.

Each of the clinic locations operate on a first-come, first-served basis. The services provided are limited and may include: a brief legal consultation with an attorney (or referral to an attorney if one is not available); assistance with legal forms; assistance with legal procedures; and guidance to additional resources.

When attending a clinic, please bring any paperwork that is relevant to your case so the volunteers can better assist you.



Have a question? Interested in volunteering?

Contact:

Winnebagolegalclinic@gmail.com

920-312-7760 (voicemail only)

Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic cannot help you if you are already represented by an attorney. | Only licensed attorneys can provide legal advice and no other volunteers are permitted to do so by law. | Attorney volunteers do not represent you and are only available for a brief legal consultation. | The Menasha, Neenah, and Oshkosh Public Libraries and all volunteers disclaim any and all liability for loss or risk incurred as a consequence, either directly or indirectly, of any and all information given to you at a clinic.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR:

FAMILY LAW

SMALL CLAIMS

HOUSING LAW

DOMESTIC ABUSE

HARASSMENT
INJUNCTIONS

ESTATE LAW/PROBATE

PERSONAL INJURY

CONSUMER LAW

IMMIGRATION LAW

EMPLOYMENT LAW

AND MORE...

The Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic strives to provide compassionate, holistic, and community-driven legal services to residents of Northeast Wisconsin.

Clinic Locations & Times

Menasha Public Library

440 First St., Menasha, WI 54952

1st Tuesday of the month: 4:30 - 6:30 PM

-Clinic hosted at Menasha Aug. 2 and 9

Neenah Public Library

240 E. Wisconsin Ave., Neenah, WI 54956

2nd Tuesday of the month: 4:30 - 6:30 PM

Oshkosh Public Library

106 Washington Ave., Oshkosh, WI 54901

3rd Tuesday of the month: 4:30 - 6:30 PM

-Feb. 22 date due to election

FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE AT

LIBRARY: The Winnebago Free Legal Assistance Clinic returns to Oshkosh Public Library starting Jan. 18. Volunteer attorneys and paralegals will be at the library on the third Tuesday of each month from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. to help with civic legal issues, including assistance with forms, procedures and resources. Clinics are also held at Neenah Public Library and Menasha Public Library on alternate Tuesdays. For more information please visit the library website at <https://www.oshkoshpubliclibrary.org/>.



What is VITA?

VITA = Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program provides free, quality tax preparation from IRS-certified preparers to individuals and families earning up to \$56,000 annually. Several tax credits were expanded for tax year 2021 and are fully refundable for qualifying taxpayers. Taxpayers who were previously ineligible, and those who do not have a filing requirement, may not realize they need to file a tax return to claim these credits. These credits are: Earned Income Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Child Care Credit. Let VITA help you file for free and get all your money.



UW-Oshkosh site: Appointments available from February 12 to April 2, 2022. UW-O offers the VITA program (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) that provides free basic tax return preparation for low-to-moderate income and elderly taxpayers. The program is run by student and other community volunteers. Starting February 1st you can call **920.424.3486** to schedule an appointment.

Goodwill Menasha site: Valet VITA in-person assistance or 100% Virtual service. Schedule an appointment online at: **filetaxes4free.org**. Meet with an intake specialist and let our IRS-certified volunteers prepare your return. We are located inside the Goodwill Retail Store and Training Center at 1800 Appleton Road, Menasha, WI 54952. If you need more info, call (920)968-6044. There will be no walk-in services for the 2022 tax season. Masks will be required for in-person Valet VITA services regardless of vaccination status. If you are unable to mask, then please use our 100% Virtual service.

In-Person Valet VITA Hours (Appointment Only)

Monday/Wednesday/Thursday: 12:30-6:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 4:30-8:00 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

LIFELINE overcoming the digital divide & opening doors to opportunity.

Lifeline offers discounts on phone and internet services to Wisconsin residents. Check eligibility in 3 easy steps!

3 STEPS TO SIGN UP:

- 1 Verify eligibility online, using www.checklifeline.org
- 2 Choose a provider from an approved list, or call 211 for regional availability.
- 3 Register for the Lifeline Program with a verified provider.



CALL 211 FOR MORE INFORMATION
ON ELIGIBILITY AND REGIONAL
LIFELINE PROVIDERS 877-947-2211



OSHKOSH PARKS DEPARTMENT WINTER EVENTS

FREE Family-friendly events to warm you up on those chilly winter nights. Donations appreciated.

Cozy, Cookies and Cocoa

**Saturday, January 15
4pm-7pm**

A pajama party everyone can enjoy with treats, music, and games. Dress down in your PJs and join us for some fun!

Event held at Oshkosh Seniors Center South



"Let's Glow Crazy" Dance Party

Friday, February 11

6pm-8pm



Dress in bright colors and put on your dancing shoes. Live DJ, concessions, and entertainment. You won't want to miss it!

Event held at Oshkosh Seniors Center North

St. Patty's Day Bingo

**Saturday, March 19
1pm-3pm**

You may go green with envy if you miss out on this game day. There will be concessions available, prizes to win, and FUN to be had!

Event held at Oshkosh Seniors Center North

Need more information call 920-236-5080

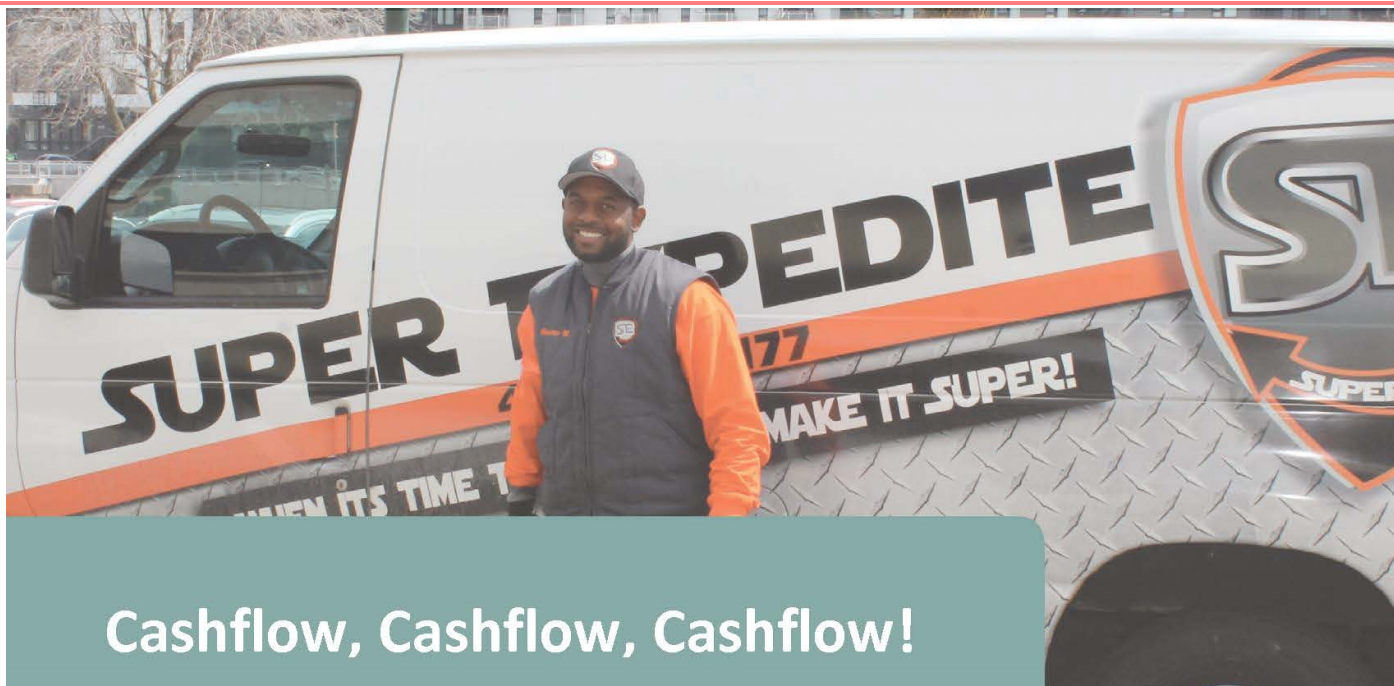


***Get event updates here:**



Oshkosh Seniors Center North: 234 N Campbell Rd
Oshkosh Seniors Center South: 200 N Campbell Rd

Cashflow, Cashflow, Cashflow!



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Monday, February 7th | 6 – 7 pm

In-person and Online

Numbers sure can be scary! When it comes to your business your numbers are vital to your success! Join us to learn how money flows in and out of your business, and how to complete and understand cashflow and projections to set your business up for financial success.

*WWBIC is excited to offer hybrid class offerings this semester to accommodate those who wish to attend classes in person in a safe setting with limited capacity and hosted at our WWBIC offices. To join us in-person or virtually, please follow the links below:

Pre-registration is required: [In-Person](#) or [Online](#)



*Education • Lending • Coaching
Entrepreneurship
Financial Impact*

Online Link: https://www.wwbic.com/events/cashflow-cashflow-cashflow-onl_020722/

This is for the beginning stages of starting a business. This class is free and last about an hour in length .

info@wwbic.com | wwbic.com



Start, Run, Grow Your Business

Tuesday, February 8th | 6 – 9 pm

Online | \$225 fee

In nine weeks (including graduation), learn the basics of developing and completing a business plan in order to run a successful business.

This virtual series utilizes the online LivePlan and Zoom platforms.

Access to a computer and basic technology skills are required.

Pre-registration is required: [Online](#)



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Financial Impact*

https://www.wwbic.com/events/start-run-grow-your-business_020822/

info@wwbic.com | wwbic.com

This particular class does have a \$225 fee. It can be made in payments, or WWBIC does have a scholarship fund for those who income qualifies. For questions on either of the payment methods they will want to reach out to Brianna Welch at bwelch@wwbic.com. This is a 9 week class, once per week. Graduation ceremony at the end. There is access to a particular web subscription for students to help them create business plans which is what this whole series goes over. Essentially someone could have their business plan created and done during this entire course. The particular web subscription they get with this is normally like a \$100 subscription if they got it on their own.



What Would WWBIC Do?

Monday, 28th | 6 – 7 pm

Online

February 28th, 2022

Join us and learn what services WWBIC offers such as business education courses, business loans, one on one coaching support, and financial capability workshops. Let us guide you as you explore, start, pivot, grow or strengthen your business and your personal finances!

Preregistration is required: [Online](https://www.wwbic.com/events/what-would-wwbic-do_022822/)

Online link: https://www.wwbic.com/events/what-would-wwbic-do_022822/

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Love & Logic: Early Childhood Parenting Made Fun!™ Parent Connection | Parent Workshop



For parents of 0 to 6 year olds

This 3-session workshop offers practical techniques for raising responsible kids! Learn discipline with your children without losing their love & respect (or your sanity). Effective communication, choices and consequences are the foundation of this program for positive learning & growth of your children.

Offered as Hybrid
(In-Person & Online)

Fox Valley
Thursdays, February 3, 10 & 17
6:00-8:00 pm
Cost: \$15.00



Register On-line:

- Website: www.familyservicesnew.org/parenting-classes
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ParentConnectionWI>, see our Events Page!
- Or contact Jen DiMatteo | jdimatteo@familyservicesnew.org
(920) 739-4226 ext. 109



Parent Connection is a program of Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin, Inc.
Fox Cities: 1810 Appleton Road, Menasha WI 54952 | (920) 739-4226
Oshkosh: 36 Broad Street, Suite 150, Oshkosh 54901 | (920) 233-6630
Shawano: 607 E. Elizabeth Street, Shawano, WI 54166 | (715) 853-0900
www.familyservicesnew.org/parent-connection



Active Parenting of Teens™

Parent Connection | Parenting Workshops



For Parents of Preteens & Teens

These workshops are for parents who want to prepare for or are experiencing the changes of teenage development and want to help prepare their preteens & teens to survive & thrive in society.

The first four dates/topics are the foundation of this program, one leading into the next.

You can register for the dates/topics of most interest to you, or join us for all six!

Offered as Hybrid
(In-Person & Online)



Fox Valley

Tuesdays from 6:00-8:00 pm

Cost: \$10.00 per session (Register online)

Or Contact Jen about cost

if registering for multiple dates

Register On-line:

- Website: www.familyservicesnew.org/parenting-classes
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/ParentConnectionWI, see our Events Page!
- Or contact Jen DiMatteo | jdimatteo@familyservicesnew.org (920) 739-4226 ext. 109

- February 1 – The Active Parent
- February 8 – Winning Cooperation
- February 15 – Responsibility & Discipline
- February 22 – Building Courage & Redirecting Misbehavior
- March 1 – Drugs, Sexuality & Violence: Reducing Risks - Part 1
- March 8 – Drugs, Sexuality & Violence: Reducing Risks - Part 2



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www.familyservicesnew.org/parent-connection





Strengthening Our Community

Free Classes!

For information and registration

Call: 920-573-5507

Email: info@winlit.org

Beginner English

Welcome to the English Language! Learn the English alphabet and letter sounds, numbers, U.S. currency, calendar skills, everyday English vocabulary, and how to ask and answer questions.

No English needed

More English!

Expand and build your English Language skills, practice conversation, read and write about topics of interest.

Some English language skills needed

Family Literacy

Bring your children! We will keep them busy while you are in English class. We will help you with your English skills so you can take care of your family and be the best first teacher for your children. American parenting customs and culture are a part of every class.

All ability levels

Citizenship Workshop

Each 2-session workshop is offered four times a year.

First session: introduction to application, understand the naturalization process from beginning to end, and how to use the U.S. citizenship website.

Second session: how to study using the free test preparation book we provide each participant.

Let's Talk!

Join a small group of other English language learners to practice conversation skills in English. The group leader will start the conversation and guide the group.

All ability levels

Drop-In Help

Have questions? We will help you understand mail, bills, medication directions, and communication from teachers and doctors. Bring in your homework or study guides for citizenship, GED/HSED, or written driver's license exam. Just drop in when you need help.

Road to Work Job Club

Join us for this 14-week group activity that is designed to help you better prepare to enter the U.S. workforce. We will help identify your skills and talents, learn about American work culture, understand how to develop a career plan, create a resume, prepare for an interview, and be successful on the job.

Basic Computer Skills Class

This 12-week course is designed for beginners and anyone who wants to improve their computer skills. This course covers the basics of computer use, Internet, email, and Microsoft Office. You will also learn how to use social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram.

Winnebago Area Literacy Council | Oshkosh Public Library, 3rd Floor | 920-379-5507 | info@winlit.org



Literacy Council Classes



PROGRAMS SCHEDULE, 2022

Monday	Beginner English starts January 10	9:00-11:00am	3 rd floor, Oshkosh Public Library
	Job Club *See dates below	12:00-1:30pm	3 rd floor, Oshkosh Public Library
	More English! Jan. 10	2:00-4:00pm	3 rd floor, Oshkosh Public Library
	Evening Conversation Group Jan. 24 No group meeting on January 10, 17 April 11, 18 July 11, 18 November 7, 14	6:00-7:00pm	3 rd floor, Oshkosh Public Library
Tuesday	Family Literacy In session all year	12:00-2:00pm	St. Andrew's Church, 1100 E. Murdock St., Oshkosh
Wednesday	Beginner English	9:00-11:00am	3 rd floor, Oshkosh Public Library
	Drop-In Help Jan. 19 Tutors are available for help with English class homework, American culture, reading, writing and speaking in English. Come and go when like.	4:00-6:00pm	3 rd floor, Oshkosh Public Library
Thursday	Family Literacy	12:00-2:00pm	St. Andrew's Church E. 1100 Murdock St., Oshkosh
	Basic Computer Skills Class January 6 - March 24	1:00-3:00pm	Room # 110A Fox Valley Technical College, Oshkosh

Citizenship Workshops: 5:30-7:30pm
Oshkosh Public Library, 3rd floor

January 10, 17 April 11, 18

July 11, 18 November 7, 14

January 3, 17, 31

February 14, 28

March 14, 28

April 11, 25

***Job Club dates:**

May 9, 23

June 6, 20

July 18

August 1, 15, 29

September 12, 26

October 10, 24

November 7, 21

December 5, 19


BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF OSHKOSH

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Child Care Services Director

(920)233-1414 Ext. 121

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Lindsay Clark

Director of Club Operations

(920)233-1414 Ext. 114

lindsayc@bgcosh.org



June 6th - August 26th, 2022

Monday-Friday, 6:30am-5:30pm

Registration begins Jan. 10th!

Register online at parentportal.bgcosh.org

Roe Park Ice Rink

Family Self Sufficiency



Roe Park
ICE RINK

WINTER FUN FOR ALL AGES!
Join us for these **FREE** special events at the Roe Park Ice Rink!

5-7 pm | 408 Washington Ave, Oshkosh

January 7 | Super Hero Night
Concession proceeds benefit the Oshkosh Area United Way

January 21 | Luau Night with DJ Skip
Concession proceeds benefit the Oshkosh YMCA

February 4 | Winter Olympics
Concession proceeds benefit OASD Refugee Youth Mentoring Program

February 18 | Mardi Gras
Concession proceeds benefit the Day by Day Warming Shelter

FREE SKATE RENTALS available for these events courtesy of Dr. Eric's Skate Club. Skates will also be offered for use free of charge on Fri, Sat and Sun nights from 4-7 if volunteers are available.

 **CROSS COUNTRY SKI DEMOS** on event nights offered by Oshkosh Recreation Department in partnership with International Youth Sailing of Oshkosh.

FREE!

Rink will be open weather and ice conditions permitting.

 For information on future events, ice conditions and more, please check the Oshkosh Parks Department Facebook page or call the Parks Dept office at (920) 236-5080.



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



Chocolate Fondue

Ingredients:

3/4 to 1 cup heavy cream

2 bags (12 ounces) semisweet chocolate chips

Fruit like strawberries, pineapple, and bananas
or pound cake in the freezer section.

Directions:

Carefully heat the chocolate chips and cream together until the chips are melted. Stir until smooth. If it's still a little thick you can add more cream. Pour chocolate mixture into a fondue pot or pretty bowl and serve with fresh fruit and other goodies like pound cake, angel food cake and butter cookies for dipping.

Notes:

It doesn't get much easier than this. And just wait until you bring it out to the table. Talk about a Rock Star moment! Share this with your sweetie(s)!



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2022 AT 1 PM – 4 PM

