

Beaters of the Month



Jen Harrison
Make and Model?
2014 Toyota Sienna
How many Miles?
195,941
Favorite Feature?
Sliding doors so my kids don't hit other vehicles!
Favorite Memory?
LOTS of summer family road trips!!



Logan Steinke
Make and Model?
2003 Z71 Chevy Tahoe
How many Miles?
195,000
Favorite Feature?
The heated seats when they work
Favorite Memory?
Buried it up to the frame in a field

★ High School Students of the Month ★

Senior Abby Dorn

'Abby is taking on great challenges this year and is putting in tremendous work to reach her goals.'



Junior Leyton Batchelder

'Leyton is diligent student with a strong work ethic. His classroom performance is awesome!'



Sophomore Emma Axelson

'Emma is a great friend to those around her. She works hard in class, and is a good role model'



Freshman Adison Dubey

'Adison is taking on great challenges this year and is putting in tremendous work to reach her goals.'



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Dates to Know

May 8: K, 2, 4 Spring Concert: OES Gym 6:30 pm
May 14: Senior Awards Night 6:00 pm
May 18 and 19: Senior Trip
May 21: High School Spring Band and Choir Concert: MS/HS Gym 7:00 pm
May 26: No School, Memorial Day
May 28: Middle School Spring Band and Choir Concert: MS/HS Gym 7:00

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Message from Dr. Sarah Poquette



Dear Oakfield Community,

I hope this message finds you well. It has taken me some time to write this month’s letter, as I had hoped to share more positive news. Unfortunately, the outcome of the April 1 referendum was not what we had anticipated. Our operational referendum did not pass, and as a result, our district must take a different path—one that will be marked by difficult decisions and significant changes.

We are now facing a budget deficit that will force us to fundamentally alter the way we deliver educational services. Simply put, we will not be able to provide our students with the same level of support and resources they have previously received.

During the April 14 Board meeting, we presented a detailed budget forecast and an overview for the 2025–2026 school year. Included was a list of services and programs which may be eliminated due to the shortfall. At the April 28 Board meeting, the Board will be making critical decisions about which programs and services will no longer be offered. These reductions will impact everyone in our district; students, staff, and community.

Staff will be asked to do more with less. Educational tools and classroom materials may be limited or eliminated. Sports, intervention programs to support struggling students, extracurricular activities, and some professional development opportunities for teachers will no longer be available. These changes will negatively impact student learning and achievement.

This is particularly disheartening given the tremendous progress we have made in recent years. Our students’ performance ranks among the highest in the region and state. Our ACT and Forward Exam test scores have continued to increase. All three of our schools have earned national recognition from the U.S. News & World Report. This setback threatens to undo much of our progress and slow the momentum we built together.

I want to be clear: I will not settle for less for our students. They do not have the power to vote, but we do. It is our responsibility to advocate on their behalf. The district will be coming back to referendum in April 2026 to ask the community for support.

Your commitment matters now more than ever. I extend my sincere gratitude to everyone who supported the referendum and to all who continue to champion our district and our students.

Sincerely,
Dr. Sarah Poquette
District Administrator
School District of Oakfield



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Old Officers 2024-2025

From left to right - Abigail Dorn - President, Lincoln Laabs - Vice president, Ryan Vielbig -Secretary, Caden Mueller - Sentinel, Paityn Dorn - Historian. Thank you 2024-2025 Officers!

On March 22, 2025, the Oakfield FFA Alumni ran Concessions for the Agriculture Showcase. We also had students from the FFA to help the Alumni out in Concessions. Abigail Dorn, Lincoln Laabs, Caden Mueller, and Paityn Dorn all presented their SAE (Supervised Agriculture Experience) at the Ag Showcase as well.

Thank you everyone that had had came and supported the Oakfield FFA Alumni and Supporters by coming to the Toy and Craft Show. This year we had over 30 vendors come. We also had raffle baskets and a silent auction.

The latest FFA event we had was our annual FFA Awards Banquet. Where we announced basket and Meat raffle winners, awards, recognitions, and new officers were placed. We want to thank our seniors for everything they have done to make our Chapter better, Thank you Abigail Dorn, Ryan Vielbig, and Caden Mueller.

-Jenna Laning,
Oakfield FFA Reporter



New Officers 2025-2026

From left to right - Lincoln Laabs - President, Paityn Dorn - Vice President, Lily Collien -Secretary, Emma Axelson - Treasurer, Jenna Laning - Reporter, Willow Berndt- Sentinel, William Kintzler - Historian, Isabel Weber - Parliamentarian.



LEFT: Caden Mueller presented his SAE on Horticulture Education and Greenhouse. CENTER: Abigail Dorn performed her SAE on Agriculture Education. RIGHT: Paityn Dorn showcased her SAE on Beef Production.

Students Inducted into National Honor Society



On Wednesday, January 8th, six Oakfield High School students were named to the school's National Honor Society chapter at a candlelight ceremony.

These new inductees are: Carson Fisher, Alexis Liebenow, Hailey Rothering, Krista Sabel, Caleb Simmons, and Jaelyn Wallendal.

To be eligible for membership, students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale. Members must also meet high standards of leadership, service, and character. Leadership is based on the student's participation in community or school activities. To meet the service requirement, the students must have performed some community

service or school service where they did not receive monetary payment. Character is measured in terms of integrity, behavior, ethics, and cooperation with both students and faculty.

The National Honor Society ranks as one of the oldest and most prestigious national organizations for high school students. Chapters exist in three-fourths of the nation's high schools. Thousands of dollars in scholarships have been awarded to senior members since 1945 by the sponsoring organization, the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Congratulations to all of the National Honor Society inductees!



ABOVE: Lincoln Laabs presented his SAE on Equine Science Placement. BELOW: Venders set up in the high school middle school gym.





2025 Career Fair



Senior Spotlight Cyle Lueck



What are your plans after high school?
Workforce

Favorite teacher?
Mr. Tapp

What do you do in your free time?
Work on my truck

Favorite High School Memory?
Convoys with the boys

Middle School Student of the Month Brianna Laning



What is your favorite movie or TV show series?
Outerbanks

What sports have you played?
Softball, volleyball, and basketball

What is your favorite class?
ELA class

What do you do in your free time?
Hang out with friends

Teacher of the Month Mr. McCarty



How many years have you been teaching for?
19 with student teaching

What is your favorite memory this year?
Community and school support at the boys sectional basketball game in Waterloo.

What's your favorite part about your job?
Getting students to think for themselves.

What's your favorite class to teach?
Psychology because no one has ever asked, "Why are we learning this?" Human behavior is very important to study.

Boys & Girls Basketball Post Season Honors



GIRLS:
Jorja Hofman
D5 All State/1st Team All-Trailways East Conference
Krista Sabel
2nd Team All-Trailways East Conference/
Sportsmanship Team as well

Boys:
Mitchell Moser
Unanimous 1st Team All-Trailways East Conference
and CO-Player of the Year - D5 Honorable Mention
All State - WBCA Academic All-State

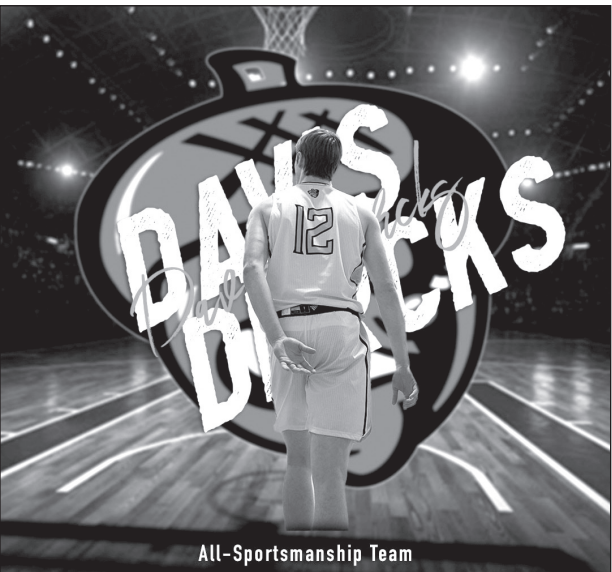
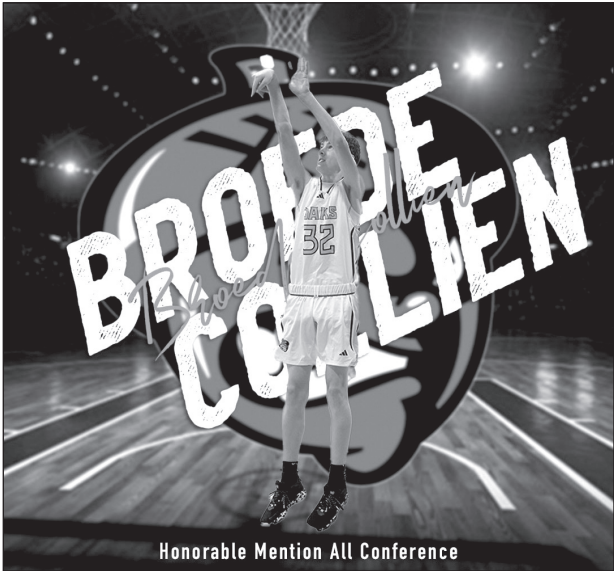
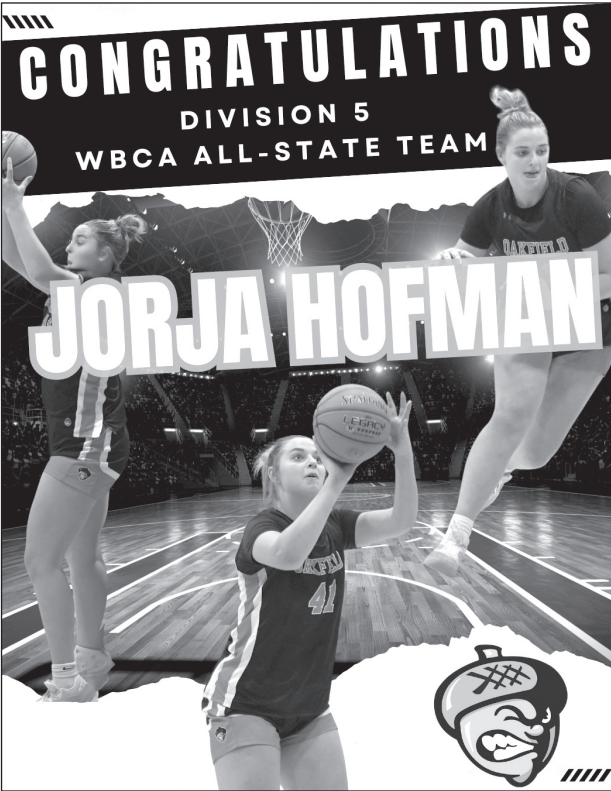
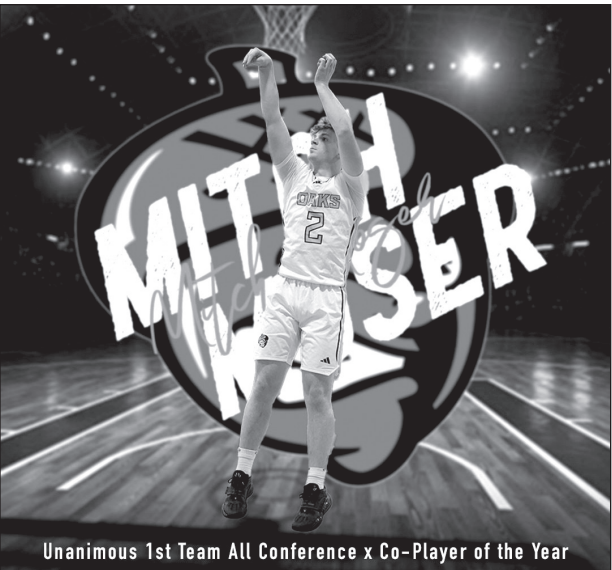
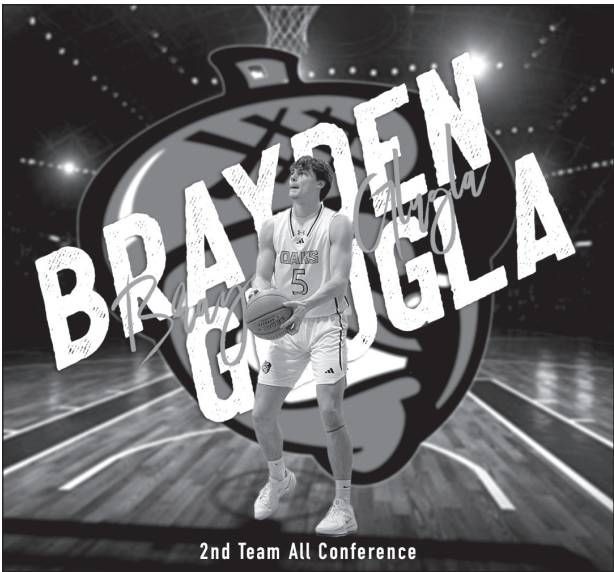
Bo Bijl
1st team All-Trailways East Conference
Brayden Glugla
2nd team All-Trailways East Conference

Broede Collien
Honorable Mention All-Trailways East Conference

Davis Dercks
Sportsmanship Team - Trailways East Conference -
WBCA Elite Academic All-State

Carson Fisher
WBCA Academic All-State

Oscar Arellano
WBCA Academic All-State



Way to go
Oaks!

Oakfield Band's Solo and Ensemble Festival



On Saturday, March 15th, Oakfield hosted the Trailways North Conference District Solo and Ensemble Festival. Miss Belanger and Mrs. Mohr would like to thank the families and community members who volunteered their time and talents to make the festival a success for our students as well as students from nine other schools!

Oakfield had a great day filled with music as 25 band students performed in 29 events during the Solo Ensemble season. A special note of congratulations goes to Leyton Batchelder, Autumn Dubey, Dannica Hartwig, Elisha Hartwig, and Madeline Meredith as they qualified to perform at the State Solo Ensemble Festival in April!

A complete list of the ratings from this event are as follows:

- Class A 1***
- Leyton Batchelder - clarinet solo
 - Autumn Dubey and Leyton Batchelder - flute and clarinet duet
 - Dannica Hartwig - flute solo
 - Elisha Hartwig - snare drum solo
 - Madeline Meredith - euphonium solo

- Class B I**
- Lola Braker - euphonium solo
 - Addi Dubey - trumpet solo
 - Clara Hartwig - clarinet solo
 - Dannica Hartwig - alto sax solo
 - Aria Husak - trumpet solo
 - Dani Urbina - tenor sax solo
 - Autumn Dubey, Leyton Batchelder, Jaelyn Wallendal, and Madeline Meredith - mixed quartet

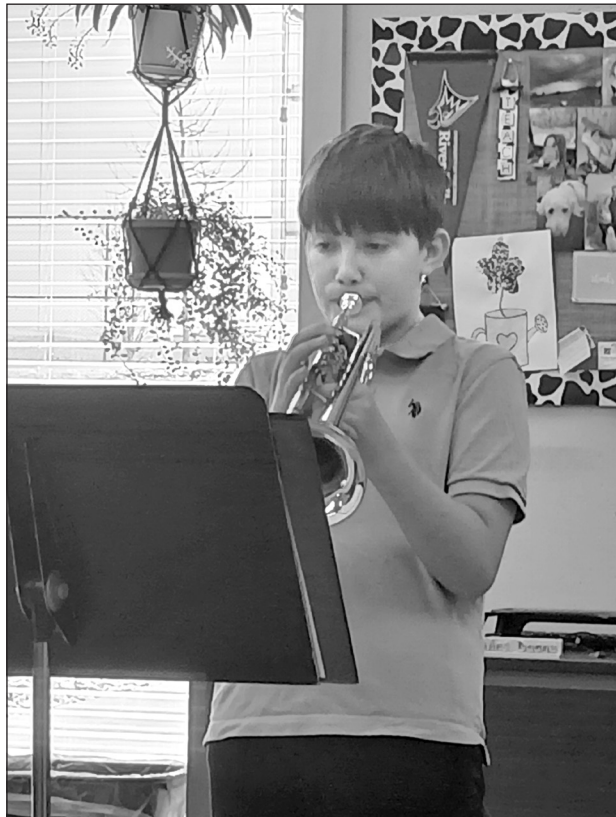
- Class B II**
- Isabel Weber - trumpet solo

- Class C I**
- Emery Berndt - clarinet solo
 - Owen Engelbert - oboe solo
 - Eli Freund - drum set solo
 - Eli Freund - timpani solo
 - Mitch Gruetzmacher - timpani solo
 - Trent Guell - tuba solo
 - Elisha Hartwig - drum set solo
 - Chace Schuh - trumpet solo
 - Conner Tyner - trumpet solo
 - Addie Dubey and Isabel Weber - trumpet duet
 - Dannica Hartwig and Clara Hartwig - flute and clarinet duet
 - Caelynn Shepherd and Lola Braker - tenor sax and euphonium duet
 - Clara Hartwig, Dannica Hartwig, and Aria Husak - clarinet, sax, and trumpet trio

- Class C II**
- Lacy Johnston - flute solo
 - Venus Radant and Claire Krueger - sax and trumpet duet

- Class C III**
- Liam Spartz - trumpet solo

Congratulations to all these band students on a very successful day!



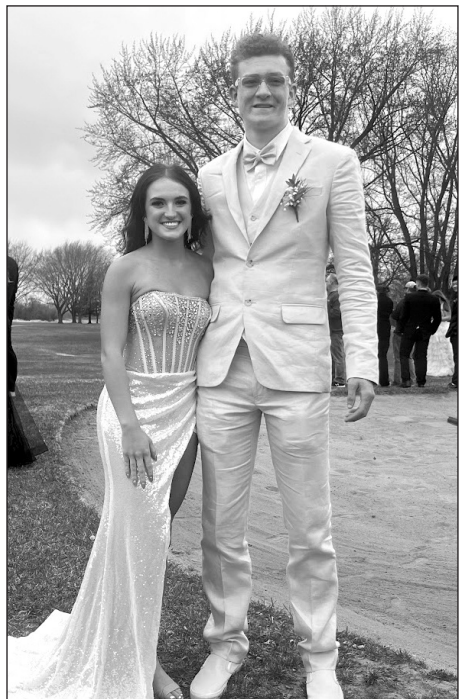
Annabella Hartwig Selected as a Member of the State Honors Choir

The WSMA State Honors Music Project is nationally recognized as one of the finest opportunities for young people. This year, for the 2025 WSMA High School State Honors Music Project, almost 1,500 auditions were registered for 429 positions in five ensembles. Auditions included individual student performances and sight-reading process. Selection was based on several aspects of music performance. Annabella Hartwig, a junior member of the OHS choir, was selected to be a member of this prestigious group. Students selected for the WSMA State

Honors Music Project will participate in an intensive and mandatory four day summer camp in June and perform in Madison during late October as part of the Wisconsin State Music Conference. This year's choir will work under the direction of Kari Adams. Kari Adams is Assistant Professor of Choral Music Education and conductor of Concert Chorale at the University of Missouri. She holds a PhD in music education from the University of North Texas as well as degrees from the University of Central Missouri and Freed-Hardeman University. Prior to her

appointment at Mizzou, Adams served as Assistant Professor of Choral Music Education and director of Levana at Florida State University. In 2023, she received the Outstanding Teaching in the Major (Undergraduate) award from FSU. Before working in higher education, she taught middle school choral and general music in Knob Noster, Missouri, where she was named Teacher of the Year in 2015. She is a passionate educator, conductor, and researcher. Congratulations to Annabella on this outstanding achievement!



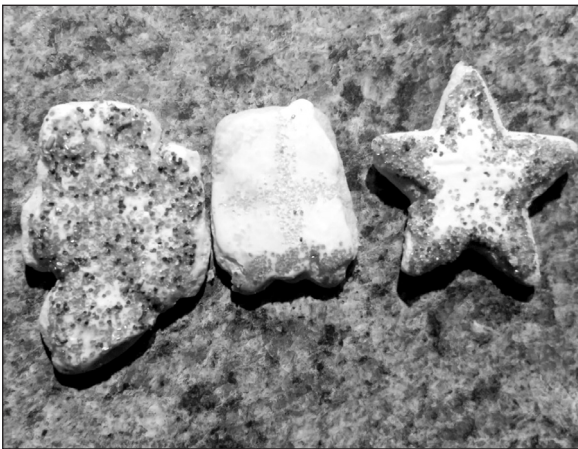


Family Histories

The U.S. History students have been working really hard to investigate and research their family history. This is part two in sharing the work from Mr. McCarty's classes.

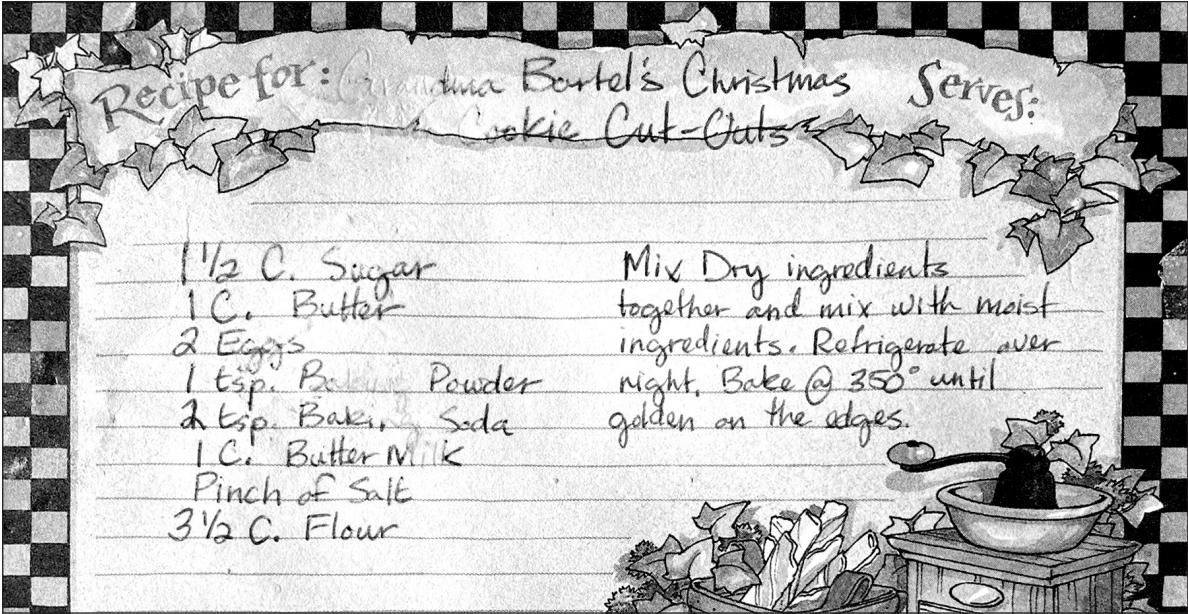


This picture shows my grandmother, Keli Winter, riding her horse JJ through a parade in February of 2006 (just a year before I was born). The picture is a little blurry since it was taken from a distance and I had to zoom in a little to try and focus on just her but I'm sure she had a big smile on her face while she rode in the front. My grandmother has always had a liking for horses. She has horse pictures, horse clothing, horse blankets, she even has 12 horses of her own. Even though she is 60 and lost one of her fingers to a horse she is still out back in the pasture everyday to make sure her babies are healthy and thriving even in the harsh weather conditions. She has put a lot of money, some may say too much money, into her horses to make sure they have the best saddles, harness, and ropes. My grandmother always tried to share her interests with us by helping us onto the horses or even just encouraging us to be around them. She definitely connected with a few of my cousins and my little sister as they are competing in barrel races with horses of their own. My grandmother will definitely continue to love horses and ride them for as long as she can. Caption by Mia Goldapske.



Adell Bartel's Buttermilk cut-out cookies. Adell (my great grandma) made recipes for many Christmas cookies, we make all of the cookies every Christmas season. The cut-outs are the fan favorite at the Potratz family Christmas and the Zimdahl family Christmas. I've made these cut-out cookies every year with my dad (Christopher Haase) and sisters (Norah & Clare Haase). We have many traditions that my dad has shown us from his parents (Peter & Denise Haase) that they got from great grandma. One of these traditions is making Christmas bells and angels and decorating them ourselves. My family made a new tradition with these cookies, we make a Christmas dinosaur, every year someone else gets to decorate it. We normally make the batter on a Friday night and bake the cookies on Saturday

afternoon. This recipe is very straight forward, and you need to make sure you have the correct measurements otherwise it will not taste the same. First combine two sticks of softened butter with the sugar, then add the eggs and milk. In a separate bowl combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt (when we add the salt we just add a ¼ of a teaspoon). Slowly pour and mix the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients. REFRIGERATE! This is one of the most important steps, we leave it for at least 16 hours to "ferment". Once they're done "fermenting" you roll out the dough and cut out the shapes you want. We always make at least three of everything so everyone gets the chance to decorate that shape. After they are baked you can then let them cool, then frost them with vanilla icing, and decorate with sprinkles. In total we spend about 30 minutes making the batter, 1-2 hours making the shapes, and 2 hours decorating the cookies. When we decorate these cookies we make a wide variety of sugar we put on, some we call "heart attack cookies" when you can no longer see the vanilla frosting. We only give "heart attack cookies" to two people in the family, Donald Lee (Darlene Bartel's husband) and James Haase (1939-2021, Peter Haase's father) and the dogs of course. As seen in the photo to the lower right the angel is a "heart attack cookie" and the other two are normal cut-out cookies. There also is no serving size because it depends how big of shapes you use. Caption and photos by Kate Haase.



This is a picture of Eugene Winter (Grandma Keli's dad, my Great Grandfather who died in 1986) playing the violin. According to my grandma her father played the violin all throughout high school. He's in his mid to late 50s in the picture which brought his time playing the violin to about 40 years. After his death his

violin was passed down to a family member where it is still held and cherished. In his early life Eugene Had served in World War II where he specialised in both sending and receiving morse code. My grandmother also said that he had served in India as well. Caption by Mia Goldapske, photo courtesy of Keli Winter.



Dorothy Winter is my Grandma Keli's mom and my Great Grandmother who died in 1998. Dorothy was a wonderful mother, wife and cook. She mainly focused on cooking German dishes. I asked my grandmother if there was any dish that she remembered enjoying the most and she said the "7 layer dinner". She described it as a sort of casserole. We weren't able to find the recipe for it

but I am aware that my grandma does have a few recipes dating back to her mother. Dorothy was a stay at home mother but also worked from home as a seamstress. She would alter clothes to fit the figure of a person's body as well as repair any holes or tears. Dorothy was told by her doctors that she would never be able to have any children of her own so to make up for that Dorothy and Eugene raised foster

children. Grandma mentioned that uncle Denny, her brother, was actually one of the foster children that stuck around. This caught me off guard since I never imagined anyone in our family being adopted. But Dorothy was eventually able to have three children (my great uncle) Mark, (my grandmother) Keli, and (my great uncle) Kevin. (Caption by Mia Goldapske, photo courtesy of Keli Winter).



These photos depicted helped me notice one minor thing while visiting my Oma, Margaret Focht, that showed a major connection between my Oma and her daughter, or my grandmother, Barbara Possehl. I noticed that my Oma utilizes photos either taken by herself or received from other relatives and places them beneath a plate of glass on a table for display purposes. My grandmother has taken up this hobby herself over the past couple of years and it helps to finally realize where

the idea came from. The displays show the pure mother-daughter connection the two of them share and it is quite interesting. It proves how much my grandmother adores her mother and can find a way to connect with her even when they are apart. When my Oma passes, this representation will not only remember the memory of my Oma but also the shared memories shown in the displayed photos. This activity shows that family is

one of the most important things in each of their lives. Unfortunately, most people tend to not visit the eldest person in their family and this visual display might be a compensation for this. This way, even if my Oma cannot see the person physically, she can always gaze at a photo of the people she keeps underneath her glass plate. (Caption by Madeline Meredith, Photos taken by Madeline Meredith and Barbara Possehl.)



John Franken born in
Aschers Germany 1905
Cesar Mayer
Hubertina Rademacher
May 7th 1907 Exeter Belgium
Margaret-Franken July 27, 1937
William Focht Aug 22-1929
Married in Oct. 10 1953
First Child Barbara 1954 Aug 15
2nd John 1956 March 29
3rd Linda Dec. 13 1960

While interviewing my Oma, Margaret Focht, she said something interesting that caught my attention. She had written down some notes prior to the interview to give

herself some basis and she shared her notes with me. She apologized for her thick cursive and if I was unable to read and understand what she had written. I had reassured her that I could read what she had noted and she mentioned that all throughout her schooling she was taught to write in cursive. My Oma told me that she was never taught “print” writing and only knows how to write in cursive font. This idea of only being taught to write in cursive was so astounding to me because of how our current society looks towards cursive writing. Most people nowadays find it unimportant to learn and navigate, while also not understanding how it can possibly fit into our everyday world. While being taught how to write in cursive is not quite so strange, it is so hard for me to wrap my head around that she was never taught how to write in “print,” or the way almost everyone nowadays writes. What was something so important back in the mid-1900s is something that is rarely taught to today’s generation of students. This little idea of the proper font of handwriting can expand to become something so monumental that it shows how much the society my great-grandparents had grown up in has changed compared to what society looks like now. Who would have guessed that something like handwriting would have an impact upon newer and what is considered modern technological advancements? Caption and photo by Madeline Meredith.



My grandma Barb has always been a “dog lover.” She bred Labradors from October 1997 to August 2021. Grandma Barb made the front page of The Reporter in 1997 when her first ever litter was a “perfect litter.” The litter consisted of 4 yellow labs with 2 females and 2 males, 4 black labs with 2 females and 2

males, and 4 chocolate labs with 2 females and 2 males. Grandma Barb took it as a sign to continue to breed Labradors after the almost miracle happened. It is almost hard to believe that such an event could possibly occur especially since it was her first ever litter, and yet it did. Until a couple of years ago, I have always

witnessed my grandma taking care of puppies of all colors and assorted names. My grandma had her little tricks while helping raise the puppies; the yarn “collars,” the various sound reels of objects like vacuums and other machines, the training of maneuvering the dogs through the “doggy door,” and making the puppies comfortable with little crates. My grandma always found a way to satisfy the future owners of the puppies with all of her tricks and her charisma. All of her “customers” were people interconnected within her system of friends or past customers who had referred her business to their friends. This made her “customers” feel comfortable with who they were getting their puppies from, and made Barb feel comfortable that they were getting a good home. (Caption by Madeline Meredith, Photo received from Barbara Possehl.)

Within reason, making and sharing a family recipe can be quite hard to do within my family. If it is a true family recipe, it is hard to find written down anywhere. The only recipes I’ve ever seen in my house are when my mom wants to make something she’s never tried before. To obtain a family recipe, you have to cook it with another family member so you have a memory of cooking with someone you love. It becomes easier to remember a simple recipe when you recall a fond memory of doing something you might not entirely enjoy, but you’re doing it with someone you enjoy quite a bit. Making lasagna was easy for me because I had been making it with my mom since I was little. I labeled it as my favorite food for years and every time something special happened to me, like a birthday or celebration of success, my mom would make the dish. As I continue to get older, I have started to realize that maybe lasagna wasn’t my favorite food taste wise, but it became my favorite food because it gave me a reason to spend quality time with my mom. This is the exact reason for why we don’t keep our recipes written down, because true family recipes should stay close to our hearts. (Caption by Madeline Meredith, photo by Kim Meredith.)

Oakfield Community Blood Drive

Oakfield Community Center
Main St., Oakfield, WI. 53065

Friday, May 2, 2025
12:30 PM to 5:30 PM

To register, please go the Red Cross Website or call
Karen @ 920-579-0266

By donating at this time, you are helping save lives. You are helping
with providing scholarships for our graduating Seniors!

General Mills Box Tops is DIGITAL

Box Tops is a program that the Oakfield Elementary School has
participated in for years to earn funds for the library.



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OPEN ENROLLMENT

February 3rd - April 30th



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Oakfield FFA Greenhouse Sale

Friday May 2nd

(3:30pm to 5:30pm)

AND

Saturday May 3rd

(8am to 12pm)

Oakfield High School Greenhouse
250 E. Church Street Oakfield, WI 53065

Payment Accepted: Cash and Checks

Hello Oak Nation,

We are accepting donations for Hudl Cameras which stream our
activities to the public. Contact Doug Mock for more information at 920-
583-3141. **GO OAKS!!**

Gym Brick: Is to purchase a brick for the sign that is located on the wall
behind the ticket table when you enter the gym on the Oakfield side.
3" X 6" with text is \$75.00 6" X 6" with text is \$100.00

Oakfield Gymnasium Bricks

The School District of Oakfield has committed funds to update and
modernize the Middle School/ High School. We are bringing back the
opportunity for you to purchase a Brick/Plate in the gym. Proceeds from
the initial "Brick" sale helped pay for the wan board and score table. There is
still a need to replace the scoreboards which are very outdated and will need
attention in the future. Purchase a printed "brick" on the new wall. Families,
individuals, companies. All are welcome.

Option 1: 3 x 6 with text \$75.00 | Option 2: 6 x 6 with text \$100.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

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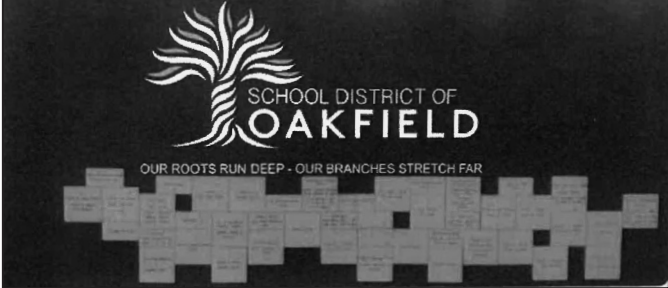
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The School District of Oakfield Is offering business and community
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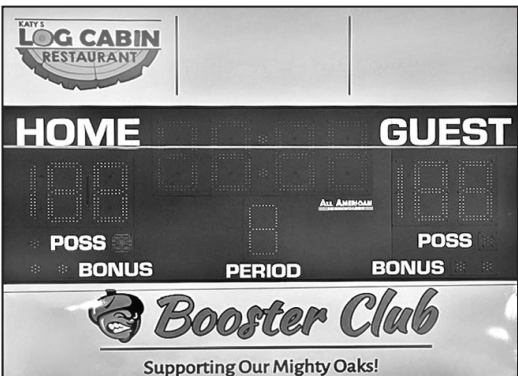
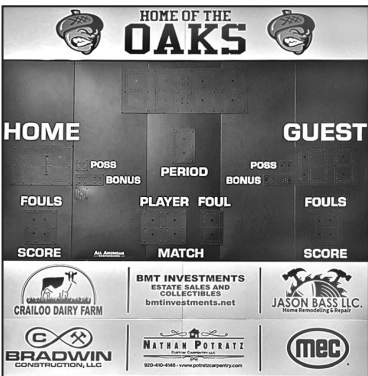
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*The School District will need a jpeg file of your business logo, to be displayed on
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See America First

The See America First class is a geography, culture and history class that encourages students to travel at the local, state and national level. We were learning about Wisconsin and local places to tour, and the accompanying pictures are from our local field trip. It was a great opportunity to compare and contrast areas of Dodge and Fond du Lac County.



This is my friend Mark Mueller, a neighbor to my parents in Ashford Township. Our See America First class got to see where Mark's grandfather Joe Mueller (1893-1984) used to make maple syrup. In this image, you see the cement structure Joe used as the base for burning down maple syrup. Students also saw elements of an old growth maple forest. The structure pictured is about 100 years old. Mark explained to the class why the woods means so much to him. Caption and photo by Karl McCarty.



This is a picture aside the South Eden sign. I chose to talk about this picture because Mr. McCarty is one of the people who put South Eden on the map and got the road sign put up. This was an exciting part of the trip because we all finally got to see the sign that Mr. McCarty kept hyping up. According to Mr. McCarty, "South Eden is AWESOME! It's a Irish Catholic settlement that is in the vicinity of Scenic Dr & Timberlane Drive in the Town of Eden." Caption by Broede Collien and photo by "THE Mr.1000" (Mitchell Moser).



Mr. McCarty almost falling over by the South Eden sign. Action shots courtesy of Keira Marchenkuski.



Our class enjoyed the trip to the Horicon Marsh and seeing St. Andrew's Church. To compare the geography, we then traveled to St. Kilian, South Eden and Eden. In between, we decided to stop at Widmer's in Theresa. The folks at the cheese factory were kind enough to give our class about two pounds of fresh cheese curds. And by fresh, I mean straight out of the vat! It was neat to see such a successful business that is part of our area history. Caption and photo by Karl McCarty.



This is a picture outside of Widmer's Cheese Cellars in Theresa. In this picture there is the logo of the Canton Bern that I have on the front of my house. A canton is a subdivision of a country kind of like a county in Wisconsin. Bern is the city in Switzerland where my Great Grandpa Sam Moser lived before he came over to the U.S. I took this picture because I thought it was cool

to go to a cheese cellar with Swiss background. Both my Great Grandpa and Grandpa were cheesemakers their whole life. My Grandpa used to make brick cheese, which Mr. McCarty bought at the store. This was my favorite part of our trip because it was cool to connect with my Switzerland background and eat some cheese. Caption and photo by Mitchell Moser.



This is a picture of Widmer's Cheese Cellars in Theresa from the outside as a panoramic. This was my favorite part of the trip because we were able to see how the cheese was made. It wasn't very big and we had to squeeze in but we were able to taste test all types of cheeses. The

workers were nice enough to give us a plate of free cheese curds that were freshly made while we were there. They were some of the best I've had and I'll definitely be coming back to buy some. Caption by Ariel Paz and photo by Mia Goldapske.



At left is Earl Kehrmeier, 97, who drove to St. Andrew's in LeRoy to tell our class the history of the church. He explained how much the church meant to him. Fr. Mark Brandl (right) also stayed after daily mass so he could meet our class. St. Andrew's was known as "The Cathedral of the Marsh," a term Earl attributed to Fr. Anthony Gundrum (1915-1987). Students were also able to appreciate the beauty of the stained glass windows. Photo by Karl McCarty.



This was one of our stops on our amazing trip! We stopped at St. Andrew's Church in LeRoy, and we learned about the history of the church. I have been playing baseball and picking up bounce houses there for many years, and I had never known the beauty of this church. I was truly amazed when I walked into the church. We got to talk to Earl Kehrmeier about the history of the amazing wood carving on the confessionals. We also learned from Father Brandl at the church, and he told us about how this church was such a big church and had many people who spoke German. They told us that they would have both of the confessions going and one would be for English and the other for German. This was very interesting as they also told us that different ethnicities would settle in different types of land to match their home land and LeRoy was like Germany. We got to see this amazing church and got to learn a lot about it and the town around it! Caption and photo (in .5 mode) by Brent Morell.



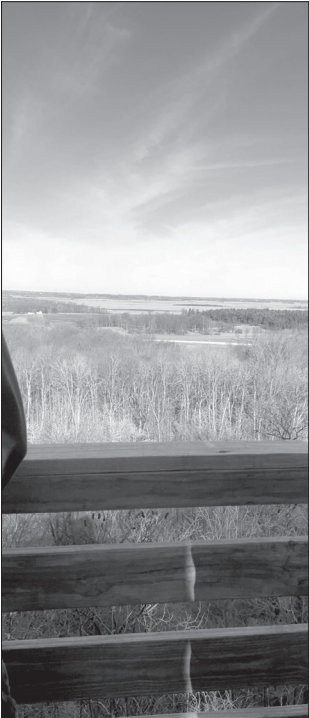
On Tuesday April 1st my See America First Class visited the Catholic church in Leroy to talk to Earl Kehrmeier. Earl Kehrmeier is a 97 year old Catholic whose a walking piece of wisdom and knowledge. Earl shared his stories of being in the Coast Guard after World War II. These stories really touched me

because I come from a military family and am joining the military after high school. Also his stories about Yugoslavia and Croatia really touched me because that's where I trace my family ancestry to. In specific he talked about the the Eastern Orthodox religion that dominates the counties. He also spoke about the beauty of the countries speaking highly of the islands and sea. Overall Earl Kehrmeier is a very smart and well traveled man, I'm very honored and blessed to have met him.

Left to Right: Earl Kehrmeier and Caden Mueller. Photo Taken By: Karl McCarty.



This is the inside of the St. Andrew's Church, Leroy WI, this church is over 100 years old and one of the oldest churches in the county, we got to see the wood decorations that were sculpted long ago and learn about some of the Catholic beliefs from one of the priests. He also told us about the the stained glass windows and the significance of the people decorated on them, along with how much it costs to get them. Caption and photo by Kyler Collien.



This picture was taken at Ledge County Park during our first stop of our trip. We took a short walk/hike to a lookout spot over the Marsh. Once we got close we could see two turkey vultures sitting on the railing overlooking the view of the marsh. This spot gave a good view of the landscape and how it's laid out. Caption and photo by Wolfgang Stalf.



A vulture vaults off the observation deck at Ledge County Park on April 1st. Photo by Karl McCarty.



I thought that the church with the stained glass was pretty and cool. Also the way that the wood was carved and the gold paint really stood out in the paintings. Another thing is that I like how the building is laid out. For example, how it's kind of "symmetrical" and if there is one thing on one side there would be something similar on the other side. Caption and photos by Keira Marchenkuski.



Our See America First class got to experience a lovely interaction with Earl Kehrmeier. Learning about his family history was very interesting and it's sad to know the ways his family members have passed. Earl has gone to St. Andrew's since he was a young boy and it holds such a special place in his heart that he still attends mass. I was lucky enough to stay behind and get a picture with him to remember this once in a lifetime experience. He was very sweet and I could tell that him talking about his life and the St. Andrew's Church brought him joy and he could go on and on for hours. There's one thing I will always remember from Earl, "Never Shoot A Sitting Rabbit". Caption by Mia Goldapske and photo by Karl McCarty.



The See America First class stopped by Lehner Road in the Town of LeRoy. Eddie Lehner is a renown man of the land. In Robert Gard and Edgar G. Mueller's book, Wild Goose Marsh--Horicon Stopover, Eddie was featured in a chapter called "The Trapper." Today, his farm is now returned to the Marsh, and there are no buildings which remain. However, this road behind our students honors his story. From left to right are Brent Morell, Broede Collien, Mitchell Moser, Arial Paz, Kyler Collien, Keira Marchenkuski, Caden Mueller, Khloe Stanczyk, Mia Goldapske and Wolfgang Stalf. Photo by Karl McCarty.



One of the places we visited during our trip was the St. Andrew's Catholic Church. This church is very beautiful on the inside, featuring hand carved wooden detail and a very high cathedral ceiling. In the image I am admiring the pure beauty of this grand and imposing church. One shocking thing I learned is that it costs around \$100,000 just to repair the stained glass window.... talk about expensive!!! Overall this church was a magnificent place to visit. (Caption by Khloe Stanczyk and picture taken by Mia Goldapske).



Students from See America First saw a significant maple tree that was bent by Native Americans as far back as the 1800s, if not earlier. Photo by Kim Mueller.



Our Oakfield High School students listening to Earl Kehrmeier at St. Andrew's Church. Photo by Karl McCarty.

Regular Board Meeting
(Monday, February 24, 2025)

Generated by Heather Bradwin-Haseman on Tuesday, February 25, 2025

1. Introduction

Procedural: A. Call to Order
Vice President Patterson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
Procedural: B. Pledge of Allegiance
Procedural: C. Roll Call
Present: Paul Dercks (5:47pm), Angie Patterson, Heidi Kopf, Jessica Shepherd (5: 31pm), John Totz, Sal Arelano
Absent: Tim Wiese
Staff: Sarah Poquette, Tim Brown, Becky Doyle, Heather Bradwin-Haseman
Other: Lauren Price-
Procedural: D. Board Mission Statement

2. Consent Agenda

Action (Consent): A. Approval of Consent Agenda
Recommended Action: Move to approve all items under consent agenda.
Mrs. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Totz moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 5/0/2
Action (Consent), Minutes: B. January 20, 2025 Regular meeting minutes
Recommended Action: Move to approve the January 20, 2025 Regular meeting minutes as presented.
Action (Consent), Minutes: C. February 10, 2025 Committee of the Whole minutes
Recommended Action: Move to approve the Feb 10, 2025 Committee of the Whole minutes as part of the consent agenda.
Action (Consent), Minutes: D. January 6, 2025 Special meeting minutes
Recommended Action: Move to approve the January 6, 2025 Special meeting minutes as presented.
Action (Consent): E. Warrants through February 21, 2025
Recommended Action: Move to approve warrants through February 21, 2025
Action (Consent): F. Coaches
Recommended Action: Move to approve

the coaches as presented as part of the consent agenda.

3. Public Comments

Information: A. Public Comment Procedures
No public Comments

4. Presentation

Presentation: A. 2023-24 Audit Presentation
Lauren Price from XXXX presented the audit letters and findings from the 2023-24 financial audit.
Information, Presentation: B. Community Referendum Presentation
Dr. Poquette presented the community referendum presentation to the Board.

5. Reports

Discussion, Information: A. DLT Reports
Dr. Poquette reviewed the District including: finished a good FFA week this past week-lots of fun activities; breakfast and a good book at the elementary school, referendum planning-need Board members to continue talking to village members; community meetings are going ok, a few more scheduled-Board member attendance is appreciated; PTO family night this week at the elementary school, posted for hiring a second shift custodian at the MS/HS.
Mrs. Doyle reported on the elementary: great parent/teacher conferences 2 weeks ago, teachers met with about 50% of kids/parents in district; new families in district very appreciative of what their kids are getting at Oakfield; rounding up 4K students-held Future Oaks Night last week, healthy numbers coming in; PTO Beach Party this Friday and Ted Nietzke presentation on Monday for Modern Parenting workshop.
Mr. Brown reported on the MS/HS: Busy month-AWSA principal connection and networking-thank you for allowing me the opportunity to attend-great things; moved to an adaptive

schedule-oak richmont is second hour now-feedback is good, teachers are able to have good conversations with students who need help; 2 week left to ACT; new students and parents-nothing but good things to say about the district; great winter sports season? Boys are conference champs, Austen Harmsen is state qualifier for wrestling, girls are continuing on; state mandate on banning cell phones in classes is coming-working on language and will be bringing it to the Board in the future for policy approval.

Information: B. Financial Update
Dr. Poquette reviewed the financial update.

6. Action Items

Action: A. Accept/Acknowledge Donation from Winnebagoland Conservation Alliance
Recommended Action: Move to accept and acknowledge the donation from Winnebagoland Conservation Alliance.
Mr. Dercks, seconded by Mr. Totz to accept/acknowledge the \$1000 donation from Winnebagoland Conservation Alliance. Motion carried 6/0/1

Action: B. 2025-26 School Calendar
Recommended Action: Move to approve the 2025-26 school calendar as presented

Mrs. Patterson, seconded by Mrs. Kopf moved to approve the 2025-26 school calendar as presented. Motion carried 6/0/1

Action: C. 2023-24 Audit Approval
Recommended Action: Move to approve the 2023-24 audit as presented.

Mr. Dercks, seconded by Mr. Totz moved to approve the 2023-24 financial audit as presented. Motion carried 6/0/1

7. Next Meetings

Information: A. Regular Meeting, March 10, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at Oakfield MS/HS IMC

Information: B. Committee of the Whole-Monday, April 14, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at Oakfield MS/HS IMC

8. Adjournment


Action: A. Adjourn
Recommended Action: Move to adjourn the meeting
Mr. Dercks, seconded by Mr. Totz moved to adjourn the meeting at 6: 17pm


School Board Meeting Schedule
2024-2025

Monday, April 28, 2025 – Regular Meeting
5:30 p.m. MS/HS IMC



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
OAKFIELD






SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OAKFIELD CENSUS

Is your young family new to the district in the last five years? Did you recently have a baby?

If you answered "YES" to either of these questions, we'd love to include your child in our school district census directory to ensure we have accurate information. Maintaining an up-to-date census is a state-mandated activity, and we strive to include all new families in the district. Please take a moment to complete this form so we can keep our records current.

For any questions, feel free to email us at info@oakfield.k12.wi.us or call the District Office at (920) 583-4117.

Thank you for helping us stay connected!



To ensure your child doesn't miss out on these opportunities, join our Census by choosing one of the following options:

Visit our website at oakfield.k12.wi.us, select Menu, Families, Census Form in the drop down.

- OR -

Complete and return this form to:
Census
Oakfield School District
250 E Church St
Oakfield, WI 53065

Child's Name: _____

Child's Date of Birth: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City and Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

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