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# Chamber News

## A New Opportunity For Oshkosh Chamber Members

The Oshkosh Chamber is launching it's "Member Spotlight" opportunity for all members. Any and all members can apply each month and all applicants will be voted on by Oshkosh Chamber representatives on the following criteria:

- Involvement with the Oshkosh Chamber- #of events attended, program involvement, sponsorships, etc.
- Summary of "what it means to be an Oshkosh Chamber member and how your business has benefited from becoming/being a member".
- Supporting materials/testimonials

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*Member Spotlight*

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2 Social Posts on Main Oshkosh Chamber Socials    2 E-Blasts to the entire Oshkosh Chamber Membership    Pop-Up Feature on Oshkosh Chamber Website for 1 month

Get to know other people at the Oshkosh Chamber with our newest networking opportunity,  
Oshkosh Chamber Network Builder,  
presented by Elsewhere Market & Coffee House + Rise & Grind!



## Seeking Nominations for The Small Business of the Year Award & Milestone Awards

Our Annual Meeting will be taking place January 15, 2026 at the Oshkosh Convention Center. Part of the evening's program includes an awards ceremony. We are beginning to accept nominations for Small Business of the Year.

Do you know of a small business deserving of this award? The submission deadline is October 10th.

We are also seeking out any businesses celebrating 25, 50, 75, or 100 years in business who are eligible to receive a Milestone Award at the 118th Annual Meeting.

Please submit your nominations to  
[grace@oshkoshchamber.com](mailto:grace@oshkoshchamber.com).



# Chamber News

## Save the date

Registration & Sponsorships now available.

Visit our website or contact

[grace@oshkoshchamber.com](mailto:grace@oshkoshchamber.com) for more info.

OSHKOSH CHAMBER BUSINESS EXPO

## Travel the World

### 2026

MARCH 18, 2026

OSHKOSH CONVENTION CENTER

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# 118<sup>th</sup>

## annual meeting

JANUARY 15, 2026  
5:00-8:00PM | OSHKOSH CONVENTION CENTER

2026  
Economic Outlook Breakfast

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:00-9:00AM | OSHKOSH CONVENTION CENTER

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- Promote business opportunities and expansion efforts in Oshkosh
- Support entrepreneurs, talent development, and workforce retention
- Manage programs, data, and incentives to drive economic growth

Apply on LinkedIn or send resume to  
[rob@oshkoshchamber.com](mailto:rob@oshkoshchamber.com)



# Economic Development

## Updates

Pangaea Development of Delafield received city council approval to construct 24 townhomes on various scattered residential parcels owned by the city's Redevelopment Authority on the 100 block of West Ninth Avenue. The nearly \$8 million project proposes two three-story, 10-unit townhouse structures – one located on W. Eighth Avenue and the other on Ninth Avenue – along with two separate two-unit buildings. Each unit will include two bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, and attached garage and a private patio.

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors shelved conversation on a potential county sales tax after a motion to enact a half-percent tax failed to gain a second from the body, effectively killing the motion for further discussion and consideration. Winnebago remains one of only two of Wisconsin's 72 counties without a countywide sales tax, the other being Waukesha County.

## Wisconsin and US Employment Data

Wisconsin's August unemployment rate held steady at 3.2 percent, the same rate recorded a month earlier, but was an increase from year-ago levels of 2.9 percent. There were 3,043,193 state residents working in August, a sharp decline of nearly 58,000 employees statewide compared with August 2024. The national unemployment rate in August was 4.5 percent, a small decrease from the July jobless rate of 4.6 percent.

## City of Oshkosh Employment Data

Oshkosh's unemployment rate for August 2025 rang in at 3.2 percent, up a notch from July and an increase from the August 2024 mark of 2.9 percent. Total employment in Oshkosh for August was 34,202, more than 660 fewer positions from the same time a year ago. Overall, the city's total labor force declined from 35,920 a year ago to 35,315 this past August, a loss of nearly 600 workers.

[VIEW DATA](#)

## Winnebago County Employment Data

Winnebago County's unemployment rate for August crept down to 3.0 percent, a one-tenth point decrease from a month earlier, but still up from the 2.7 percent rate recorded during August 2024. Total employment of 89,334 positions across Winnebago County decreased more than 1,700 jobs from August 2024 employment figures of 91,068 jobs. Winnebago County's overall labor force dropped more than 1,400 workers compared with the same time a year ago, from 93,588 during August 2024 to 92,123 workers this past August.

[VIEW DATA](#)



## Updates from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce

### Government Shutdown

The federal government has entered its sixth shutdown in 30 years, with significant implications for businesses, communities, and the economy. The U.S. Chamber is actively advocating for solutions.

In a memo to U.S. Chamber members, Executive Vice President Neil Bradley addresses two questions about this shutdown.

#### **How might this shutdown differ from prior shutdowns?**

- Federal agencies have discretion to determine essential functions, keeping some operations running with staff working without pay.
- Recent appropriations provide the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security with more operational leeway.
- The administration may use the shutdown to implement permanent staff reductions, raising legal and operational questions.
- Thanks to a 2019 law, furloughed workers will be paid automatically once the government reopens.

#### **How long will this shutdown last?**

- While far from certain, the political dynamics suggest this shutdown could be on the longer end of the historical norm, possibly stretching to the middle of October.

What we're doing:

Called on Congress and the administration to avoid a shutdown.

Urged U.S. Senators to pass legislation to keep the government open.

Provided a guide for small businesses to navigate the shutdown.

## Winnebago County Sales Tax Updates

Winnebago County leaders recently debated a proposed 0.5% countywide sales tax, which was projected to raise around \$20 million annually to ease pressure on property taxes. However, the measure stalled after a resolution to draft the ordinance failed to receive a second at the county board. For now, the idea remains tabled, though supporters argue it could provide a more balanced revenue stream for future budgets. Opponents remain concerned about adding to the tax burden for residents and businesses.

[Read More - Oshkosh Northwestern](#)

[Read More - Oshkosh Herald](#)

# October

## Upcoming Events

### October 1st

- 11:30am Lunch & Learn-What Matters Most

### October 2nd

- 11:00 am Ribbon Cutting-Greater Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods

### October 3rd

- 11:00 am Ribbon Cutting-Harmony Wellness

### October 8th

- 7:45 am OC Connection Breakfast
- 3:00 pm Ribbon Cutting-Boatworks Flats
- 3:30 pm Amplify Tech & Tell

### October 10th

- 9:00 am Ribbon Cutting-Bleak Boutique

### October 14th

- 9:00 am Ribbon Cutting-Sports Clips Haircuts

### October 15th

- 7:30 am AM Oshkosh @ EAA

### October 22nd

- 4:00 pm Business After Hours @ Culver Family Welcome Center

### October 24th

- 1:00 pm Ribbon Cutting-Fletcher Chiropractic



# Education & Talent Development

## WE NEED YOU!

### FutureYOU 2025 Halfway to GOAL



FutureYOU is a one-day career exploration event where nearly 800 eighth-grade students and high schoolers from local public and private schools get to imagine their future with the help of 60 businesses and organizations offering interactive, hands-on experiences. We're thrilled to announce that over 30 incredible businesses are already on board, bringing us halfway to our goal! This event is quickly shaping up to be a powerful showcase of innovation, collaboration, and opportunity for our students. But we're not stopping here—we're looking for more businesses and sponsors to join us in inspiring the next generation. Together, let's make FutureYOU an unforgettable experience!

## 11 NOV 2025

8:45am-2:00pm  
Sunnyview Expo Center  
500 E County Road Y Oshkosh, WI 54901

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**adopt·A·school** *Spotlight*  
A closer look at an active partnership

### Read Elementary & Evergreen

Evergreen Retirement Community residents and staff held a school supply drive for Read Elementary from late August through early September. Together, they collected four large boxes of supplies—including crayons, rulers, snacks, deodorant, notebooks, folders, scissors, pencils, paper towels, zip-top bags, and much more! They were happy to support Read Elementary students and staff with the tools they need for a strong start to the school year. Looking ahead, they're hoping to take on a holiday project where Evergreen residents and staff will 'adopt' a few Read families and provide them with items to brighten their holiday season.



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OR  
Shannon Seaman - Oshkosh Chamber  
shannon@oshkoshchamber.com

Interested in  
Partnering?





# Oshkosh Chamber Programs

## LEADERSHIP oshkosh

Leadership Oshkosh had their retreat last Thursday and Friday at the Osthoff. The class of 45 bonded and had two full days of content to get the participants inspired. Thank you to UWO Dean & Professor Frank Braun and Professor Emeritus, Dale Feinauer; Christa Williams, Sophia Partners; Ted Neitzke, CEO/Agency Administrator, CESA 6; Kate Zurn, Executive Director, Winnebago Conflict Resolution Center, Inc. and Elizabeth Neuman, Alliance Laundry.

Youth Leadership Oshkosh kicked off on Friday, September 26th with 24 students participating from all four Oshkosh high schools-North, West, Lourdes Academy and Valley Christian. This week they are volunteering at the Spellbound (Spelling Bee) event for the Winnebago Area Literacy Council along with many Leadership Oshkosh alumni participating in the spelling bee!

Concierge Lunch & Lead was on Friday, September 12th with over 50 in attendance to hear updates from Chancellor Manohar Singh, Dr. Bryan Davis, Oshkosh Area School District Superintendent and Anthony Miller, Director of Community Engagement & Equity spoke on the Adopt-a-School program, a collaboration with the Oshkosh Area School District and The Chamber.



WSA held its fall panel focusing on the economic impact of events here in Oshkosh. Panelists included representatives from the Wisconsin Herd, EAA, XRoads41 Music Festival, and Battle on Bago.



# Oshkosh Chamber Programs



**Become a member  
of Propel today!**

Propel Oshkosh Young Professionals is a development and networking group for young professionals aged 18-40 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Propel's mission is to engage and empower young professionals through community involvement, networking, and professional and personal growth.

[Learn More](#)

## Night Shift AT X-GOLF

Register at [propeloshkosh.com](http://propeloshkosh.com)

No cost to Propel members  
\$20 for non-members



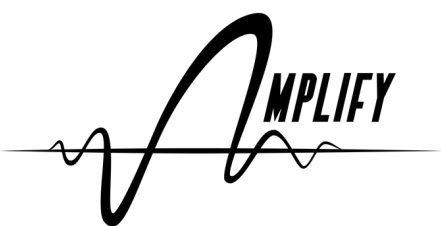
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**4:30 - 6:30 PM  
Thursday, October 23**



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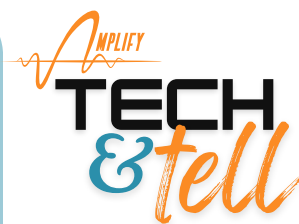


**October 8<sup>th</sup>  
2025**

**3:30-6:30P**

**Lakeshore  
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it off. Have  
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drinks,  
fun...**



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# Member Benefits & More

Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce members have access to high-quality health care coverage at an exclusive, cost-effective premium through Network Health.

Contact your health insurance agent or call 800-276-8004 to learn more about the exclusive premium discount through Network Health.



Oshkosh Chamber Members will receive up to (3) free months of service plus an Oshkosh Chamber Gift Certificate when they sign up for services.

Contact NTD at [inquiry@ntdcorp.com](mailto:inquiry@ntdcorp.com) for a custom quote, tailored to your business needs. You can also check them out at [www.ntd.net](http://www.ntd.net).



Oshkosh Chamber Members will can receive the first 60 days free of any managed website or website and marketing package.

Members may also receive a 25% discount on monthly pricing or onboarding fees.

The logo for CIVILLE, featuring the word "CIVILLE" in a bold, sans-serif font, with a stylized figure of a person with arms raised inside the letter "I". The logo is set against a teal background with a white border.

# New Members

Sport Clips

The MRD Group, Inc.

Approved, LLC DBA Everything Rooftop

D R B Fire Extinguisher Sales & Service

Architectural Design Consultants, Inc.

Bleak Boutique

Seefeld Funeral & Cremation Services

Forward Service Corporation

# Renewals

A D Incorporated of Milwaukee

Advanced Bed Bug

Algoma Financial Group

Alro Steel Corporation

Anchorage Realty

Approved, LLC DBA Everything Rooftop

Bank First

Basler Flight

Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Central Wisconsin

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Cattail Creek Creatives (Photography)

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General Beverage

Gibson Social Club

GO-HNI (Greater Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods Inc.)

Goodwill Industries Of NCW

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Greenway House

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Hooper Law Office

Image 360

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J.G. Custom Cabinetry & Design

Jj Keller

La Sures

Lakeside Marina

Lowes Of Oshkosh

Midwest Specialty Products

Natural Visions Sunrooms And Enclosures

Oshkosh Dock And Lift

Oshkosh Fitness

Oshkosh Heating & Air

O-town Iron

Prospera Credit Union

R J Albright Construction

Silver Star

The Delta Restaurant

The Grand Oshkosh

The Lamar Companies

Thunderbird Bakery

Touch Of Health and Wellness

Valley Truck Leasing

Winnebago County

Winnebago Lawn And Snow

XDS Holdings

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# Business Briefs & Press Releases

[Shea Electric offers NFPA 70B and Electrical Preventive Maintenance \(EPM\) expertise](#)

[Space Day brings hands-on activities and guest appearances to EAA Aviation Museum on October 25](#)

[We Remember... Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day Walk](#)

[Goodwill NCW's annual gala inspires community](#)

[Bert Kreischer Adds Oshkosh Arena to Permission To Party World Tour](#)

[Oshkosh Arena to Welcome Lonestar Christmas & Hits Tour](#)