

Be the positive energy in current situation

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By the time you read this it will already be outdated.

The world as we know it is changing by the minute. At this writing on Monday morning Oshkosh area schools are closed until at least April 5, the Oshkosh Public Library and Oshkosh Pubic Museum are closed, restaurants are gearing up to be drive-thru or delivery only. Oshkosh Transit is still operating, but it could be a matter of time before they follow Green Bay's lead and suspend public transit.

By now we are ready to expect the unexpected. Social distancing is a term I never heard until last week, but it doesn't mean we need to be socially isolated.

As we adapt to this challenge, let's each be the person they want our neighbor, friend, relative to be and do for someone what you hope someone would do for you.

Call those living alone. Post a note on neighborhood social platforms to see if anyone needs something you can provide. Make an extra plate up for your neighbor. Or do as Dennis King did: find a way to make a human connection with someone not allowed visitors during this time.

Dennis and his siblings visited his 97-year old mom at Park View Health Center where they are in lockdown. He visited with his mom on the phone while holding a sign of support for her to see.

There are many small acts of kindness we can do that may not seem significant, but all the small acts build upon our foundation and fill in the gaps and cracks caused by stress of this situation. In the end, Oshkosh will be a better, more connected community.