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## Oshkosh spring temps continue to rise

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Fluctuations between warm and cold weather patterns in Oshkosh this month may be the result of global climate change.

Over the last few weeks, the fluctuation of temperatures has resulted from the rippling effect of a combination of phenomena known as La Niña, the Jet Stream and the polar vortex.

According to Beth Johnson, a UWO Fox Cities geology professor, the Midwest is emerging from the effects of La Niña, which is a pattern of Pacific trade winds that push warm water toward Asia and results in cold water along the west coasts of the Americas.

“Complicating this is the fact that the polar vortex circulation pattern was disrupted this year. With climate change, we are seeing that the Jet Stream is becoming more exaggerated in its path,” Johnson explains. “Parts of it will dip further down into the midlatitudes, which we experience as extreme cold spells in winter.”

As a result of dips in the Jet Stream, warm masses of air called sudden stratospheric warmings travel into polar regions. When springtime occurs, the warm masses of air will dissipate and can result in warm, dry spells, which is what occurred in early April.

“Yes, the 60 degree weather was nice, but it’s not typical for Wisconsin at this time of year,” Johnson said. The unexpected dry conditions have also prompted the Wisconsin DNR to issue burn bans earlier than usual this year.

According to Climate Central, an independent organization of scientists who report research findings on climate change and weather patterns, cities across the United States have been recording higher average spring temperatures for the past several decades.

“In our analysis of 243 cities across the U.S., 120 cities (49%)

have recorded an increase in average spring temperatures of 2°F or more over the past 50 years,” Climate Central said. “Further, 96% of cities (234) reported an increase in the number of above-normal spring days since 1970, with 81% of cities (196) reporting an increase of 5 days or more.”

Oshkosh has experienced a 1.3 °F increase in springtime temperatures since 1970, according to RCC-ACIS.org, the Applied Climate Information System.

A one or two degree difference in temperatures can have significant consequences. For instance, the change can lead to an unstable atmosphere, which leads to short- and long-term complications in weather patterns.

“Warmer air can hold more moisture, which will eventually come down as heavier precipitation events. In the wintertime, we would have less snow and fewer days below freezing,” Johnson explained.

The decrease in snow would affect Wisconsin tourism for the winter sports season, as well as impact local ecosystems.

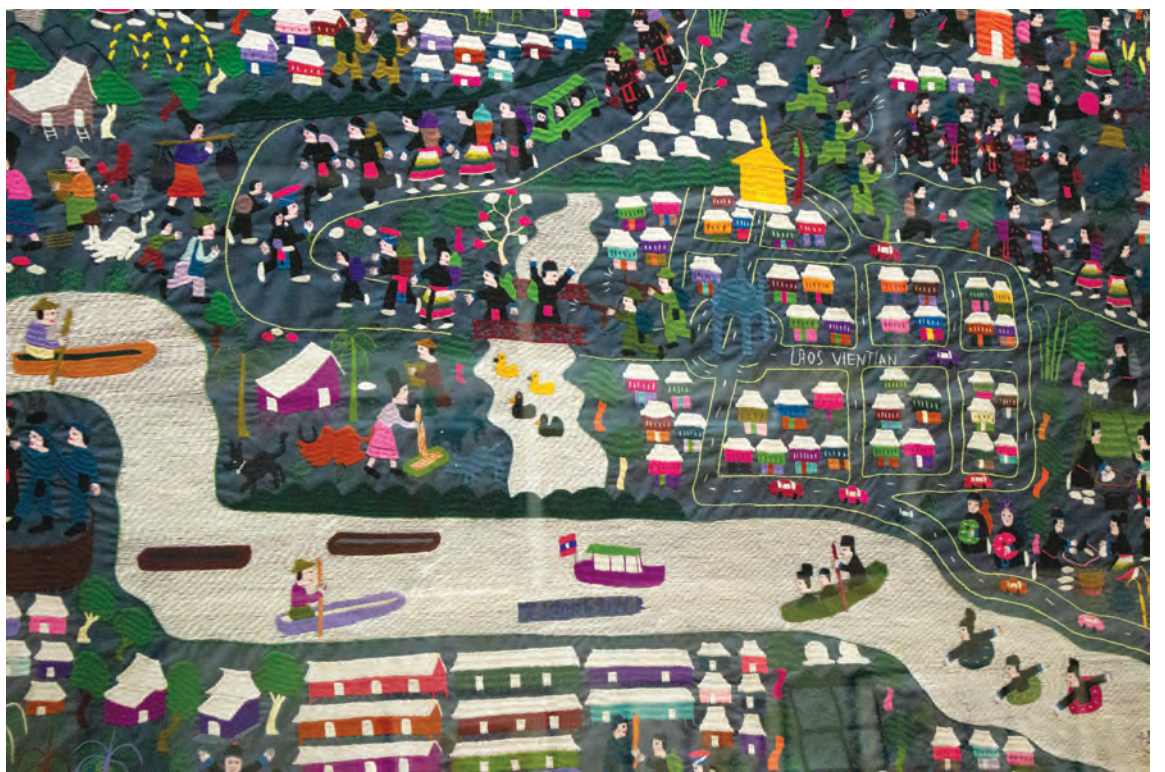
“We are seeing vegetation changes from cold-tolerant species to those that prefer warmer temperatures, as well as an increase in invasive insect species that had previously been kept in check by below-freezing temperatures,” Johnson said.

Those changes aren’t new, but they continue to be an alarming trend.

Conservationist, forester, educator, and outdoor enthusiast Aldo Leopold, who taught at UW-Madison in the 1930s and 1940s, tracked phenological changes for decades on his property outside

Baraboo, which became part of a book, “A Sand County Almanac.” He noted the connections between phenological events such as a plant blooming and a migratory bird arriving, and realized that if the two become out of sync, the bird may starve during a cold snap when flying insects become scarce.

“If America is to stay, she must have healthy land to live on, for and by,” Leopold wrote. “We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect.”



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Details from a paj ntaub located in Reeve Union, based on the Hmong exodus from Laos to Thailand.

## UWO stands to condemn Asian American hate

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Asian American racism, according to the Washington Post, has been around for over 160 years, following the immigration of Chinese men in the 1850s working in mines and on railroad construction, but it has been overshadowed for far too long. Only with recent attacks on Asians during the pandemic, including the Atlanta murders, has greater awareness been brought to the longstanding issues.

Once Chinese immigrants came in filling low-wage, dangerous jobs in the U.S., the racist trope of “Asians coming to steal white jobs” started.

In 1854, the case *People v. Hall* ruled that “people of Asian descent could not testify against a White person in court, virtually guaranteeing that Whites could escape punishment for anti-Asian violence.”

Countless other cases, massacres, acts, murders, riots and other forms of hatred have been targeted toward Asians. The pandemic has only heightened acts of hatred.

“The events that have been happening in America are horrible,” UW Oshkosh sophomore Olivia Ozbaki said. “The intentional targeting of Asian Americans horrifies me. I’ve always held fear of being attacked because I was different, but I didn’t think there would come a time where I need-

ed to legitimately fear losing my life for it.”

Ozbaki is Southern Chinese and shared that her most prominent experiences of racism were from her childhood and adolescence through forms of overt prejudice and microaggressions.

A scholarly article titled “Racial Microaggressions and the Asian American Experience” describes microaggressions as “subtle, stunning, often automatic exchanges which are ‘put downs.’ People of color experience them as subtle insults directed toward them, often automatically and unconsciously.”

The article further describes different forms of microaggressions such as microassaults, microinsults and microinvalidations.

Often, White Americans tend to dichotomize racial issues in Black and White terms, which leaves Asians and non-black people of color to have their experiences ignored.

“When I was younger, people tended to discriminate against me more physically rather than psychologically,” Ozbaki said. “I would be taunted for my dark tan skin color, the shape of my eyes, etc.”

She would be called derogatory terms such as “monkey,” “chink” and “Ching Chong.”

“I have been blessed to have experienced minimal racist incidents at Oshkosh, however that doesn’t mean they didn’t happen,” Ozbaki

said. “I actively work to avoid places and situations to keep myself from possibly experiencing a negative bias.”

At Oshkosh, she has dealt primarily with microaggressions or indirect encounters from people in classes and friends, surprisingly.

She has heard things such as, “Oh, you’re Asian so you MUST be really good at math” or statements such as “Don’t all Asians do or like x, y, z?”

The article states that when Asians are stereotyped academically that they are smart, especially in math and science, it may actually depress academic performance.

Even though it might be meant in a positive manner, one cannot assume another’s academic capabilities. This stereotype is a common belief of many white people.

Politics has also contributed massively to recent events.

Shantha Rau Barriga, the deputy executive director of Human Rights Watch, states that during former President Donald Trump’s presidency, his “reckless rhetoric over the past four years has created a safe space for people to voice their anger and hatred against minorities, normalizing bigotry.”

President Joe Biden was quick to condemn the “skyrocketing” of hate crimes against people of Asian descent since the start of the pandemic over a year ago, and so

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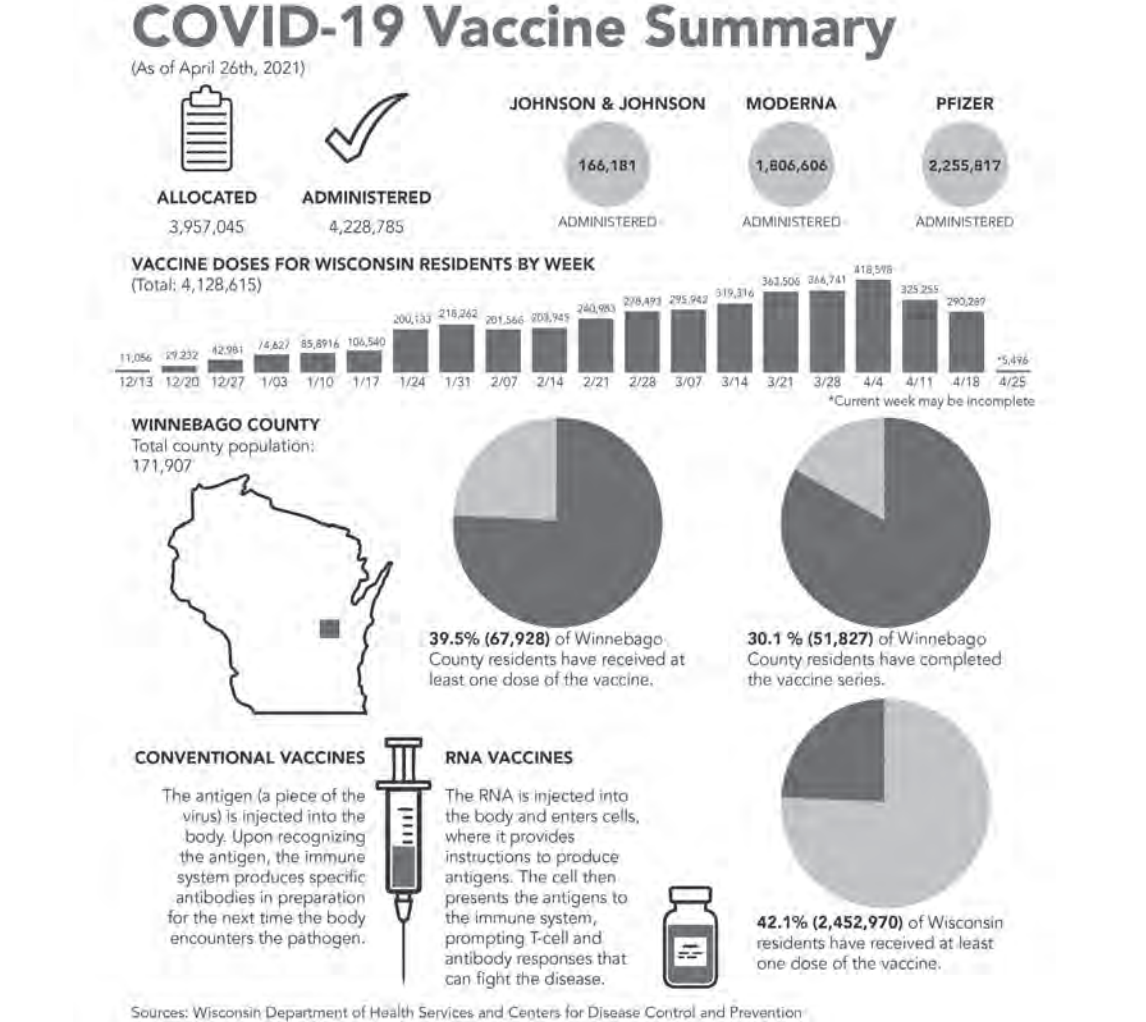
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# COVID-19 vaccine update

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The Winnebago County Health Department (WCHD) resumed administering the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine as COVID-19 cases caused by virus variants increased across the state.

Wisconsin temporarily suspended the single-dose J&J vaccine after six cases of a “rare and severe” type of blood clot were reported, but began administering it again after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved it for emergency use.

The Wisconsin Department of

Health Services (DHS) reported 10,596 total cases of the variant virus in the state, of which 349 variant cases were found in Winnebago County.

Variant cases make up less than 1% of all COVID-19 cases in the state.

Community vaccine sites continue to hold free walk-in vaccine clinics.

Anyone in Wisconsin aged 16 and older can get vaccinated for free — even if you can’t provide proof of residency, don’t have a valid state identification, or do not have insurance.

Pfizer is the only vaccine available for 16 and 17 year-olds, so not all sites administer vaccines to those under 18 as not all carry Pfizer.

The Culver Family Welcome Center has walk-in COVID-19 vaccinations for anyone aged 18 and up from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 12 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Culver Center is currently only administering the Moderna vaccine.

Roughly 30% of Winnebago County residents have completed their vaccine series, which is over 52,000 people.

# Hate: Asian racism persists

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was UWO.

Chancellor Andrew Leavitt released a statement to the university community after the murder of eight people, six identified as Asian, in Atlanta, Georgia on March 16.

“I reaffirm what I shared a year ago this week as the onset of pandemic fed racist stigmas and bias around the globe: bigotry has no place at UWO,” Leavitt said. “It threatens our safe campuses, jeopardizes our mental and emotional health and is destructive to the inclusive institution we are creating.”

The OSA Executive Board, UWO’s Hmong Studies Program, The Student Organization of Latinos, Hmong Student Union, African American Studies Club, Black Student Union, Rainbow Alliance for HOPE, Gentlemen of Excellence and Club Nippon all released statements regarding the surge of hate crimes against Asian Americans.

Junior Vice President Raiden Montero of Club Nippon has dealt with racism here on campus both before and after COVID-19 hit the U.S.

He is Thai/Chinese-American on his mother’s side and vividly remembers an experience when COVID-19 was getting very serious in China before it hit the U.S.

This experience happened when he went to pick up his girlfriend, a

foreign exchange student from Japan at the time, from the Appleton airport when she returned from Japan during winter break.

“I am a Japanese major, so naturally I spoke Japanese to her when I surprised her at the airport,” Montero said. “We were both conversing happily until I noticed that people were giving us very dirty looks once they saw two Asians speaking an Asian language they didn’t understand. That was when I really felt unwelcome here in Wisconsin.”

His girlfriend’s country is ethnically homogeneous, and she had never really dealt with racism prior to this incident. In March of 2020, a week before everyone was sent home, people were very “paranoid and xenophobic.”

“My head was always on a swivel whenever my girlfriend and I walked anywhere outside, fearing that someone would try to harm her or myself,” Montero said. “She wouldn’t walk anywhere without me because of the fear of being assaulted.”

Montero, similarly to Ozbaki, has also been called racial slurs, but he said he has endured it.

“With the fellowship of my other Asian classmates and friends, especially my three best friends who are all of Hmong descent, I’ve been able to remain strong in my ethnic pride and have been advocating for

all Asian students on campus during these trying times,” Montero said.

Even as Asian American racism is of certain relevancy, all forms of racism should be condemned.

The Asian Model Minority myth, according to the article, is a strong belief that Asians are somehow immune to the effects of racism.

NPR in the Wisconsin Public Radio, describes racial resentment as “moral feeling that Blacks violate such traditional American values as individualism and self reliance,” as defined by political scientists Donald Kinder and David Sears.

Ozbaki mentioned that Asians have been painted as a model minority in order to place Asian Americans against Black Americans, which is extremely harmful for both communities.

“Although Asian American racism is prominent right now, this isn’t the time to place the American Asian community’s racist experiences in superiority to other people of color’s racist experiences,” Ozbaki said. “This is the time to work on dismantling ALL racism.”

This story is made part by UWO students who took the time to share their experiences with discriminatory hate and violence. Oshkosh will not stand for discrimination and demands an inclusive community both on and off campus.

# PRSSA campaigns for donors

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On Thursday, April 22 the UW Oshkosh chapter of Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) treated UWO students and staff with donuts as part of their annual National Organ Donation Awareness Competition (NODAC) campaign.

The event, held in Reeve Memorial Union, was on behalf of non-profit organization Donate Life to advocate for national organ donation.

With the phrase, “Donut Forget to Donate,” printed across gift bags of donut holes, UWO PRSSA encouraged students and faculty members to take a pledge to sign up as national organ donors.

Students who stopped to learn about national organ donation and took the pledge to sign up as a donor not only received their donuts, but were also entered in a gift-card giveaway to take place at the end of the month.

This year’s campaign has consisted of sharing the stories of organ donors “gifting a moment” to someone in need as well as educating the community about the need for organ donation.

Set to be next year’s PRSSA president, UWO junior Justine Eron said, “We look at NODAC as a way to increase awareness about national organ donation rather than just state-wide.”

Eron and the other members of PRSSA are trying to inform the public that to register as a national donor instead of only state-wide, extra steps need to be taken.

Shared in the campaign, a Central Wisconsin Gift of Life page member, Alison Snortheim, took the time to share how an organ transplant saved her life.

“Someone took a moment so I could have another moment with my two beautiful children and my husband and the rest of the family,” Snortheim said.

Snortheim was able to spend more time with her friends and family after her sister donated a kidney to her.

While the campaign highlights inspiring experiences, informing people about the importance of organ donation can be difficult.

UWO senior Megan Sullivan, responsible for running the NODAC campaign as VP of Events, revealed, “It’s a tough topic to talk about...no one wants to talk about death.”

According to Donate Life, more than 100,000 men, women and children are on the waiting list for an organ transplant that could save their lives.

However, with more community members learning about organ donation and taking the pledge to become national organ donors, this number can begin to drop.

“Organ donation is beautiful in a way that your legacy gets to live on through other people,” Sullivan said. “If we can raise awareness in our community, we can create a ripple effect and save as many lives as possible.”



# Sports

## Titan Scores

**Baseball**  
Friday, April 23  
Finlandia University: 5  
UW Oshkosh: 8

Finlandia University: 3  
UW Oshkosh: 24

Saturday, April 24  
Finlandia University: 6  
UW Oshkosh: 10

Finlandia University: 15  
UW Oshkosh: 9

Sunday, April 25  
Finlandia University: 3  
UW Oshkosh: 9

Wednesday, April 28  
\*Game 1 vs. UW-Platteville  
\*Game 2 vs. UW-Platteville

**Softball**  
Friday, April 23  
UW Oshkosh: 3  
UW-River Falls: 5

Wednesday, April 28  
\*Game 1 vs. UW-Whitewater  
\*Game 2 vs. UW-Whitewater

**Track and Field**  
Friday, April 23  
Men: unscored  
Women: unscored

Saturday, April 24  
UW-Whitewater Drake  
Alternative Meet  
Men: unscored  
Women: unscored

St. Norbert College Invitational  
Men: 1/7 (167)  
Women: 1/7 (188)

**Women's Golf**  
Saturday, April 24  
UW-Oshkosh : 4/10, 336

**Women's Tennis**  
Saturday, April 24  
UW-Eau Claire: lost 9-0  
UW-Stout: lost 7-2

## Calendar Thursday

**Track and Field:** UW-Oshkosh High Jump & Throws Invitational at noon.

## Friday

**Women's Golf:** WIAC Championship at Reedsburg Country Club at noon.  
**Track and Field:** Wartburg College Friday Night Lights Meet at noon and UW-Platteville Border Battle at 1 p.m.  
**Softball:** at UW-Stout at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

## Saturday

**Women's Golf:** WIAC Championship at Reedsburg Country Club at 10 a.m.  
**Baseball:** vs UW-Platteville at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

\* - Check the UWO athletics page for results



Courtesy of Ricky Nelson

Senior Acacia Tupa smashed her first home run of the season on April 22 in UWO's 8-7 win over UWSP. In her last four games, Tupa has had one home run, four RBIs and four runs. She also leads UWO in stolen bases on the season with six.

## UWO softball goes 2-2 on the road

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The softball team had a busy week last week, playing four games on the road against UW-Stevens Point and UW-River Falls and winning half of them.

The Titans first traveled to Stevens Point, where they went .500 in the double-header.

In game one the Titans won 8-7. Maddie Fink was credited with the win as she went six innings allowing seven runs on 11 hits with one strikeout in the contest. The Ti-

tans had an 8-0 lead in the second inning, and the Pointers almost clawed their way back into the game, quieting the Titans' bats and scoring seven runs of their own. Mia Crotty got her first save of the season in the contest.

In game two of the double-header against Stevens Point, the Titans got smacked, losing 12-4 in the contest. Crotty was handed the loss in this contest, as she went five innings allowing seven runs (five earned) and had three strikeouts in this one. The Pointers' bats came alive as they scored six runs

in the fifth and sixth innings. This game only went six innings.

Then the Titans traveled to River Falls on Saturday to take on the Falcons in the final double header of the week.

The Titans won game one of the double-header 6-5. Once again Fink earned the win in this one, pitching the entire game giving up six hits and five runs (three earned) with seven strikeouts in this effort. The bats were quiet from both teams, as there were only 10 hits in the entire game.

In game two, the Titans lost by

a score of 5-3. Claire Petrus was given the loss in this one as she went three innings allowing five hits and two runs and only getting one strikeout. The Titans stranded seven runners on base as the offense picked up slightly, but the run production did not.

This week the Titans look to play Whitewater for a double-header on Wednesday and then Stout on Friday for another double-header. The Titans will continue this road trip as both of these games will be away. Their next home game is on May 4.

## Track team prepares for conference

By Jalen Dixon  
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The UW Oshkosh track and field team split in half to compete at meets in Michigan, St. Norbert's and Whitewater this weekend.

In Michigan, the Titans had just four athletes perform, and the scores from the meet were not kept. In their meet at UW-Whitewater the scores were also not kept, but the Titans still had one first-place finish during the meet and seven place-winning efforts.

In their third meet at St. Norbert's, the Titans finished first out of the seven teams that participated for their outstanding win on Saturday.

The Titans' incredible work ethic and hard work paid off with their 29 place-winning events at the invitational.

"We did a great job at the St. Norbert's meet," freshman thrower Tay'Jion Johnson said. "I couldn't have been more satisfied with my team's performance."

The Titans' busy month of April will continue this Thursday, where they will be at home for their high jump and throws invitational. The week doesn't stop there, as the Ti-

tans will have a meet at UW-Platteville and a meet at Wartburg College in Iowa on Friday.

All these meets and events can do a number on the team's bodies, but the Titans train for weeks just like the one they have this week.

"It will be tough to recover our bodies in such a short time span," Johnson stated. "I still believe though we are well trained and prepared for these types of situations."

Sophomore sprinter Amitai Wheat stated that as the weeks wind down, the team is resting as much as they can in order to prepare for the conference tournament that begins on May 7.

"This is a tempering period for us," Wheat said. "We have our conference championship next week and we are planning to load up every event that we can and try to win conference."

These meets will end the Titans' busy month of April, and they will then be preparing for the month of May where the Titans plan to qualify for Nationals and get to the big stage.

The Titans will whatever they need to do to finish out April with a bang.

"We have to attack these two



Katie Pulvermacher / Advance-Titan

Following the three meets taking place during this upcoming weekend, UWO will compete at the WIAC Championship starting on May 7 at UW-River Falls.

separate meets that we have coming Friday," Wheat said.

"The majority of our field events are going to travel to Platteville and the majority of our sprinters will travel to Wartburg. Wartburg is a very competitive

meet because every team there is ranked in the top ten, so we've got to go out there and compete hard."

Be sure to catch the Titans when they are at home on Thursday for the high jump and throws invitational.



# Titans score 66 runs in five games

By Jonathon Samp  
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The Titans baseball team had a five-game home stand against Finlandia University this past weekend, and the Titans did some damage, sweeping the Lions in a dominating fashion.

Game one of the series was on Friday, April 23, and it was the closest of the five as the Titans won by a score of 8-5. It was a see-saw game as momentum swings were present throughout the entire game.

The Lions had an early home run, but the Titans responded with three runs in the bottom of the first. In the fourth inning, the Lions began to march back and take the lead from the Titans, scoring four runs in the inning and making the score 5-3.

The Titans responded as they chipped away at the lead with Matt Scherrman’s sacrifice fly and Grif-fith Lukes’s RBI single. The Titans then controlled the rest of the game with Jarrett Scheelk’s single which scored two and then Matt Scherrman’s triple, which added one more. The winning pitcher was Harry Orth as he went 3 ½ innings, allowing no runs and one hit. He also had four strikeouts while on the bump.

Trevor Niedzwiecki also got his second save of the season in the contest.

Game two was a much different story as the Titans demolished the Lions winning 24-3. The Titan bats were hot in this one, as the Titan player stat lines looked like video game numbers.

Ethan Schreier went 2-3 with four runs and one RBI, Hunter Staniske went 3-4 with three runs and six RBIs and Scheelk also went 3-4 with four runs, five RBIs and 2 HRs. Scheelk was also the winning pitcher in this one, as he went five innings giving up one run on two

hits and had seven strikeouts. This game only went seven innings due to the run rule being applied. Game three (Saturday, April 24) had a closer scoreboard as the Titans won by a score of 10-6. The bats quieted down a bit from the night before as the Titans had 13 hits. As a team, the Titans had left seven runners stranded on base in this game.

The winning pitcher in this game was Alex Larson, who went six innings, giving up four runs on six hits and seven strikeouts. Niedzwiecki got the save again as he went two-thirds of an inning and pitched a shutout.

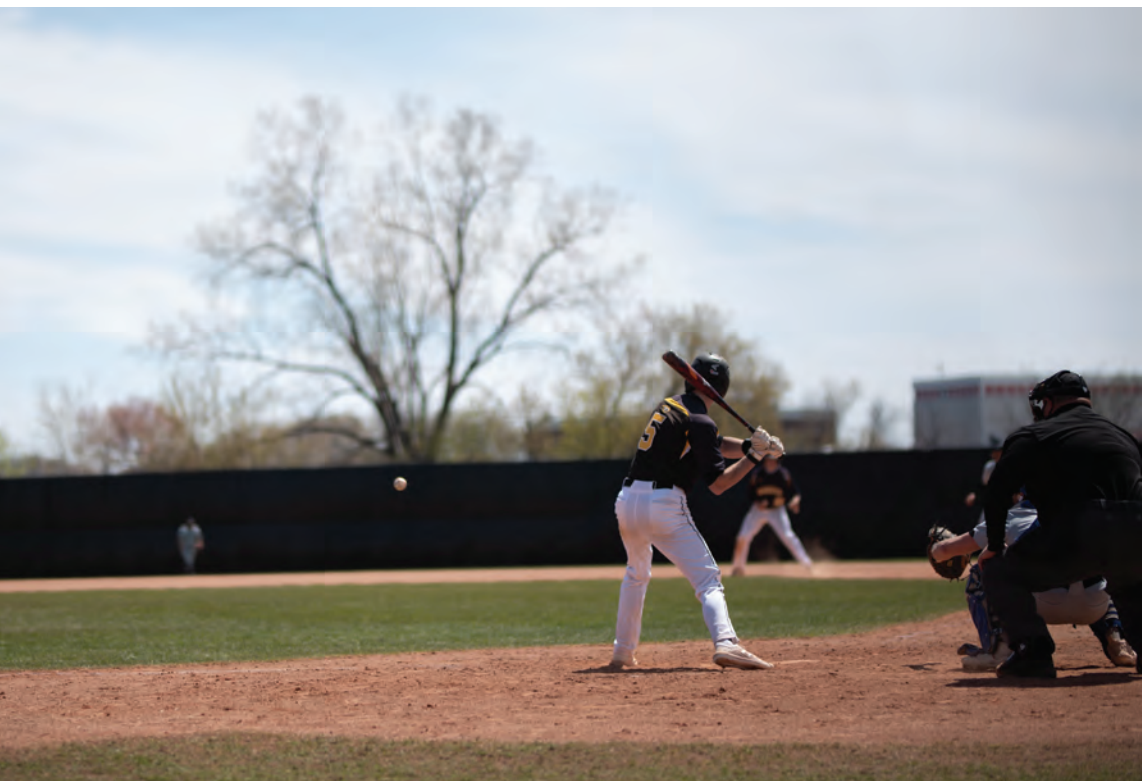
Game four was another dominant win for the Titans as they won by a score of 15-9.

Much of the offensive production came from Staniske, who went 4-4 with four RBIs and four runs, Scheelk, who had another productive game as he went 2-4, with four RBIs and two runs, Connor Giusti went 2-4 as well with three RBIs and three runs and Eric Modaff went 3-6 with two RBIs and two runs.

The pitcher credited with the win was Scherrman, who tossed for seven innings and allowed seven runs (six earned) and had 11 strikeouts.

Finally, in Game five (Sunday), the Titans had won by a score of 9-3. The Titans as a team totaled nine hits in this one. Scheelk added another home run to his season total, and leadoff batter Modaff hit a triple in the contest. The pitcher credited with the win was Will Michalski as he went eight innings allowing two runs and had himself 10 strikeouts in the contest.

The Titans look to UW-Platteville on Wednesday and then again Saturday this week.



April Lee / Advance-Titan  
In the five-game series against Finlandia University this past weekend, Staniske went 10-18 behind the plate with two home runs, 13 RBIs and eight runs. Staniske currently has a .506 batting average, the best in the conference, on the year.

# Injured football coach in good spirits

By Cory Sparks  
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Mark Angeletti, the defensive line coach for the UW Oshkosh football team, is in good spirits and is on the road to recovery roughly a month after being involved in a car accident that severely injured him.

On March 15, Angeletti was heading to one of his favorite fishing spots when he was involved in a single-car crash, suffering nine broken ribs, as well as a punctured lung, fractured pelvis, broken bones in his leg and a concussion.

Since then, a GoFundMe was organized by Jill Endries, former UW Oshkosh admissions director, to help with everyday expenses. Endries has been talking with Angeletti’s wife regarding updates his condition.

“He is at home and is very heavily engaged with physical therapy and is in recovery,” Endries said. “His wife said that he is really motivated to get better and get well. It’s still going to be a pretty long road, but right now everything is very positive.”

Endries also said that as Angeletti recovers, both he and his wife are not working, so the purpose of the GoFundMe was to raise enough

money to cover bills and other daily expenses for a year to support the family.

“The GoFundMe was designed to help the family with day-to-day expenses,” she said. “Coach Angeletti is not working, and his wife is currently not working in order to be able to provide him care at home, so they’re without both of those incomes.”

Endries said that the support from the community was an amazing thing to see. Even after the goal was raised a few times until it topped out at \$24,000, Titan nation exceeded expectations by raising \$26,724.

“We hope to be able to pay for day-to-day expenses like rent, utilities or any of those other kinds of bills that are there all of the time whether you’re working or not,” Endries said. “This community just came through with flying colors and blew us out of the water with how they responded and with the strength of their responses.”

For those still wanting to contribute to Angeletti and his family, the GoFundMe page can be accessed at [gofund.me/f81d490e](https://gofund.me/f81d490e).



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# UWO golf finishes fourth at spring fling meet



Courtesy of Beth Hubbard  
Freshman Ava Downie shot an 18-hole score of 88 at the UW-Whitewater spring fling meet. This was landed her in 25th place overall among the 57 women competing at the event. Downie’s lowest round of the year was an 82 at the UW-Whitewater Invitational on April 17.

By Cory Sparks  
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The UW Oshkosh women’s golf team finished fourth out of the 10 teams at the UW-Whitewater spring fling meet in Janesville last Saturday.

After finishing up a thirty-six hole meet on April 17, the UWO team played its third consecutive round of 18 holes at the Riverside Golf Course. UWO put up their lowest 18-hole score of the season with a 336, a 46 stroke improvement from their first meet of the year where they put up a score of 382 at the Carthage College firebird invitational.

Head coach Beth Hubbard notices her team’s progress, and she said the lower the team’s scores get, the more confident she is in her players’ abilities going into the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) tournament.

“We finished with a team low score 336 for the season, which is exactly where we want to be, riding that momentum into the conference championship,” Hubbard said.

Sophomore golfer Lauryn Davis became the first UWO member to shoot below 80 on 18 holes this year by putting up a score of 79.

Hubbard said Davis’ mindset helped her just as much as her sound mechanics did this past weekend.

“Lauryn has a strong mental game along with her strong golf game, both that really shined this weekend,” she said.

UWO has finished in at least the

top half of the field in all four of its meets so far.

Hubbard said that the hard work put forth by each of her golfers makes them all astounding players and that the overall success reflects the respect they have for each other and the game.

“I believe what makes us such a strong team is that each player is a team leader,” Hubbard said. “They have confidence in the team, they respect each other and they demonstrate a strong work ethic.”

Even with the team putting up some impressive numbers so far this season, Hubbard sees working around the greens as an aspect of the game that can never be emphasized enough.

“We’ll continue this week, focusing on approach shots and [our] short game,” she said. “My dad used to always say ‘your short game is the last to come and the first to go,’ so we are continuing to work on lag putts and chipping to capitalize on birdie opportunities.”

The WIAC championship will take place from Friday to Sunday at Reedsburg Country Club in Reedsburg with tee times at noon on Friday and at 10 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Hubbard believes that there is no ceiling for this team’s capabilities come tournament time.

“Every player on this team is capable of a strong performance at conference,” she said. “If we continue to adjust course management over the three-day tournament and stay mentally strong, we have a

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## UWO tennis team looks ahead to next year

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The UW Oshkosh women’s tennis team concluded their season with a pair of losses against UW-Eau Claire and UW-Stout in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) tournament in Whitewater on Saturday.

UWO competed as a seven seed in the seven-team tournament and lost to UWEC, the two seed, by a score of 9-0 to start the tournament off.

The closest match was a singles matchup between UWO junior Michelle Spicer and UWEC’s Elaine Franta. Franta won the first set 6-2, but Spicer managed to make the second set close by only losing it 7-5.

This year’s WIAC tournament was double elimination, so UWO got a second chance.

UWO’s consolation matchup was against UWS, but they dropped the match by a score of 7-2.

Freshman Maddie Toboyek won her singles matchup against Stout’s Annie Sandry 6-3, 7-5, and Toboyek and Spicer teamed up to win a doubles matchup against Sandry and Lauren Couves 8-6.

UWO finished their season with an 0-9 record overall and an 0-6 record in conference competition.

Spicer, the singles one player for UWO, is proud of the team’s effort considering the odd circumstances. With only six players on the 2021 spring roster, head coach Robert LeBuhn had to put some players in both singles and doubles competition.

“I think the team’s performance

and effort given our circumstances was great,” Spicer said. “Being a student athlete alone is hard on a team, but having six players made it a little more complicated. I really commend the women on my team and their ability to adjust so quickly to such a small team.”

Spicer stepped into a huge role as the singles one player this year. She stated that the role was tough for her, as she went 2-7 in singles competition this year.

“Given the circumstances, I had a tougher year than I have had in the past years,” she said. “Going from four singles last year to one singles was a big jump for me and it was hard for me to get back on track.”

Spicer said that she will be breaking her game down and focusing on her groundstrokes this offseason in order to better herself as a tennis player.

“The thing that I intend on focusing on in the offseason is my groundstrokes,” she said. “I feel like they could have been a lot stronger with more practice and this offseason I’ll have more time to put into practicing them.”

If WIAC competition resumes its normal schedule next school year, the UWO tennis team will have a quick turnaround and will begin its next season in the fall.

Spicer intends to finish her college career off in the best way possible when the Titans play in the WIAC championship next.

“Heading into the offseason, my focus is hopefully being able to return next year and finish my senior year off successfully in the WIAC conference,” she said.



# Titan Stadium is too far from campus

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J. J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium, originally built in 1970 and renovated in 2004 for nearly \$10 million, is where football, soccer and outdoor track & field events take place.

According to Visit Oshkosh, “J.J. Keller Field is home to what is considered Wisconsin’s third-most valued field behind Lambeau Field and Camp Randall Stadium.”

As great as the stadium and field may be, it is disadvantageous in the fact that it is nearly a 40 minute walk from the center of campus at Dempsey Hall.

This may not be an inconvenience for students that have a vehicle on campus, but for those who do not, this is quite a trek.

I have seen the green GO Transit busses around campus, but personally, I was never informed on how students could access them. After further research, I found a website with a form to fill out for a monthly bus pass for faculty, students and staff to access free rides.

Besides taking the GO Transit, some might prefer walking, but as the walk is so long, this might become discouraging. If Oshkosh was able to cut the walking time in half by building a new bridge across the Fox



Katie Pulvermacher / Advance-Titan

The J. J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium is a 40 minutes walk away the main UWO campus.

River, getting to the stadium would be much easier.

Currently, there are four main bridges across the Fox River. These bridges are on Congress Ave, which is the farthest north; on WI Trunk 44, which is the one most used to get to the stadium; on Jackson and Oregon streets; and on

North Main Street, which is the furthest south.

A good place to put another bridge would be a bit south of the Ceramics Lab connecting campus on the Wiouwash Trail, to south of the Lakeside Marina next to the stadium on the other side of the Fox River.

To cut back on costs of this expenditure, this would be

solely a walking/biking bridge. This would cut back on the amount of concrete needed to make a standard Oshkosh bridge wide enough for four lanes of travel. It would function as the other four bridges would and break apart in the middle to make sure boats fit under in passing.

Sometimes athletes have to

travel to the stadium for practice, and they find the trek frustrating.

“It’s a hassle to have the stadium that far away,” freshman track & field athlete Alaina Wagner said. “We have to coordinate rides and make sure everyone, including underclassmen, have rides there and back. It’s inconvenient that the stadium is not on campus.”

When the track team is recruiting incoming athletes, the fact that our stadium is so far away from campus might be a reason athletes do not commit to UWO. Parents and fans may also have problems finding our stadium across the river, as most UW campuses have their stadiums right on campus for easy access.

Oshkosh is hosting a meet for a couple UW conference schools for high jump and throws on April 29. Because the track is so weathered down and has no grip for spikes, Oshkosh cannot host running events. Multiple athletes have mentioned hoping that the track gets redone so we can host more diverse events again.

By closer connecting our campus to the stadium, more opportunities will open up for those without transportation to get to the stadium and immerse more in the college experience once events start back up.

# A-T staffers’ favorite places to study

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With finals week just around the corner, students will be flocking to various places around campus to prepare for their exams.

If you’re in need of inspiration for where to do your last-minute cramming, here are some of the preferred study spots of the Advance-Titan staff.

### Lexi Langendorf, Arts and Entertainment Editor

This semester, I’ve spent a lot of time studying in my apartment due to COVID-19. Normally, however, my favorite study spots are either somewhere outdoors or at cafes with friends.

If the weather is nice during finals week this year, I’ll definitely be studying outside as much as possible. I generally keep it pretty simple and just lay a blanket out on the ground somewhere. And I always love to have something to sip on, like iced coffee or tea. I believe that the best study spot is outdoors because it provides a relaxing environment that helps soothe the stress finals week brings. The fresh air and sunny atmosphere really put me in my element and help me to stay



Owen Peterson / Advance-Titan

The Sage study rooms require no reservations and come with a white board, TV and, most importantly, multiple roly chairs.

focused.

### Cory Sparks, Managing Editor and Sports Editor

My favorite place to study is the third floor lounge on Taylor because it is both a quiet place and convenient area to study. By not having to go too far from my dorm, this is an accessible place that I can use to study at any time.

### Sami Christiansen, Assistant Social Media Manager

I really enjoy Sage third floor study rooms. I started going to the third floor because typically that was where my classes were, and if I go early enough in the morning, there is usually one open, and it just became a sort of habit. I like that I can write out and visualize my

ideas on the whiteboard, and there is enough space where I can meet with classmates or friends, or work alone depending on the project and the day. The orange color is bright and keeps me awake, and the roll-y chairs are just fun enough to not be a distraction. I encourage you to try studying there if you need a quiet, clean and distraction free environment,

as long as you leave one open for me!

### Katie Pulvermacher, Opinion and News Writer

If I’m not studying on the second floor of north Polk by the big windows, you can probably find me in the basement of my dorm, Stewart. Stewart’s basement is a great place for me to study at night and crank out a bunch of assignments. No one is ever down there around 8 p.m., and it’s fun to bring a friend, listen to music and study.

### Owen Peterson, Opinion Editor

My favorite place to study has to be the north third floor of Polk. It’s probably one of the quietest and most secluded places on campus, so it’s perfect for focusing and finishing a 10-page paper the day before it’s due. The down side to that, of course, is that every time you accidentally make noise, it feels 10 times louder than it actually is, but I’m pretty sure that’s a fair tradeoff. Also, that section of the library is always super warm, which makes it amazing in the winter months.



Arts & Entertainment

‘Flower Boy’ combines pop and rap melodies

Tyler, the Creator’s quest for pop sensibilities

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Tyler Okonma, better known as Tyler, the Creator, released “Flower Boy” four years ago.

In 2017, the 30-year-old world phenomenon introduced a more emotional and serious side to his creative world.

In prior releases, the rapper made music that was crudely humorous and oftentimes offensive to many people.

“Flower Boy” opened the opportunity for Tyler to produce serious rap songs with excellent pop melodies.

This record opened the door to new sonic exploration and laid the foundation for future pop landscapes like “EARFQUAKE” and “ARE WE STILL FRIENDS?”

His new interpretation of songwriting and the music world would help him to reach a new fan base and make successful albums like “IGOR.”

In “Flower Boy,” Tyler uses more emotion and a voyage of self-discovery to grab his fans’ attention unlike any previous albums he has constructed.

“See You Again” possesses excellent melody and presents an empty narrative, where Tyler is longing for companionship.

The beginning of the track is very catchy, with Tyler rambling on about 20-20 vision.

The song then unfolds into an emotional roller coaster with a thumping beat and swooning orchestral instrumentals.

This track is a catchy, love-embellished experience and apparently Tyler, the Creator’s favorite track of this masterpiece.

On this track, Tyler confesses his feelings for his love interest.

“Wonder if you look both ways when you cross my mind, I said, I’m sick of chasing. You’re the one that’s always running through my day dreams, I can only see your face when I close my eyes.”

The next song on the album is titled, “Who Dat Boy.”

Accompanied by A\$AP Rocky, this track starts off with a haunting piano progression that unravels into distorted bass and a heavy drum beat.

The eerie sample in the beginning of the track is a great addition because it makes Tyler, the Creator’s verse seem more intense than it actually is.

The contrast of the eerie piano tones with the thundering bass sounds creates a superb contrast in sound.

This track doesn’t seem to have much lyrical significance; it’s more so an opportunity for the two rappers to flaunt their prosperity and success.

The instrumental on this song is my favorite part.

Tyler, the Creator’s verses overshadow A\$AP Rocky’s contributions, but nevertheless, he is a good addition to the song.

This one song inspired me to hear the whole record when it was released in June of 2017 as a single.

His vision for this album was

clear: melody, while still remaining a poet with rugged ideologies.

On the track “911/ Mr. Lonely,” we see Tyler putting all of these efforts into one song.

While the beginning is melodic with a soothing instrumental, Tyler keeps listeners on their toes with a semi-aggressive attack.

The chiming instrumental enters the sound realm, and a calm vocal section unfolds into the chorus.

“Garden Shed” opens with a dreamy guitar chord progression played by Tyler.

A slow drum beat, thunderous bass line and synth pad are incorporated around the 30-second mark.

The first minute could easily be mistaken for a laid-back indie rock tune.

Tyler, the Creator doesn’t start rapping until the second half of the song, but the track is an excellent instrumental with the addition of rhymes added at the ending.

This album has a theme of encapsulating the listener with the instrumental for a minute or two before Tyler begins his verse.

It’s not boring or bland either, because the instrumentals are coordinated very well.

This album was a turning point in Tyler, the Creator’s career, and I think people will look back and realize the impact it had on his music.

He has grown tremendously as an artist, and all of his releases have contributed something special to the rap world.

But “Flower Boy” helped to introduce great pop melodies, experimental instrumentation and extraordinary rapping into one project.



Courtesy of Tyler, the Creator



This week in UWO history

**April 29, 1960** — The Health and Physical Education Building was rededicated as the George S. Albee Hall, and replaced the gymnasium that was built in 1909. Gov. Walter Kohler spoke at the rededication.

**April 30, 1992** — About 400 people protested on campus concerning the recent acquittal of four Los Angeles police officers charged with the beating of motorist Rodney King. After meeting on the steps of Polk Library for one hour, the protestors peacefully marched on campus chanting “Fire up! Ain’t gonna take no more!” Prior to the demonstration, campus group Brothers’ United marched to the city of Oshkosh’s Public Safety building, the Winnebago County Courthouse and back onto campus.

**May 1, 1987** — Eight female Oshkosh students raised almost \$350 while playing “Uno” for 48 hours to help benefit cerebral palsy research. Ten children with the condition lended their support to the participants while

they played in Webster Hall’s main lounge. Ann Powell drew a record of 20 consecutive cards during the Uno-A-Thon, while Kim Mueller stayed awake the longest at 46 hours.

**May 2, 1993** — The four-day showing at Kolf Physical Education Center of the “Patches of Life” AIDS Memorial Quilt concluded. About 9,400 people saw the 888 quilt panels sewn together and learned more about AIDS. The entire collection – too large to show in its entirety – contained 26,000 patches from 29 countries.

**May 4, 1872** — The Oshkosh Normalities played their first ever baseball game. Over a three-day series they defeated the city high school, 60-58. Oshkosh went on to play their first intercollegiate game two years later against Ripon College.

**May 5-6, 1970** — Several students barricaded Algoma Boulevard, claiming the street should be closed due to safety reasons. A clash with police shortly erupted over the street safety issue and the Kent State shootings. In all, 20 students were arrested and six police officers were injured

Source: UWO Archives



Algoma Riots on May 5-6, 1970.

‘Demon Slayer’ is heartwarming

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Many movies hit theaters this past weekend, and one of them was remarkably different from the rest.

“Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba the Movie: Mugen Train” was released in the U.S. on April 23 and became very successful at the box office within just three days of showings.

This animated film had a run in Japan back in fall 2020 and just made its way to the U.S. this past weekend.

An article for Forbes titled “‘Demon Slayer’ and ‘Mortal Combat’ Both Score Flawless Victories At Friday Box Office” by staff writer Scott Mendelson reported the earnings.

“Released by Funimation, ‘Demon Slayer’ earned a whopping \$9.5 million on Friday (counting Thursday previews),” Mendelson said. “Which will likely lead to \$20 million Friday through Sunday in just 1,600 theaters.”

It already had success in Japan as well, earning over \$400 million, making it the highest grossing film ever in Japan, Mendelson

said.

The movie is a continuation the anime “Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaibu” that was released back in 2018, and picks up directly where season one left off.

The plot is simple to follow for those who have watched the season beforehand, but may be hard for those new to this series.

To put it simply, a boy trying to save his possessed sister hops on a train with his companions to fight a demon that is wreaking havoc on passengers of the train.

While this film may turn some away due its anime style movie, there’s more to it than what appears.

The film evokes many emotions, including a sad but heartwarming message throughout.

It looks into familial relationships, such as losing family members, wishing things had or had not been said and learning that sometimes you have to let things go no matter how much they hurt.

No spoilers, but the ending of this film is certainly one that causes a few tears to be shed, ending with a message that resonates after viewing.



# Bye Gosh Fest returns

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After being canceled last spring due to COVID-19, Bye Gosh Fest will make its return this year in a matter of weeks and be held on May 6 at 3 p.m.

It will be the first big event that Oshkosh has hosted since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

This year, the Reeve Union Board has picked B.o.B., a popular rapper, singer and songwriter, as the main Bye Gosh Fest 2021 performing artist.

Best known for his songs “Airplanes,” “HeadBand,” “Strange Clouds” and “Nothin’ on You,” B.o.B. will do a virtual performance which will be live-streamed in Reeve Union Ballroom 227 and Reeve Union 307.

Students will also have the option to watch the virtual concert from home when they register.

In addition to B.o.B., Carson Blake will perform at 3 p.m. at the outdoor Horizon Amphitheater, Happy to Be Here will perform at 4 p.m. in Reeve Ballroom 227 and The Astronomers will perform at 5 p.m. also in Reeve 227.

From 3 to 6 p.m., walking tacos and popcorn will be served at the Reeve Marketplace Patio.

Grab n’ go crafts in Reeve 227, in-person crafts in Reeve 221, tie dye on the lawn between Reeve and Horizon and a photo wall and customizable street signs in the Reeve concourse will also be available from 3 to 5 p.m.

No bags will be allowed besides small wallets, clutches and fanny packs, and all bags will be subject to search.

Bags, beverages or liquids, cigarettes or e-cigarettes (including Juuls), drones, food, illegal drugs, noisemakers, pets, selfie sticks, signs, umbrellas or weapons will not be permitted inside the event grounds.

Bye Gosh Fest is generally held rain or shine, subject to safety guidelines. If it rains, the concerts and activities will continue. If lightning threatens, Bye Gosh Fest events will be delayed at minimum, canceled at worst.

This year, no tickets will be required in order for students to attend the event, but they will need to pre-register in order to get the link to the virtual concert with B.o.B.

Only UWO students will be allowed to participate in the in-person Bye Gosh Fest activities this year, but guests are welcome to enjoy the virtual options.

For the in-person activities, students should stop at one of several check-in desks around Reeve Union with their TitanCard to get a wristband.

Music events and activities will have room capacities and be expected to follow university COVID-19 protocols, including face coverings, designated seating for eating and drinking, social distancing and hand sanitizing stations.



Courtesy of Reeve Union  
Bye Gosh Fest was last held on May 9, 2019 featuring performances by Elley Duhé and Hoodie Allen.

# 10th annual Bird Fest this weekend



Courtesy of Oshkosh Bird Fest  
Attendees will have the opportunity to see birds such as owls, hawks and falcons up close in the event’s Live Birds of Prey Walk.

## A full day of informative activities

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Since COVID-19 and the stay-at-home orders began, many events, including Bird Fest, were canceled.

However, this year, Bird Fest is back, and it’s happening this Saturday at Menominee Park.

The event will happen rain or shine, starting at 6 a.m. and ending around noon, and it is set up for both beginners and experts.

It will be the 10th year Bird Fest has been celebrated, with it being canceled last year because of COVID-19.

With COVID-19 still present, the planning committee has planned activities that allow for social distancing and will be enforcing face coverings at the event.

From 6 a.m. to noon, the day will be spent in a 17-foot diameter circle for a “Big Sit,” a unique way to bird watch. The website says to bring binoculars and a chair to sit and watch the birds.

They also have Anita Carpenter, an enthusiastic birder and naturalist, coming to help teach people

about the birds that visit Oshkosh.

Also planned is a bird banding demonstration by licensed bird bander Dick Nikolai, where people will learn how to identify certain birds based upon the aluminum bands on their legs.

Attendees can also join Kelli Bahls on a bird walk from 8 a.m. or 9:30 a.m.

According to the website, there are also activities for kids to learn about birds, such as a bird walk and a student bird art virtual exhibit.

The Live Birds of Prey Walk by Aves Wildlife Alliance will include three stations of birds featuring owls, hawks and falcons.

Kids can visit each station and learn about the beautiful birds and why they are important. It’s a great opportunity to ask questions and observe these awesome birds up close.

According to the event website, Bird Fest started in 2011 when a committee of volunteers put it together to celebrate International Migratory Bird day and to recognize Oshkosh as a bird city.

Janet Wissink, chairperson of Bird Fest, said that Oshkosh was awarded recognition as a Bird City in 2010, and recertified each year since with “high flyer” status in the Bird City Wisconsin program.

“Oshkosh is a bird friendly community,” she said. “And is committed to implementing

sound conservation practices and educating its residents to play an increased role in making our community healthy for birds and people.”

Wissink said that more than 100 Bird City communities are at the forefront of efforts to forge a statewide coalition of citizens and public officials who recognize that birds are more than beautiful – they are significant.

“Bird City communities go above and beyond in their conservation and education actions,” Wissink said.

Oshkosh Bird Fest is a city event organized by volunteers from Oshkosh Bird Club, Oshkosh Sustainability Advisory Board, Oshkosh Zoological Society, Wild Ones Fox Valley Area and Winnebago Audubon. It is entirely funded by donations.

For more information about the event, follow the Facebook page or check out the website for the full list of activities and photographs at oshkoshbirdfest.com/schedule.html.

“Oshkosh Bird Fest is an opportunity for the community to learn more about the birds that visit our backyards; why they are important; and how we can provide good habitat that offers food, water and shelter,” Wissink said.