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Vote, fools

It's your fucking right

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You can't help but know that an election will be held next week. You likely have been bombarded by TV, radio and social media ads and flyers in your mail.

You may think your vote doesn't matter, but it couldn't be further from the truth. According to Global Citizen, "American youth have one of the lowest voting turnouts in the world." Yet, young people make up more than one-third of eligible voters, meaning that your vote does matter and can have a huge impact on election results.

Some local races are decided by only a few votes — so make yours a vote that counts.

We are just a few short days away from the election and knowing where to start can be a bit overwhelming for even the most seasoned voter. This semester, the UW Oshkosh Center for Civic and Community Engagement (CCCE) created voter resources to help ensure voters are prepared at the polls next week. Here are the steps to help you vote on Nov. 8.

Register to vote

In order to vote, you will need to be registered. A simple Google search of "how to register to vote" will lead you to myvote.wi.gov. Here you can search by using your name and birthdate to check the

status of your registration.

If you are not yet registered, simply follow the step-by-step instructions to get registered. You will need to provide a proof of residence document, such as a valid Wisconsin driver's license or state ID, a bank or credit card statement or other documents that include your name and current address. You can find the complete list at myvote.wi.gov.

You can also register on voting day at your local polling location, but be sure to plan ahead if you are short on time. When you head to the polls, bring your proof of residence document to ensure you can vote. Your TITAN ID is NOT an acceptable form of photo ID. However, you can get a free Voter ID from Titan Central in Reeve Memorial Union. More information can be found at uwosh.edu/reeve/titancard/voter-id. Contact titancentral@uwosh.edu or 920-424-1234 with questions about getting a Voter ID.

If you are voting in another state, go to vote.org to check the registration deadlines.

Find your polling location

The second part of being well prepared for Election Day is figuring out where you are supposed to vote. The easiest way to figure out where you are supposed to vote is going to myvote.wi.gov. This website has a "Find My Polling

Place" tab where you can enter your current address and it will tell you your exact voting location, including an address and map, as well as the poll hours. Just ensure that you have entered your address correctly as you can only vote at your assigned polling location.

In Oshkosh, it is also possible to vote early. Check out myvote.wi.gov for early voting and absentee voting information.

How to vote

Deciding who to vote for can be a daunting task. To be an informed voter means that you have put a level of thought into who you are going to vote for and have spent time researching political issues and the stances that candidates are taking on them. We have all received the ads in the mail, the texts from political parties and seen the ads online slamming each candidate, often filled with misinformation, which makes this an important step in preparation for Election Day.

The CCCE Fellows met to discuss voter resources and how students can use them to become informed. The site that got the best overall rating was myvote.wi.gov. This site allows the voter to look at their ballot and see which candidates are running. Each ballot will have candidates for national, state and local offices, but we are focusing on the three main elec-

tions in the UWO campus area. However, ballots may vary depending on location.

As a good place to start when determining who you are going to vote for, think about two or three issues that are important to you and how your personal values will inform your voting choices. Then research the candidates to see which ones support your stance on those issues. When doing this it can also be helpful to talk to others in your community about the election. It doesn't need to be a debate over politics, but it can be a conversation that everyone will benefit from.

Research the candidates' names and view their official campaign websites and related pages. Most often, when you head to a candidate's campaign website, you will find their stances on all major issues, media releases and interviews with different agencies, but beware of misinformation.

Here are the official campaign websites for the main races in the

UWO campus area:

Governor/Lieutenant Governor

- Democrat: Tony Evers & Sara Rodriguez, tonyevers.com
- Republican: Tim Michels & Roger Roth, michelsforgovernor.com
- Independent: Joan Ellis Beglinger, beglingerforgovernor.com

U.S. Senate

- Democrat: Mandela Barnes, mandelabarnes.com/meet-mandela-barnes
- Republican: Ron Johnson, ronjohnsonforsenate.com

Assembly 54th District

- Democrat: Lori Palmeri, palmeriforassembly.com
- Republican: Donnie Herman, donniehermanforstateassembly.com

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Mark your calendars! Election Day is almost here and Lyft is offering 50% off up to \$10 in ride credits to help people get to the polls. Enter code VOTE22 in the Lyft app. Offer available on Nov. 8 only.

Other voting resources can be found on advancetitan.com

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What about waste?

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You might’ve seen them: videos of hundreds of donuts, chicken nuggets, bagels and other food items being thrown into bins by reluctant service workers. Restaurants like Dunkin’ Donuts, Chick-fil-A and Starbucks are skewered online by critics of food waste. But what might food waste look like on a college campus, and who are the groups addressing good food being thrown away?

Enter May Jagodzinski, a fourth-year environmental science and global health major at UW-Madison, and the co-president of Food Recovery Network-Madison (FRN-Madison), a student group recovering food from school dining halls and serving it to the larger campus community.

FRN-Madison is a chapter of Food Recovery Network, whose about page describes themselves as the “largest student-led movement fighting food waste and working to end hunger in America.” Jagodzinski said. FRN-Madison re-established itself as the COVID-19 pandemic died down and that it looks “totally different from when it started in 2016.”

FRN-Madison offers meals twice a week. On the night prior to their meal nights, they receive emails from a dining hall coordinator detailing which dining halls have extra food; the next day, volunteers drive rented UW-Madison Fleet vans to dining halls and recover cooked food. The meals are served to UW-Madison students and staff at The Crossing, a non-denominational church on University Avenue, where volunteers ensure the foods’ safety and warm it up. Jagodzinski said logistics can be complicated, especially as volunteers are unpaid, but that getting a game plan in place can help make operations smoother.

“I really like the community component [of volunteering],”



Liam Beran / Advance-Titan

Brad Spanbauer, UWO’s sustainability director, urges students to eat consciously to reduce waste.

Jagodzinski said. “I just enjoy working with all kinds of different people.”

Jagodzinski said being able to interact with graduate students, who make up much of FRN-Madison’s diners, and work with other campus organizations, such as pre-health organizations, is one of her favorite things about FRN-Madison.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, between 30-40% of the nation’s food supply becomes food waste; in 2010, this equaled about 133 billion pounds of food going to waste, coming to a \$161 billion value. The production of this food is a resource-intensive process contributing to land, water and energy use, among others, but the resulting food often ends up in landfills instead of on kitchen tables.

Although UW Oshkosh does not currently have a specific food recovery student organization, Assistant Director for Dining Operations Brian Warzynski said that at staff break times, food is donated to Father Carr’s Place 2B, a local Catholic ministry and volunteer

organization, with retail food being donated to The Cabinet in the spring. Warzynski also noted that Aladdin Campus Dining employs batch cooking to reduce waste.

“As food and labor become more and more expensive it is vital to keep waste to a minimum,” Warzynski said. “Aladdin has processes in place to either reuse some of the food in different ways, or if items can’t be [reused] they put them in the campus biodigester instead of the garbage disposal.”

Brian Langolf, the director of Biogas system at UWO program, said that leftover food is collected biweekly from Reeve Memorial Union and Blackhawk Commons by the Biogas Program and the Green Fund. UWO currently employs a biodigester that converts food waste into electricity; according to Biogas System’s website, its facility produces approximately 8% of UWO’s electricity needs, with over 10,000 tons of yard and food waste consumed per year.

Brad Spanbauer, sustainability director at the UWO Sustainability Institute for Regional Transformations, said that issues with

prepared food waste can be hard to solve. Spanbauer noted that consumption trends are hard to guess and food packaging options have to be selected to be compostable.

“Often the ‘depackaging’ takes more time and effort than some are willing to give to better handle their food waste,” Spanbauer said. “So one option would be to emphasize made to order instead of ready to eat.”

To reduce unsustainable dining, Spanbauer said students should be mindful of how much they plan to eat prior to ordering and utilize reusable utensils and containers.

Jagodzinski urged students to reach out to the Food Recovery Network if they wish to start a chapter at UWO. She said that students should plan to coordinate volunteers, drop-off or meal preparation locations, and other logistical elements if they wish to start a chapter.

“It’s a really important thing to keep going on our campus,” said Jagodzinski.

Filak wins ACP Pioneer Award

‘It’s like putting on your favorite pair of shoes’

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“Holy shit” was UW Oshkosh journalism professor Vincent Filak’s reaction to finding out he was chosen as one of the first 101 people in the inaugural class for the Associated Collegiate Press’s (ACP) Pioneer Awards.

“I guess it means I did something right,” Filak said. “Whatever it took, whatever pile of work I got back to, it was worth it 100 times.”

A nationwide, six-member committee of retired and active advisers reviewed and selected the winners in honor of ACP’s 100th birthday.

“The fact they said yes [to choosing me] is hard to put in terms without using a cliché, but it was really one of those moments I was like ‘Woah, that’s a lot,’” Filak said.

Filak attended MediaFest22 in Washington D.C. with his wife



Vincent Filak

Amy and daughter Zoe to accept his award on Oct. 28. He said it was like a family reunion seeing the people he used to see at conventions every year.

“This is what I did and this is who I was for most of my life,” Filak said. “I really did enjoy the fact that I got to meet with some people I hadn’t seen in a while. It’s like putting on your favorite pair of shoes – they just slide

right back on and you’re right there.”

Chair of the journalism department Tim Gleason said Filak is very passionate about supporting student journalists and their First Amendment rights.

“He is an impressive advocate for student media and it is an award that is well deserved,” Gleason said.

Fourth-year student Cory Sparks said Filak has always gone out of his way to be a resource to anyone and everyone.

“I know Filak is humble and probably thinks there are hundreds of others who deserve the award over himself, but he should know that he earned this,” Sparks said. “[His passion] is recognized by students and it’s deservedly recognized on a national scale too.”

Sparks went as far as to say Filak will give you the “Harvard Law equivalent of journalism instruction.”

Filak said it’s important to fight for students when no one else will.

“Planting these educational seeds, you realize a lot of [students] grew really well,” Filak said. “It sets a mark for me where I want to spend the next stage of my career. I want to be the person in terms of working with college media doing things they already say I do well.”

With the journalism department down a few staff members, Filak said he didn’t think he’d be able to attend because he had to wrap up accreditation and student advising.

“I’d rather be in a room by myself critiquing stuff and helping people out rather than be up on a stage and have people say nice things about me, but I’m glad I went and my family was there to share it with me,” Filak said. “This is an incredible life.”

Sports

Calendar



Scoreboard

Friday, Oct. 28
Volleyball
UWO - 3
UW-Stout - 0

Saturday, Oct. 29
Football
UWO - 35
UW-La Crosse - 38
Volleyball
UWO - 3
Wisconsin Lutheran College - 0
UWO - 3
Carroll University - 0
Soccer
UWO - 2
UW-River Falls - 1
Men's Swimming and Diving
UWO - 128
Carroll University - 56
Women's Swimming and Diving
UWO - 82
Carroll University - 107
Men's Cross Country
WIAC Championships - 5/8
Women's Cross Country
WIAC Championships - 3/8

Tuesday, Nov. 1
Soccer
UWO - 0
UW-Eau Claire - 2

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Nov. 3
Wrestling
UW-Whitewater at 7 p.m.
Volleyball
TBA at 7 p.m.
Soccer
at TBA at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 5
Football
at UW-Stevens Point at 1 p.m.
Wrestling
at UW-Stevens Point at 9 a.m.
Volleyball
TBA
Soccer
TBA
Swimming and Diving
at UW-Whitewater 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 8
Men's Basketball
Lawrence University at 7 p.m.

A-Trivia

How many wins does the UWO volleyball team have?

Answer: The Titans have 30 wins on the year



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UWO's Terrell Carey catches a pass in Saturday's loss to UWL at Titan Stadium. Carey had a career-high five catches for 135 yards receiving in the game.

Titan football falls to La Crosse 38-35

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The UW Oshkosh football team came back from 18 points down in the second half but fell just short as a 52-yard field goal lifted UW-La Crosse over the Titans 38-35 Saturday at J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium.

"We knew we didn't have to do anything different in the second half, just believe in one another, do your job and trust your brothers," UWO wideout Tony Steger said. "We knew it would work out and we were able to turn things around."

UWO quarterback Kobe Berghammer ran for a 1-yard touchdown to tie the game at 35 with just under 6 minutes to play, but the ensuing PAT was blocked — one of three unsuccessful PAT's Oshkosh had in the game.

The Eagles drove down the field on their next possession, going 38 yards in nine plays, to set up a 52-yard field goal from kicker Ryan Berine. Berine converted the kick with ease, putting UWL on top 38-35.

Oshkosh got the ball back with 51 seconds left, but on the first play of the drive, Berghammer threw an interception, effectively ending the game.

La Crosse, ranked seventh in the nation by d3football.com, kicked

off the scoring in the game when quarterback Keyser Helterbrand ran for a 2-yard score as the Eagles took the 7-0 lead early in the first quarter.

UWL added another touchdown on their next drive after Helterbrand completed a 14-yard pass to a wide open Matthijs Enters.

The Titans finally put points on the board in the second quarter when kicker Nolan Mobley converted a 35-yard field goal to cut the UWL lead to 14-3.

Enters grabbed his second touchdown of the day, this time a 16-yard pass from quarterback Cade Garcia, as UWL extended its lead to 21-3 with just over 7 minutes to go in the first half.

UWO responded with a touchdown on its next possession when Berghammer found wide receiver Trae Tetzlaff in the endzone for the 15-yard score.

Just before halftime, La Crosse's lead grew to 18 points when Helterbrand found an open Joey Stutzman who took it to the house for a 69-yard catch and run touchdown.

UWO head coach Peter Jennings said he didn't say a lot to the players at halftime.

"Our execution earlier in the game didn't set us up for a lot of success, but at the end of the game, the guys really rallied themselves," he said. "The way they came out and just believed in themselves,

the schemes and believed that they can play with anyone in the country is awesome."

Berghammer threw for his second touchdown of the game early in the third quarter when he connected with Tony Steger for a 16-yard touchdown. A bad snap on the ensuing PAT put the Titans down 28-26 with 8:43 to go in the third quarter.

On UWO's next possession Berghammer struck again, finding tight end Jimmy DuVal in the end-zone as the Titans cut the lead to just five points.

Both teams would trade touchdowns early in the fourth quarter with Helterbrand and Berghammer each rushing for a score, but Mobley would have another PAT blocked to keep UWL ahead 35-29.

Berghammer finished the game 21-35 with 342 yards passing with three touchdowns and one interception. UWO running back D.J. Stewart led the Titans in rushing, carrying the ball five times for 21 yards.

Titan wideout Terrell Carey had the game of his career, catching five passes for 135 yards to lead all UWO receivers. Tetzlaff finished the game with six receptions for 55 yards and a touchdown while Steger had four catches for 83 yards and a score.

"I hope the team learned that

they are good enough to beat anybody," Jennings said. "But, if we don't do the little things right, we can lose to anybody. It's a big growth moment."

On the defensive side of the ball, Jared Tenpas recorded his first career sack to lead the Titans. Carson Raddatz finished with a game-high 10 tackles while Jhe'veon St. Julien recorded a forced fumble for UWO.

Defensive lineman Brandon Kolgen, who was named to the d3football.com nation Team of the Week, said the Titans knew going into the game that they were going to face a tough opponent.

"We knew they were going to pound us on the run and pass," he said. "We had a good week of practice and knew it was coming, we put our foot in the dirt and hit 'em hard."

With the loss, UWO dropped out of the d3football.com Top 25 rankings and fell to sixth place in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference standings, effectively ending any postseason hopes the Titans had.

Oshkosh will travel to Gorerke Park where they will take on UW-Stevens Point at 1 p.m. Saturday in a matchup against former UWO assistant Luke Venne, now the head coach of the Pointers.

UWO cross-country places top five in championships

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The UW Oshkosh cross-country teams raced to the regular season finish line. The women placed third and the men placed in fifth, both out of eight teams, in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships.

The WIAC championships gathered athletes from all corners of the state, 12 runners for each team, 96 competitors in all.

Steven Potter was the men's team top finisher, with a time of 25:10.5,

earning ninth place. Joe Kehoe placed 14th with a time of 25:24.9. Cameron Cullen finished in 28th place with a time of 26:04.0.

Amelia Lehman was the women's top finisher in third place with a time of 22:13.2, earning All-WIAC first team honors. Libby Geisness finished at 23:19.6, earning 18th. Cyna Madigan finished in 21st with a time of 23:37.3. Meygan Benzing squeezed into the top 30 with a time of 23:55.5.

Next in line for UWO cross-country is regionals. Division III schools in Minnesota and Wisconsin com-

pete to have a chance at appearing at the national level.

Head coach Eamon McKenna said that both teams are what McKenna refers to as, "on the bubble," meaning that with a great day they can get in as a team, if not they hope to get to the individual national championship.

When it comes to individual runners, McKenna believes that Lehman has shown intense growth.

"She's been in the top (six) runners in our past couple meets," he said. "The only people beating her are national caliber, so I expect her

to compete for a spot at the national championships."

The performance Saturday was excellent, but that won't be the last of UWO cross-country this year. Regionals will be held at St. Olaf College on Nov. 12, and Coach McKenna feels ready for the team's performance to close out the season.

"We have a lot of young first-years. They've been doing an awesome job becoming part of our culture," McKenna said. "I'm excited to see how the rest of the year plays out."

By Nolan Swenson
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Aaron Konitzer, the new head coach of the UW Oshkosh wrestling team, isn't looking for perfection as the Titan wrestlers face their first opponent of the season this week. However, he is looking for continuous improvement throughout the season.

The season kicks off on Nov. 3 against UW-Whitewater, but since he began in August, Konitzer has already begun to make changes.

“We had great success last year, so it’ll be building off that because we have a lot of returners,” Konitzer said. “For recruits, it’ll be about getting the right guys in here.”

Konitzer, a 2013 UWO alumnus, received a master's degree in sports administration from Minnesota's St. Cloud State University in 2016. While there, Konitzer served as a graduate assistant for two years. He then served as a coach at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown in Pennsylvania and at UW-Platteville, both for one year.

While coaching in those schools, he decided to take a different route as a middle school teacher and wrestling coach. This was because he felt dissatisfied with his impact on college teams, believing them to be minimal.

“I didn’t feel like I was leading the programs,” he said. “So I went back into teaching and coaching at the middle school level.”

But despite the success of the middle school team, which he led through their inaugural season, he still missed college wrestling.

“I knew that I was missing something when I wasn’t coaching at the very competitive college level wrestling,” Konitzer said. “Making sure they are ready for the next step in life after wrestling is important for me.”

He began to investigate positions available, and he found that the Titans were in need of a new coach. He took the initiative to apply and join the team.

"I've been active with wrestling ever since I got out of my college team," he said. "I'm really grateful to be back here after everything that the program did for me."

UWO's Director of Athletics Darryl Sims welcomed Konitzer in August and acknowledged his expertise in wrestling.

“Aaron possesses a high level of understanding of the sport and an immense dedication to the student-athlete experience,” Sims said. “I am thrilled to welcome Aaron to our staff and to his alma mater.”

The season begins on Nov. 3 against the Warhawks, a team that went 9-1 in the 2021-22 season. However, Konitzer cares more about the long game than initial results.

"I'm excited, but I know it might not be perfect right away," he said. "I'm more worried about the end of the season than the beginning."



Aaron Konitzer

so we're going to keep working to implement our system and keep it going."

| Date | Opponent | Location | Time |
|---------|--|--------------------|--------|
| Nov. 3 | UW-Whitewater | Kolf Sports Center | 7 p.m. |
| Nov. 5 | Pointer Open | Stevens Point | 9 a.m. |
| Nov. 10 | UW-La Crosse | Kolf Sports Center | 7 p.m. |
| Nov. 12 | Luther College Open | Decorah, IA | 9 a.m. |
| Nov. 17 | UW-Eau Claire | Eau Claire | 7 p.m. |
| Dec. 1 | UW-Stevens Point | Stevens Point | 7 p.m. |
| Dec. 3 | Milwaukee School of Engineering Invitational | Milwaukee | 9 a.m. |
| Dec. 10 | Art Kraft Memorial Tournament | River Grove, Ill | 9 a.m. |

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Arts & Entertainment

The ghosts of The Grand explained

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While October has just ended, it's Halloween year round for staff at The Grand Oshkosh.

The Grand holds the title for the oldest operating theater in the city and the most actively haunted. I sat down with two staff members of The Grand, Executive Assistant to the Director Amber Hammond and Community Relations Manager Molly Templin, to bust myths and speculations about Oshkosh's oldest theater.

It has been rumored that the restoration of the building is what caused the stir of paranormal activity, but Hammond disagrees. In fact, she said the restoration had the opposite effect on the spirits that inhabit The Grand. The paranormal activity actually slowed down during the 2009-10 remodeling.

"During construction, we asked the crew and building operation guys if they witnessed anything, and the answer was always no," Hammond said.

To get an explanation as to why the activity went quiet during construction, The Grand looked to what paranormal investigators have previously hypothesized; the spirits actually enjoy their home being upkept.

So, did paranormal activity spike due to the restoration of the theater? No. Myth busted.

I also had to ask about the story of the former stage manager who supposedly still resides in the theater and who has been reported to perch on the balcony and smile down at performers when the crowds are absent.

Templin said they are not allowed to disclose the identities of who they believe their spirits to be. However, she said they do have a spirit they refer to as their "benevolent stage manager."

"We don't know any of the spirits' actual names," Templin said. "For example, the lady in the balcony is known as Rose because she has been seen wearing a pink dress, but now people have seen her in a blue dress, so it's all very debatable."

Next, I asked about the reports of the "phantom dog" that runs through the house and across the stage while performers rehearse.

"The Grand has gone through multiple re-namings over the years," Hammond said. "When it was an adult movie house back in the day, the manager of the theater lived in apartments above the Grand's original entrance. And unfortunately, he had a dog who passed away in his apartment. So, now the dog roams the theater all the time and can occasionally be heard scattering around on the cement in the basement."

Phantom dog? True!

When you read about The Grand, you cannot miss the story of the orange mist or haze that supposedly appears across the stage with no explanation. This, however, is not a common occurrence for the theater.

According to Templin, "People just came in one day and an orange mist was covering all of the seats and the stage. We had a show the



Courtesy of Visit Oshkosh

The Grand, one of the oldest operating theaters in the city, is also one of the most actively haunted buildings in Oshkosh.

previous night, but it didn't involve anything crazy, so it wasn't like the smoke machine was still on. It was just this weird orange mist covering like the entire main hall."

Those hoping to catch this happening during a visit to The Grand may have to set their sights on another phenomenon, because the orange mist was a once in a lifetime happening — at least as of now!

Before I got into their personal experiences with the theater, I needed to myth-bust one more story I had learned about. Do seats in the audience truly get "pushed down" by spirits who appear to be watching the performances after hours?

Templin said this happened during a tour she was giving recently. She said she had just told her tour group that "sometimes seats just fall down," and less than five minutes later a boy on her tour raised his hand and asked her if it was planned for a seat to be down in the house. Both Templin and Hammond were unphased by this and said that it happens all the time.

"I like to say that they own the building and we get to use it," Templin said.

"The lady in the balcony has been heard laughing during dress rehearsals when there is no one at all in the audience," she said. She also said that walking through the aisles of the auditorium can be compared to walking into a "brick wall of cold." Temperature drops are a common indicator of a spiritual presence as they are drawing from all of the energy in the surrounding environment and draining warmth from the air.

If you thought that the ghost stories couldn't get much better, they do. Hammond shared her personal experience with her favorite spirit that resides in the theater — a little boy who has a soft spot for the women of the theater.

"I often use the dowsing rods to communicate with the spirits," Hammond said. "I firmly believe that when I go down into the basement the spirit of this little boy touches my arm. We call him our prankster ghost."

Hammond said the "coolest thing" that happened with her and

the little boy occurred just over a month ago as she was giving a tour. "As I was talking during the tour, a white outline walked directly across the hallway in front of me," she said. People will often report that they saw 'shadow figures' during their visits to The Grand, but this was not that. It was more like a white outline of him, and I actually had to stop the tour because I have never seen anything like this."

Hammond said during their theater ghost tours they have actually gotten the little boy to move objects for guests, such as a bat decoration that hangs from the ceiling.

Templin added: "The ceiling almost collapsed in 2009, and one of our spirits was seen [previously] up at the very back corner of the balcony pointing toward where the structure was failing. But nobody knew what he was pointing to."

"We always tell our guests that the theater is a place for imagination, so if you believe in ghosts, we have them," Hammond said. "The whole point is to let your imagination run a little wild while you're here, and we encourage you to."

I asked both Hammond and Templin what was the most fulfilling and exciting part about working for this historical, haunted gem.

Templin said it brings joy to people during tough times.

"This is what I've wanted to do, this is what I went to school for," she said. "I really love the fact that we work in events and we work in the business of bringing people joy. I feel like that's what everyone needs," she said. She also said that she also enjoys giving people more access to the arts.

Hammond said her favorite part of the job is creating their events, including their lounge events such as trivia, bingo and karaoke.

The Grand has concluded its ghost tours for the year, but other activities are coming up, such as Trivia Tuesdays with prizes, Bingo Wednesdays (beginning on Nov. 9) and many entertainers taking to the stage in the month of November. More information on those events can be found at thegrandoshkosh.org.

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These candidates deserve your vote

By The Advance-Titan
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The Nov. 8 elections are just around the corner, and Wisconsin elections are split almost 50-50, according to recent CBS polls.

Although midterm elections do not garner as much media attention as presidential races, it's important to go to the polls to vote for candidates that will best serve and represent your community.

The Wisconsin State Governor race will be between Democratic incumbent Tony Evers and Republican Tim Michels.

Oshkosh Democrat Lori Palmeri and Republican businessman Donnie Herman will battle to take on the role of the 54th District Assembly Representative.

The race to be a Wisconsin state senator will be between Republican incumbent Ron Johnson and Democrat Mandela Barnes.

The Advance-Titan took a poll among staff members to learn who they will be voting for and why.

Here are the results.

The race for Wisconsin State Governor continues in a deadlock between Democrat incumbent Tony Evers and Republican Tim Michels, according to a CBS Poll on Oct.9.

It's Evers, however, who earned the endorsement of the Advance-Titan staff with his experience, clear plans and advertising methods.

Meanwhile, Michels's often-announced affiliation with Donald Trump also raised flags about his radical methods to "turn Madison upside down."

"When Evers discusses what he intends for the state, there is a legitimate, pragmatic backing to his plans, while half of Michels's ideas seem loudly sourced from Donald Trump," said one staff member.

"Evers led the state through some of its most challenging times, from COVID-19 to the riots after multiple police shootings," said another staff mem-

ber. "Evers has proven himself capable of leading the state of Wisconsin, while Michels hasn't proven that he can even run his own company."

Michels's general contracting company, Michels Corporation, has had five sexual harassment allegations against the company between 1998 and 2020, all of which were settled out of court.

Evers's campaign was quick to reveal this information, but Michels accused the release as a "desperate and disgusting attempt to distract voters from Tony Evers's many failures."

Michels's response illustrates just how little responsibility he takes for what goes on under his leadership and what action he takes to resolve serious issues.

Michels Corporation has also raised other concerns of Michels's integrity.

"I don't like either of [the candidates], but Michels has a clear conflict of interest," said one



Tony Evers

staff member.

Although Michels has claimed he would divest from Michels Corporation if he wins the race for governor, he has failed to answer how he would separate himself from the multi-million dollar family owned and operat-



Tim Michels

ed company. Evers, on the other hand, has shown he has the ability to act as governor through tumultuous times and serve the best interests of Wisconsin.

54th Assembly Representative



Lori Palmeri



Donnie Herman

One of the most local elections, the race for the 54th Assembly District Representative is between Democrat Oshkosh Mayor Lori Palmeri and Republican local businessman Donnie Herman.

The winner will take over the seat previously occupied by Gordon Hintz, who has held the position for the last 16 years. We think Palmeri is just the candidate to do so.

Palmeri has addressed key issues in the community, like rising living costs, unlivable minimum wages and the economic distress of the healthcare system.

Unlike her opponent, Palmeri has given clear answers about how she will work to resolve these problems, promising to give builders incentives to create lower-cost housing, bring high-paying "green" jobs to the area and implement health care system reforms.

One staff member said it best: "Palmeri has a specific plan for every issue that she has been questioned about, which makes her the candidate for the job. Herman is a businessman ... who doesn't really seem to have a plan for anything, but loves to complain about the way things are run."

In an interview with the Oshkosh Northwestern, Herman's responses fell short, often leaning on him not being a "career politician."

"He insists that 'career politicians' all have empty promises and that he wants to use his 'real-world experience' — whatever that means — to solve the state's problems, but never discusses his plans," they said.

While Herman lacks direction, Palmeri has proven herself worthy of leading the Oshkosh area after serving two terms as the city mayor with her clean-cut plans to tackle relevant issues.

Wisconsin State Senator

In another toss-up election, incumbent Republican Ron Johnson and Democrat Mandela Barnes will fight neck-and-neck to be seated as a Wisconsin state senator.

The race has been full of candidates' distasteful advertisements dragging their opponents name through the mud.

"Both campaigns have been deceitful in their ads—while this is not abnormal for politicians, it's still scummy," said one staff member.

However, Johnson's "no cash bail" advertisement not only theatrically villianizes Barnes, but also misinforms viewers.

"It misleads the public, heavily implying that it will automat-

ically put murderers back out into society without any restrictions or exceptions," they said. "I may be wrong, but I highly doubt anyone advocates for that."

Johnson has also downplayed the harm of the Jan. 6 attack, which left seven people dead, an action one staff member described as a "move that voters cannot forget."

To the Advance-Titan staff, Barnes is the best option in a case of choosing the lesser of two evils.

"The biggest reason Mandela Barnes is the candidate I'm voting for is because he's running against Ron Johnson," said another staff member. "It

is sickening the way [Johnson] treats the press and spreads falsehoods to the less educated in this country."

Johnson said that he has the "worst opponent anyone could have": the press.

Blaming journalists for holding him accountable spreads misinformation about the reliability of news outlets and turns people against the press.

Additionally, like Herman, Johnson lacks a clear plan of how he will serve the people as a senator. Instead, he focuses on bashing his opponent and calling him "un-American." It's time to get a fresh face into office, and finally get rid of Johnson.



Mandela Barnes



Ron Johnson

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