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## Large-scale layoffs hit campus

## Clow II opens fall '23

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UW Oshkosh's Clow II building will open this semester after more than a year and a half of renovations and updates.

Renovation on Clow, which houses the College of Education and Human Services (COEHS), began in spring 2022.

Since then, the building's windows, roofing, flooring and interior walls have been renovated with a focus on sustainability. The classrooms were also remodeled to modernize students' educational experience.

The Human Services Leadership program is one of the programs within the COEHS departments that will utilize the remodeled building.

Amney Harper, the department chair, said that she is excited to use the new, state-of-the-art counseling lab.

"We have been teaching in an outdated lab for many years, so we couldn't be more excited to get into that new space," she said. "It has many features that will make the work we do so much more streamlined and easier for observation and supervision of our counseling students."

The counseling lab, which is modeled after a clinic, acts like an observation room with one-way glass, allowing for live supervision and recorded sessions that students can review.

Harper said that Clow II's reconfigured spaces and updated technology are the project's two biggest highlights for her.

"There were some previous spaces that just were not laid out well at all, and to have the floor plan redone really makes learning feel new, exciting and fresh," she said, adding that she's also anticipating the room's new technology. "We haven't seen what [it looks] like exactly, but I know from teaching in rooms with newer

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The \$18 million budget deficit that UWO is facing is rooted in declining higher education enrollment, an aging demographic and declining state support.

## UWO faces an \$18 million budget deficit

### *Faculty expect to see an increase in teaching loads*

By Anya Kelley  
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UW Oshkosh is facing an \$18 million structural deficit and is planning 200 non-faculty layoffs and additional furlough periods to cut expenses for the 2023-24 academic year.

In an Aug. 3 email, Chancellor Andrew Leavitt described the state of UWO's finances as "no longer sustainable for us to operate without dramatic reduction in expenses."

Declining higher education participation in Wisconsin, an aging demographic in the state, declining state support and the major inflation of the post-pandemic world were root causes for the deficit, he said.

Because state support has declined, UWO is forced to be more reliant than ever on tuition payments, he said.

"The increased reliance on tuition revenue, further exacerbated by a decade-long tuition freeze, ... caused us to consume precious reserves," Leavitt said.

At this time, the reserves are about to be completely depleted.

The university is laying out what they are calling the Institutional Realignment Plan (IRP). Those efforts include furloughs, workforce adjustments and additional budget reductions and restructuring opportunities.

The number of furlough days each person must take depends on their salary. Employees making below \$33,000 will be exempt and those making \$150,000 and above will be required to take 19 days, a 10% reduction of bi-weekly pay.

Staff and faculty have also been offered a Voluntary Retirement Incentive Options Program (VRIOP) in order to save costs.

More information about this program is available on the IRP website.

Leavitt said the "layoffs and nonrenewals are unavoidable," and that "[UWO] will review and possibly discontinue any self-supporting programs that do not recover costs."

Not surprisingly, this plan has staff and faculty concerned.

In an Aug. 23 email, Provost Edwin Martini said most faculty should expect an increase in workload in the 2024-25 academic year.

"Most faculty should expect to see an increase in their teaching loads beginning in the spring 2024 semester and continuing into the 2024-25 academic year," Martini said.

Though faculty members will not be laid off, Instructional Academic Staff (IAS) positions will "diminish significantly" in the coming year.

While UWO is not looking to cut any academic programs at this time, it is important that the teaching quality stays the same so as to not negatively impact the students' learning and opportunities, Martini said.

"The changes we institute this year will result in us looking very different overall as an academy and as a university in the years ahead, but it is important to reinforce that the changes we implement will differentially impact areas of academic affairs," he said.

Leavitt and Martini said they are committed to sending out weekly updates to the university community in the fall, and have created a website dedicated to the IRP.

"In short, we are building 'UWO 2.0,'" Martini said. "And we are designing with the end in mind."

## Martini chosen as provost after nationwide search

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After a nationwide search in the spring 2023 semester, Edwin Martini was selected as the new provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs of UW Oshkosh and started on July 5.

"Higher education has the potential to change lives, families and communities, and that's what gets me excited about going to work every day," Martini said.

Martini is taking over the posi-

tion after the retirement of Provost John Koker, who held the role since October 2018.

Martini has an extensive background in higher education. In his last position at Western Michigan University (WMU) as vice provost for teaching and learning, he had direct responsibility for a \$9.6 million budget and additional operational and strategic duties.

"I always enjoyed learning and planned on being a teacher at some level, but in my undergraduate and graduate degree programs,

I really fell in love with higher education," Martini said. "I loved the feeling of being on a college campus everyday, I loved the exchange of ideas it provided for both in and out of the classroom and I loved being part of the creation and dissemination of knowledge."

Martini's academic history includes earning a bachelor's degree with honors in American studies from Pitzer College in Claremont, California, and a doctorate in American studies from the

University of Maryland.

His role at UWO includes leading colleges, faculty, instructional staff and academic programs. He said he loves the fact that there is no "normal" day on the job.

"Every day is different, and the diversity of issues that come



Martini

across my desk on any given day helps me continue to learn new things and make connections between different areas of the university," Martini said.

With UWO facing a budget deficit of \$18 million this semester, the university will have to adapt to financial obstacles.

"Right now, most of my focus is on how we will navigate the significant challenges of the upcoming year," Martini said. "All of that comes back to questions

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# Clow: Reconstruction offers new features

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technology, like Sage or Clow South, it really changes things so much when the technology is up to date and working properly.”  
One of Clow’s new rooms is the assistive technology lab, which COEHS Dean Linda Halting said shows students how to use assistive technology.  
“Some of these features will be hearing loops for anyone who has a hearing impairment,” she said.  
“[The lab] will have microphones, specialized lighting and paint on the walls. The furniture upholstery simulates what should be in a classroom for students with disabilities. Anything to do with sensitivities, they’ll be able to demonstrate how those spaces will be designed to accommodate people with impairments.”  
Clow II will also feature simulation labs, which are modeled after elementary classrooms and include a room focused on literacy, an elementary education lab and a science education lab.  
Harper said that there were many hurdles to overcome while

the building was undergoing renovation, especially finding available classrooms to use.  
“Everyone has to try to find a place with what is available, and unfortunately that doesn’t always mean that what you need will be available,” she said.  
“You may wish for a classroom with tables that can be moved so that you can create small classroom discussions, but one may not be available. Additionally, what is available tends to be the spaces that are outdated and not utilized often.”  
Everyone should be moved into the building by the start of the semester, Chief Facilities Officer JoAnn Rife said.  
She added that despite some minor IT issues, all of the classroom technology will be operational.  
On top of this, Rife said that the project came in under budget, and the remaining funds will go back to the state since the project was funded by generalpurpose revenue funds.



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The renovated Clow building features modernized classrooms that foster a better learning experience for students. Some of the new rooms include labs that mimic elementary classrooms and an assistive technology lab, which simulates classrooms that cater to students with disabilities.



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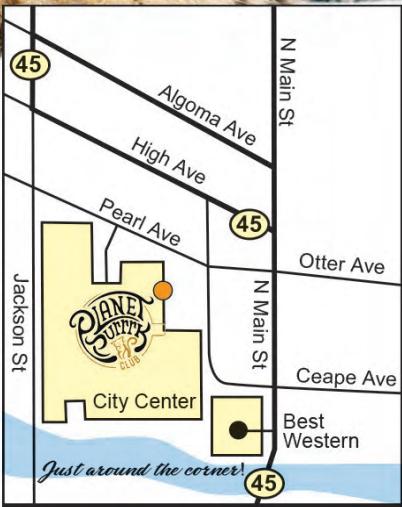
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**By Mattie Beck**  
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Anna Murphy-Pociask graduated from UW Oshkosh last spring, and one of the first things she did after was go back to school. But it wasn't just any school.

It was Hotdog High.

Murphy-Pociask, a journalism major who had interned for the Oshkosh Convention and Visitors Bureau, was hired by Oscar Meyer to spend her summer driving coast-to-coast in the Wiernermobile as a hotdogger or spokesperson.

Murphy-Pociask said she spent the first few weeks learning how to drive the vehicle and other tasks of the job.

"The first two weeks on the job began in June called Hotdog High," said Murphy-Pociask. "This is where we learn to drive the vehicle and get media trained for the job. After the two weeks, all six Wienermobiles hit the hotdog highways for events and fun."

Murphy-Pociask said she worked with many different media outlets along her travels in the Wiernermobile.

“The majority of the job entails working with local and national media to promote and encourage people to attend our events and to visit us,” she said. “We are at events from fundraisers, car shows, retail venues to sporting events and more.”

Murphy-Pociask said she drove the Wienermobile from Wisconsin to Maine, down to Virginia and everywhere in between.

"One of my favorite places we've been so far was Boston, Massachusetts for the Fourth of July," she said.

But besides the different loca-

tions, Murphy-Pociask said she also enjoyed meeting different people.

"Some of my favorite parts of my job include meeting awesome fans and people across the country and traveling to a new city each week," she said. "It's such a positive job where everyone is so excited to see us."

The Wiernmobile that Murphy-Pociask drives can be tracked on the Oscar Meyer app as well as a verified Instagram page, that shows her travels at @Om\_aiolianna.



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# Martini: Provost counters issues

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about our core teaching and learn-  
ing mission and how we can best  
support student, faculty and staff  
success in a challenging and rap-  
idly changing landscape for public  
education.”  
Martini said UWO’s immediate  
goal is determining how it can be  
more efficient in responding to the  
needs of students and stakeholders,  
and removing obstacles to ensure  
students are still focused on their  
courses, degrees and careers.  
“My hope for this year is that our  
faculty, chairs and deans will work  
together to reimagine what our aca-  
demic enterprise needs to look like  
to be the university our region de-  
serves for the decades ahead, and  
then make the hard choices that  
will get us there,” Martini said.  
To counter an issue at hand, Mar-  
tini said getting all the information  
and assembling the right people is  
the most effective method.

“Change is always hard, and the  
scope of changes we are consider-  
ing can seem daunting, but if we  
do this right, UWO will not only  
reinvent itself but could really pro-  
vide a viable playbook for the other  
schools facing similar challenges,”  
he said.  
Martini said he’s an advocate  
and defender of public higher ed-  
ucation institutions, such as UWO.  
“Universities like ours are the  
unsung heroes of higher educa-  
tion, educating millions of students  
across the United States every year  
and particularly serving first-gen-  
eration students and other histor-  
ically underserved populations,”  
Martini said.  
Outside of work, Martini’s fam-  
ily is his first priority. Some of his  
hobbies include music, books and  
sports.  
“I love to play and listen to mu-  
sic,” Martini said. “I play the gui-  
tar, piano, drums and a little banjo

and I am always reading multiple  
books. I love nonfiction and fiction,  
and am always looking for recom-  
mendations.”  
He said he looks forward to get-  
ting involved with Titan athletics.  
“I’m at an age now where I can’t  
really play sports anymore, but I  
still workout everyday to stay in  
shape and clear my mind,” Marti-  
ni said. “I also still love to watch  
sports, and am excited to attend  
lots of Titan sporting events this  
year.”  
Martini said he hopes to get  
more student input on things going  
on around campus.  
“I am looking forward to getting  
student input on some of these larg-  
er issues we’re tackling this year,  
so we’ll be scheduling some events  
to make sure that happens,” Mar-  
tini said.  
Martini’s open office hours are  
every Wednesday from noon to 1  
p.m., and students are welcome to

sign up for a time slot on UWO’s  
Academic Affairs website page.  
“I’m incredibly excited to be  
at UWO and to continue to get to  
know all of our students, faculty  
and staff,” Martini said. “I encour-  
age people to reach out and con-  
nect, and invite me to their meet-  
ings and events.”  
Martini said he has ideas and  
a sense of where UWO can and  
should go, but he is currently fo-  
cused on getting input from others  
– particularly from faculty, deans,  
students and other academic lead-  
ers so that they can see themselves  
as part of the future of UWO.  
“Right now, UWO and schools  
like ours face an unprecedented set  
of challenges, and it’s critical that  
we develop innovative solutions to  
address them,” Martini said. “I en-  
joy a great challenge and love col-  
laborating with creative, dedicated  
and hard-working people – all of  
which UWO has.”



# Identities tied to how we speak

## A closer look at how Wisconsin slang shapes our community

By Kelly Hueckman  
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After moving to Wisconsin when she was 15, Massachusetts-born Payton Catron was left scratching her head as she received a so-called “hotdish” as a welcome gift.

“I had no clue what it was,” she said. “Someone brought tater tot hotdish over for us after we moved and we didn’t understand that a ‘hotdish’ was what we would always call a casserole.”

Little did she know, this was just her first taste of the unique language that is Wisconsin slang. Catron said some sayings stuck out to her almost instantly, despite them being used without thought by native Wisconsin residents.

“Some that instantly struck me after moving here were ‘ope’ and ‘uff-da!’” she said.

If you’re not from the Midwest, ope is a variant of oops, and uff-da is used to express either surprise or a sense of relief.

How someone speaks can say a lot about where they’re from, and Wisconsinites are no exception.

Between the “Midwest Nice,” the latest Packer gossip and hour-long Wisconsin-style goodbyes, it’s no surprise America’s Dairyland has created slang unique to the state.

For example, while most Americans refer to significant others as “babe” when using a pet name, Wisconsinites are more likely to use the name “Big Daddy,” according to a study by marketing agency Fractl.

The same study shows that in Wisconsin, the drunkest state in the United States according to a 24/7 Wall Street study, people don’t get “loaded,” they get “buzzed.”

UW Oshkosh English Chair Margaret Hostetler said these differences in language stem from our tendency to adopt different words, phrases or even accents as

our own.

“Linguist differences occur because language is an incredibly flexible way that humans communicate,” Hostetler said. “We grow up picking up the ways of talking of the people around us, and if we move to different places, we continue to pick up different ways based on where we are.”

She said people use differences in linguistics to define their role with certain groups and separate themselves from others, with one example being age groups.

“Preteens and teenagers are constantly creating new slang with their friends to signal their identity and solidarity with each other (and so that their parents don’t understand them),” she said.

Kason Maki, who grew up in northern Wisconsin before spending four years in Oklahoma while he was in the Army, was no stranger to not being understood during his time out of state.

Maki said he was often made fun of by people from other regions for his use of Wisconsin slang and colloquialisms.

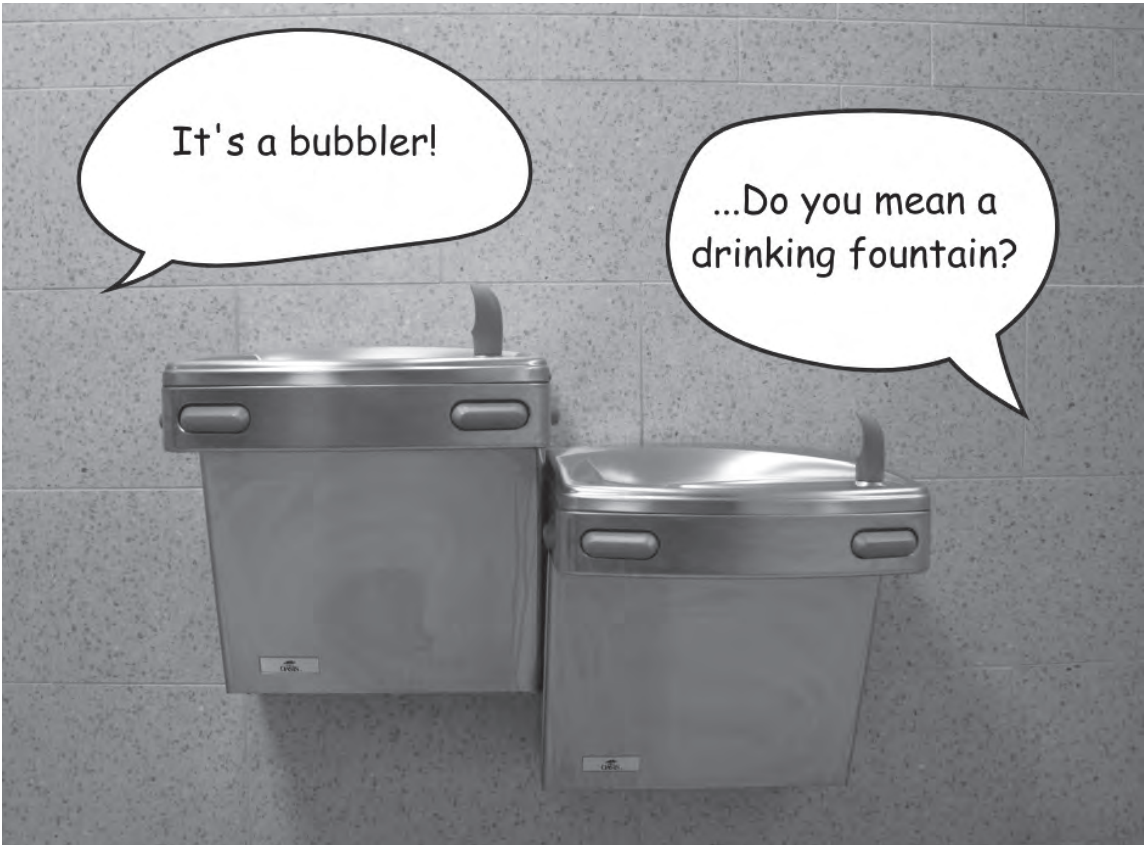
“I was talking to a couple of friends during drills and I said, ‘start with me last,’” he said. “Everybody was confused and looked at me stupid.”

He said some of his Army friends were confused by sayings many Wisconsinites use without a second thought.

“Sometimes I was mocked for saying things like ‘ope’ or ‘let me squeeze right past ya,’” Maki said. “They also didn’t know why I called drinking fountains bubblers. Apparently they aren’t normal things to say there.”

While Maki’s word choices were sometimes made fun of in Oklahoma, he also said he noticed a difference in how people interacted with strangers, a phenomenon known as the “Midwest Nice.”

“People [in Oklahoma] were more stand-offish if they didn’t



Anya Kelley / Advance-Titan

While most of the U.S. calls public water faucets drinking fountains, the term bubbler is unique to Eastern Wisconsin and Boston.

know each other,” he said. “All the locals will stare at you and make you leave. Even the bartenders were kind of assholes.”

Meanwhile, Wisconsinites tend to be a bit more friendly to outsiders, Maki said.

“People are nicer and more welcoming [in Wisconsin],” he said. “You can walk into a bar and people will at least try to talk with you.”

Catron also said she could attest for the Midwest Nice stereotype.

“Everyone [in Wisconsin] was just so nice all the time in everything,” she said. “Massachusetts is definitely different. They literally nickname people ‘Massholes.’”

Although travel can bring to light language differences, social media platforms have recently played a role in teaching people about their unique, regional ways of speaking, Hostetler said. One example of this, she said, is the

Packer fanatic and “Manitowoc Minute” host, Charlie Berens.

“Since the advent of social media and the internet, people have become more aware of differences in language,” she said. “You can go onto YouTube and search for most any video by Charlie Berens because he is famous for doing hilarious videos about Midwestern accents.”

The nature of social media allows people to pick up on language differences easily without having to actually travel to the region of origin. Because of this, Hostetler said social media has the ability to change language.

“The internet and social media are also a huge source of language change,” she said. “As language learners, we notice language differences right away and we form opinions about them.”

Hostetler said social media, travel and interactions with dif-

ferent groups of people are all driving forces in how we develop language, and in turn, our sense of selves.

“Social forces cause us to choose certain words or styles of speech in different situations — job interviews vs. hanging with friends vs. talking with parents or grandparents, etc,” she said. “Our identities are really tied to how we speak and portray ourselves through language.”

While language differences remain a crucial part of who we are, the ideas are the same, Catron said.

“We all can communicate the same way, we just sound different when we talk,” she said.

So, whether it’s a hotdish or a casserole, a bubbler or a drinking fountain, the resounding message from (almost) all Wisconsinites remains — how we talk says a lot about our identity.

## Upcoming Events

Sept. 2: Hmong National Labor Day Festival @ Winnebago County Community Park

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# Orchestras merge, offer networking opportunities

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The Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra (OSO) and UW Oshkosh Musicians have merged and are creating a reimagined orchestra for the campus and community.

As of this fall, OSO will be comprised of UWO students, professional musicians and members of the Oshkosh community.

The new director of OSO, UWO’s Dylan T. Churra-Moore, is excited about the community aspect that comes with this new partnership.

“I believe that a community with great music making is

healthier because music brings people together. It fosters empathy and encourages understanding of cultural differences,” he said.

“It’s a rare and special thing to have an orchestra in a community, we are lucky.”

The partnership is about being responsive to and hearing the community, Churra-Moore said.

“What does our community need? I’m asking this and similar questions now,” Churra-Moore said.

The partnership will lead to a lot of growth for everyone involved.

“UWO students, adult community members and profes-

sional musicians will make music side-by-side and grow with each other,” Churra-Moore said.

“Musical, personal and professional life-long relationships will be made, strengthening the community,” He said.

This will also be a way for alumni to be involved on campus again to make music.

“OSO will be another place where alumni are welcomed back to campus,” he said. “OSO encourages this to continue after graduation and allows for music-making, lifelong.”

The hope is to also have music help manage the stresses of everyday life as well.

“We know music helps us man-

age stress, navigate anxiety and keep our brain fertile, encouraging intellectual curiosity, beyond it being a social glue,” Churra-Moore said.

“We surely need this tool in adulthood.”

Students will be helped through different support the partnership will create.

“Students are being helped by performing more diverse,



**Churra-Moore**

higher level music,” he said.

“Also supported is the development of professional connections, enhancement of learning through mentorships, on-the-job training via internships and boardroom experience.”

Churra-Moore said while OSO and UWO has had an unofficial partnership in the past, that relationship has since faded.

“OSO has a mission of education and supporting the community; it’s an easy and natural match.”

He is hopeful for what this might mean for the community and all involved.

“I believe this relationship can bring out the best in each other.”

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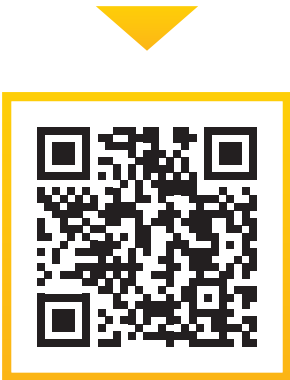




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# Titan Fest returns for 2023



By Anya Kelley  
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UW Oshkosh’s Titan Fest will be returning on Sept. 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event will be held on the academic mall with plans to move to the Reeve Ballroom in the event of rain.

Titan Fest is part of the Titan Welcome events running through Sept. 17. These events are meant to acclimate new students to campus and reunite the UWO community after the summer vacation.

With about 200 tables at Titan Fest, students can learn about volunteering opportunities, sign up for clubs, make friends, eat lunch on the lawn and learn about career opportunities on campus.

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Nearly 1,200 participants prepare to take a shot of Fireball whiskey to set the record for the world’s longest shotski at a bar in Eagle River Aug. 20, 2022.

# Most on-brand world records set in Wisconsin

By Kelly Hueckman  
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Wisconsin can contribute its fame to a wide range of things — the Green Bay Packers, a surplus of breweries and a borderline obsession with cheese of all kinds. Of course, we can’t forget about the Dairyland State’s world record holders, some which were set locally in the Fox Valley. To celebrate, here are five world records you may not have known were set in Wisconsin, but it totally makes sense that they were.

**World’s Largest Brat Fest**  
Madison’s Brat Fest, dubbed

as “The World’s Largest Brat Fest,” holds several brat-related records. In 2010, the event set the record for most Johnsonville brats consumed in four days at 207,376 brats. To put the magnitude of their festival into perspective, Brat Fest said they have sold 362.03 miles of brats placed end-to-end since 1983.

**World’s Largest Cheese Board**  
The only thing Wisconsinites love more than brats is cheese, especially considering the state is the largest producer of cheese in the United States. To prove their passion, Dairy

Farmers of Wisconsin assembled a 4,437-pound cheese board of more than 145 types of specialty cheese. After the record was confirmed, the mass amounts of cheese were either sampled, raffled off or donated.

**Most Vehicles to Break Through the Ice**  
In one of Wisconsin’s most bittersweet world records, 37 vehicles fell through Lake Winnebago’s ice during Oshkosh’s Battle on the Bago ice fishing competition in 2012. Although the event’s organizers urged participants to avoid

parking on the ice, many participants did. Ultimately, the weight was too much for the ice conditions and left nearly 40 vehicles at least partially-submerged.

**Fastest time to drink one liter of gravy**  
Wausau resident Steven Ruppel set the record for the fastest time to drink one liter of gravy for the second time in 2020, downing four cans of Campbell’s gravy in just 38.22 seconds. Ruppel made sure to note that he heated up the gravy before his successful attempt. Afterall, who likes cold gravy?

**World’s Longest Shotski**  
Although Wisconsin is known for its breweries, the home of seven of the 10 drunkest cities in the country is known to take a shot (or more) every once in a while. Sometimes, those shots are taken off of skis — or in this case —, 468 skis fastened together. In 2022, an Eagle River bar rightfully named Shotskis gathered nearly 1,200 participants to take shots of Fireball whiskey off a 2,454.95-foot long shotski.

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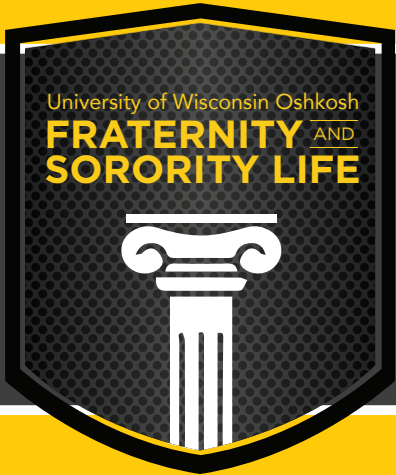
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Opinion

Dawn Moneyhan and her mission  
And everything she’s taught me along the way

By Aubrie Selsmeyer  
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The state of invisibility is an uncomfortable space where those who occupy it go unseen, unheard and unconsidered.

I’ve struggled with how I wanted to write this for a long time, because I felt it was not my place to talk about an experience that doesn’t apply to me. This is an experience felt by Native Americans and I didn’t see it as my place, as a non-indigenous student, to write about it.

That was until Dawn Moneyhan, founder and president of The Kwewag Indigenous Culture Church (KICC), encouraged me to write it as merely the storyteller. She told me to write about what I’ve learned rather than attempt to put into words what Native American people and their culture have endured.

She told me that sharing what I’ve learned will inspire others to learn alongside me. I told Dawn that compiling a list of everything I’ve learned from her into a condensed newspaper article would be nearly impossible, but I plan to try. Thank you, Dawn.

Native American people and their culture have been denied a platform to share their story for generations. They have been silenced, stripped of the opportunity to share their teachings with the world.

Dawn’s message is blunt and urgent. Our planet is burning around us. We are engulfed in flames and not realizing that we hold the matches.

Dawn created the KICC as a way to spread her teachings about Native American culture and traditions to create an environment with less secrecy and more awareness.

“Our indigenous history is long. It’s tragic, and it’s ongoing. It was still illegal to be me when I was 2. I was 8 years-old before it was actually legal for us to practice our cultures, religions, spiritual beliefs, traditions, wear our clothing, any of that stuff in the United States,” Moneyhan told Madison365. “What we’re doing with the KICC is meant to help heal. It’s also meant to help teach the world to live a better life because we can’t ever go through that again. We can’t go backward.”

What makes the KICC so special is that she has made it available to everyone, whether you’re indigenous or not.

When we first met, I explained to Dawn that I knew very little about her people and their culture. I told her that my middle and high school classes did very little justice and that I was close to clueless.

This didn’t make her angry, nor did she shame me. Rather, she saw it as an opportunity to teach me.

She told me to ask the uncomfortable, hard questions. She told me that in order to learn and un-



Aubrie Selsmeyer / Advance-Titan

Moneyhan’s front yard is not one to be missed. She has a large, wooden sign that she changes with the seasons. During the battle to save her tree, Dawn used peaceful protesting tactics that included paint and powerful messages for the city and its residents.

derstand, it was crucial for me to ask questions.

She emphasized the importance of learning about Native American experiences *through* a Native American. She taught me about Spirit, and how it exists in everything we can feel. She taught me that life inheres in more forms than we acknowledge.

She also taught me how to feel the hum of energy in my fingers as I held a rock between my palms. She showed me that magic exists if you take a moment to notice it.

Dawn’s aspirations begin with teaching in front of classes across the UW-System and span far beyond.

She hopes to one day build an off-the-grid school where people of any age may come and spend time unplugged from the fast-paced world and learn to slow down. She plans to create a place where people can learn how to live independently off the land.

Her dream is to teach people how to take care of themselves using what the environment has already provided us that we fail to acknowledge.

“Everything we need is right under our noses,” Moneyhan said.

She explained to me that people think in order to live this way—that they have to give up their modern day luxuries. Dawn says keep your luxuries, but rather incorporate the tactics of our ancestors into our lives.

“All of our Native American and indigenous people understand that Mother Earth provides for all of our needs. It doesn’t mean that we don’t have to do the work

ourselves. We still have to listen, watch and pay attention,” Moneyhan said. “The information and tools that we need to make everything a reality are provided. Which is why our ancestors didn’t just survive here for tens of thousands of years, they thrived here.”

Dawn taught me that people who are reliant on others for their means are easily controlled.

Knowledge is freeing.

Knowing how to take care of yourself, without depending on someone else, is freeing. All it takes is the willingness to learn how.

Along with the school, she has her heart set on building community gardens in cities where people don’t have enough to feed themselves.

How is it possible that in a world as advanced as we believe ourselves to be that people still starve and go without water or a roof over their heads?

She taught me to have compassion for those who have less. The world is a cruel place to live with your head barely above the surface, especially when you can’t see the force of the current pulling them under.

Everyone has their reasons for the way they live their lives, and our only role is to be compassionate. We are all still humans. Just as the Earth takes care of us, we have to take care of each other.

I spent a day this summer with Dawn in her tipi on her property and she told me the story of her 100-year-old tree that was chopped down by the city of Juneau to pave



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The aftermath of the removal of Moneyhan’s tree from her front yard by the city of Juneau, Wisconsin, to pave a sidewalk in place of it.

a cement sidewalk in its place.

Dawn fought against the city in every peaceful manner possible, yet her tree that had survived for generations before, was unable to survive this battle. She explained to me that this was much more than a tree to her and her family.

It was the ongoing battle of being ostracized for not being understood. She tried to explain that the removal of her tree went against all beliefs in her culture. She pleaded with the city to let her keep her tree, but their decision was irreversible, as were the effects on Dawn.

Members of the Juneau municipality told Dawn that because they knew nothing about her culture *they did not care*.

She insisted that the city leave the remains of her tree on her property so that the spirit could remain.

Dawn is fighting a war that can’t be won by her alone. The goals that she wishes to accomplish in her lifetime cannot be met without a community behind her.

She often jokes that she has enough ideas to last through all of our lifetimes, but I believe her.

As a non-indigenous student, I encourage you to care. I encourage you to read about The KICC for yourself and become involved.

Dawn compared life to a bus controlled by Spirit.

“I am driving the bus, but Spirit holds the roadmap. My job is to get us to our final destination without driving off a cliff. When we are stuck, it is to pick up people along the way who are meant to be a part of (or are in need of) our mission,” she said.

I encourage you to be a part of the mission.



# Sports

## Calendar



**Friday, Sept. 1**  
**Tennis**  
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**Volleyball**  
at Trinity Invitational vs. University of Texas at Dallas at 10 a.m. & Texas Lutheran University at 4:45 p.m.  
**Women's Soccer**  
at Christopher Newport University at 4 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 2**  
**Tennis**  
at UW-Whitewater Fall Tournament at 10 a.m.  
**Volleyball**  
at Trinity Invitational vs. Birmingham-Southern College at 12:15 p.m. & Trinity University at 7 p.m.  
**Football**  
vs. Texas Lutheran University at 1 p.m.

**Sunday, Sept. 3**  
**Women's Soccer**  
at Virginia Wesleyan University at 10 a.m.

**Tuesday, Sept. 5**  
**Tennis**  
at Lawrence University at 3 p.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 6**  
**Soccer**  
at St. Norbert College at 7 p.m.  
**Volleyball**  
at Lakeland University vs. St. Norbert College at 5:30 p.m. & Lakeland University at 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 8**  
**Volleyball**  
at Marty Petersen Invitational vs. Carthage College at 5 p.m. & Ohio Northern University at 7 p.m.  
**Cross Country**  
at UW-Green Bay Phoenix Open Women's - 4 p.m. Men's - 5 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 9**  
**Tennis**  
vs. Ripon College at 11 a.m.  
**Volleyball**  
at Marty Petersen Invitational vs. Carthage College at 1 p.m. & Milwaukee School of Engineering at 5 p.m.  
**Football**  
at Wheaton College at 1 p.m.  
**Women's Golf**  
at UW-Eau Claire Georgianni Blugold Invitational at 12:30 p.m.  
**Women's Soccer**  
at University of Dubuque at 3 p.m.

**Sunday, Sept. 10**  
**Women's Golf**  
at UW-Eau Claire Georgianni Blugold Invitational at 12:30 p.m.  
**Women's Soccer**  
vs. University of Olivet at 2 p.m.

### A-Trivia

How many seasons has Jon Ellman coached UWO volleyball?

Answer: 6 seasons

# Titan football seeks WIAC title



Morgan Feltz / Advance-Titan

UWO wideout Trae Tetzlaff hauls in a 79-yard touchdown reception in UWO's 19-14 win against UW-Stout last year at Titan Stadium.

By Jacob Link  
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The UW Oshkosh football team will look to compete for the 2023 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) title after a strong 2022 season with first-year head coach Peter Jennings at the helm of the Titans.

UWO, ranked No. 21 in the nation in the preseason D3football.com Top 25 poll, was picked to finish third in the WIAC in a poll conducted by the league's head coaches and sports information directors.

UWO is looking to build off a 2022 campaign in which UWO went 6-4 (4-3 WIAC), finishing fourth in conference play behind UW-Whitewater, UW-La Crosse and UW-River Falls. After starting the season 2-1 in non-conference play, Oshkosh dropped to 4-4 midway through the season before closing out the year with definitive victories over UW-Stevens Point (45-0) and UW-Eau Claire (61-0).

Jennings said at the end of the day, UWO football will continue to be blue collar tough.

"We are going to outwork opponents and we are going to be the best practiced team in America," he said. "That is our goal, our guys will repeat it to you, and if we're the best practiced team in America, we will turn some heads in the WIAC."

UWO will have 54 returning letterwinners this season and six returning all-conference athletes including First Team All-WIAC safety Carson Raddatz and fellow First Team all-conference wide receiver Trae Tetzlaff. Raddatz, one of UWO's five team captains this year, had the second-most tackles on the team (68) and second-most tackles per game (6.8). Tetzlaff returns for his third season with the Titans after leading the conference with 821 receiving yards and catching the third-most receiving touchdowns (7) in the WIAC last year.

Also returning for Oshkosh are

Second Team All-WIAC athletes Kobe Berghammer (quarterback), Jared Saad (cornerback), John Schirger (tackle) and Tony Steger (wide receiver). Berghammer, a team captain, led the WIAC with 25 passing touchdowns and passed for over 2,400 yards last season with an offensive efficiency of 151.3. Saad, who returns for his senior season with the Titans, recorded 22 tackles, two interceptions and a fumble recovery last year. Steger, a team captain, caught 45 passes for 567 yards and eight touchdowns last year for UWO.

The Titans will hope to have another dominant season offensively after UWO ranked second in the conference with an offensive efficiency of 151.8.

Oshkosh had the top-ranked defense in the WIAC last season, allowing just 14.6 points per game and 3,240 yards of total offense. Titan defenders combined for 75.8 tackles per game, 18 team sacks and nine interceptions during the

2022 campaign.

UWO's pursuit of its 12th conference championship will kick off Sept. 2 against Texas Lutheran University at J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium starting at 1:05 p.m. The Bulldogs went 4-6 last season, finishing fourth in the American Southwest Conference (ASC). Texas Lutheran quarterback Seth Cosme, running back Jacob Forton and kicker Cameron Welch were named to the ASC Preseason Watchlist, and all three players received All-ASC honors in 2022.

**2023 UWO Football Schedule**

Sept. 2. -- VS. Texas Lutheran University

Sept 9. -- @ Wheaton College

Sept. 16 -- @ East Texas Baptist

Sept 30 -- VS. UW-Whitewater

Oct. 7 -- @ UW-Stout

Oct. 14 -- VS. UW-Eau Claire

Oct. 21 -- @ UW-La Crosse

Oct. 28 -- VS. UW-Stevens Point

Nov. 4 -- @ UW-Platteville

Nov. 11 -- VS. River Falls

# Volleyball dives into 2023 season

By Nolan Swenson  
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UW Oshkosh volleyball will make its 2023 debut at the Trinity Invitational in San Antonio Texas Sept. 1 for a two-day tournament competing against four non-conference teams.

The Titans are picked to finish second in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and ranked 15 in the American Volleyball Coaches Association poll following last season's 31-6 record.

Prior to the season opener, head coach Jonathan Ellmann said that the team will focus on what works best for both the season as a whole and individual matches in order to have a successful year.

"I think we handle season to season like match to match," he said. "You try to draw on things and see what works well. Ultimately each season is different, each match is different."

In the 2022 season, UWO qual-

ified for the NCAA D-III national tournament, placing 17th in the tournament.

Ellmann said that UWO's prior success in national tournaments is driving the team to perform and improve on the national stage, but every year the team must overcome new obstacles.

"Making the tournament last year was exciting and there's a desire to get back in that space and perform better on a conference and national stage," he said. "We also know each year is a different year and different opponent. Right now the focus is an excitement to be back at it and start figuring things out."

The team will feature a roster of 24 Titans, and Outside Hitter Robyn Kirsh said that the team is already bringing a lot of energy into practice a few days into the season.

"We're super excited in the gym," she said. "We've been really competitive and it's only been four days of practice."



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

UWO huddles before a match against UW-Stevens Point last year.

Looking forward to conference opponents, Kirsch said that despite losses of seniors, the depth of the team will be enough to regain their footing.

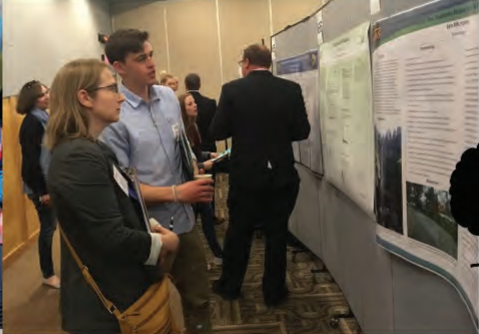
"UW-Stevens Point was our biggest rival last year along with UW-Whitewater," she said. "They have some really big hitters on both teams. We've only lost three seniors and one of the biggest things Coach Ellmann talks about is having depth on our roster. We're able

to be good offensively and defensively because of that. People who (will) play in the game see good competition in practice."

Beyond volleyball and the expectations it sets, Ellmann said that the focus is on caring for the athletes.

"At the start of the season, there's always hype about last year," he said. "Our priority is to make sure our players are doing well as human beings."





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# UWO soccer looks to rebound after last season’s struggles

From submitted news

The UW-Oshkosh women’s soccer team will celebrate their 30th season in 2023 as they compete for the third WIAC regular season title and fourth WIAC tournament title in program history.

UW-Oshkosh tallied a 5-9-5 (1-3-3 WIAC) record in 2022, scoring six points in the WIAC.

Twenty letterwinners are returning for the Titans this season, including 2021 All-WIAC First Team member and New-comer of the Year, Molly Jackson and 2021 All-WIAC First selection, Rylie Kaufmann.

Head coach Erin Coppernoll, the winningest coach in UW-Oshkosh women’s soccer history and the third-winningest in the WIAC, returns for her 19th season leading the Titans with a record of 188-133-39.

Coppernoll is the only head coach that has led the team to a conference championship and the NCAA Division III Tournament, with a program-best Second Round finish in 2011.

The Titans were picked to finish fourth in the WIAC in 2023,



Morgan Feltz / Advance-Titan

UWO’s Gabby Born sends the ball flying past her opponent.

two places higher than they took in 2022.

“Coach CJ and myself are looking forward to this season,” Coppernoll said. “We had a great spring season with the returners and the incoming freshman class is very talented. Our schedule will certainly challenge us this season, but it will prepare us well for WIAC play.”

UWO will match up against four teams that competed in the 2022 NCAA Division III post-

season. They open their season with games against No. 6 Christopher Newport University (Va.) and No. 4 Virginia Wesleyan University.

The WIAC Tournament (presented by Culver’s) begins with a pair of opening-round games on Oct. 31 and concludes with semifinal round games on Nov. 2 and the final on Nov. 4. The winner of the tournament will receive an automatic NCAA bid.

# Tennis opens season against UWW

By Nolan Swenson  
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UW Oshkosh tennis takes on UW-Whitewater in an away game for the opening of its 2023-24 season on Sept. 1, following the previous seasons 6-4 record.

The Titans attend their first tournament of the season, hosted by UWW, the following day on Sept. 2.

The team is coached by Steve Francour for his 25th season at the helm of the team, following absence while coaching men’s and women’s tennis at Lawrence University.

After Francour’s return, the team began to improve its win-loss ratio and placed fifth in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Top performers last season were Louisa and Cordelia Damkot, who in doubles went 8-5 and in singles Cordelia went 11-5.

Throughout the duration of the season, Oshkosh will host five meets on Sept. 9 and 23 and Oct. 7, 13 and 15. All games are available for students to attend with no admission fees.



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

UWO’s Cordelia Damkot hits a volley against UWW last season.

## UWO Tennis Schedule

- Sept. 1 -- @ UW-Whitewater
- Sept. 2 -- @ UW-Whitewater Fall Tournament
- Sept. 5 -- @ Lawrence University
- Sept. 9 -- VS. Ripon College
- Sept. 16 -- @ UW-La Crosse
- Sept. 23 -- VS. St. Norbert College
- Sept. 27 -- @ Marian University
- Sept. 30 -- @ UW-River Falls
- Oct. 7 -- VS. UW-Eau Claire
- Oct. 13 -- VS. UW-Stevens Point
- Oct. 15 -- VS. UW-Stout

## Men’s cross country schedule

- Sept. 8 -- @ UW-Green Bay
- Sept. 23 -- @ UW-Platteville
- Sept. 29 -- @ UW-Eau Claire
- Oct. 7 -- @ Lawrence University
- Oct. 20 -- @ UW-Whitewater
- Oct. 28 -- @ WIAC Championships

## Women’s cross country schedule

- Sept. 8 -- @ UW-Green Bay
- Sept. 23 -- @ UW-Platteville
- Sept. 29 -- @ UW-Eau Claire
- Oct. 7 -- @ Lawrence University
- Oct. 20 -- @ UW-Whitewater
- Oct. 28 -- @ WIAC Championships

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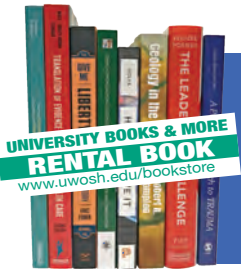
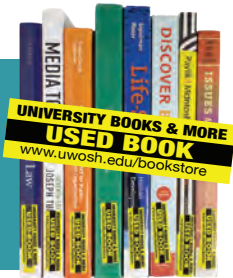
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