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Archaeologists work on uncovering Native American artifacts found at Menominee Park. They are following state-mandated laws to preserve the remains.

## Native American village artifacts unearthed

### Archaeologists aim to preserve relics at Menominee Park

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The city of Oshkosh postponed the reconstruction of Pratt Trail at Menominee Park after finding artifacts and animal remnants thought to be from a prehistoric Native American village.

The Cultural Resource Management Program (CRM) at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee (UWM) has partnered with the Wisconsin Historical Society, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Tribal Nations to ensure the land is excavated in a safe and preservative manner.

UWM has been working there since before the construction, as the area coincides with a pre-contact Native American village dating from around AD 900 to 1600.

Jennifer Haas, the director of the Archaeological Research Laboratory Center (ARLC) at UWM,

said UWM is working closely with these organizations throughout the excavation process.

"The ARLC is working closely ... to ensure that the archaeological site and sensitive areas are adequately protected during the road construction work," she said.

Haas also said work was put into finding out whether or not the remains were preserved during previous construction.

"During the plan implementation, which in part entailed on-site monitoring of the existing road bed removal, the ARLC confirmed that the village site has been preserved intact beneath the roadbed," she said.

Haas said they have found a number of artifacts already.

"Archaeologists are currently documenting the site and working to preserve the site to the greatest extent possible," Haas said. "Cultural items from the site include

earthenware jars (for cooking and storing food), stone projectile points and knives and animal and fish bone."

Kevin Garstki, a teaching assistant professor for the Department of Anthropology, Global Religions and Cultures at UW Oshkosh, guessed which eras the artifacts are from.

"Based on the information that has been released, that the site was occupied between the 10th and 17th century CE (Common Era)," he said. "There would be a wide array of material culture (artifacts), though I hesitate to guess as to exactly what."

Garstki said excavation at the site has been going on for decades, including projects led by UWO.

"UWO actually conducted an excavation there in 1999 and 2000 as an archaeological field school," he said.

UWM is now excavating the site again with their CRM program due to city construction.

"The reason why that part of the site is being excavated now is that the city is putting in a new trail and would have otherwise destroyed the traces of human lives that were below the ground," he said.

Wisconsin state laws also call for the site to be excavated again.

"There are federal and state laws that dictate what to do with archaeological sites if they are in danger of being destroyed by infrastructure or building projects," Garstki said.

This is why the city hired UWM CRM to learn as much as possible about the people who lived at that site before the new trail was built.

Garstki is confident that the excavation will be done in a preservative manner.

"I don't have any direct knowledge of their plans, but I'm sure UWM CRM has a strong plan in place that follows state and federal regulations," he said. "And

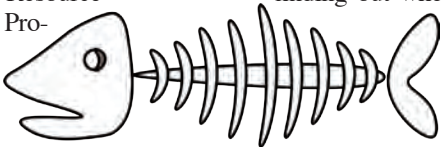
(I) believe they are collaborating with Tribal Nations in order to most respectfully preserve the site."

He also hopes this new excavation will provide not only new information, but also new bonds with the other agencies.

"I hope the archaeologists excavating this site are working closely with Tribal Nations, specifically the Ho-Chunk Nation and Menominee Nation – whose land the city of Oshkosh currently sits on," he said. "There is great potential to merge the city project put on hold for the excavation with Indigenous-led education opportunities at Menominee Park. I hope that is the direction the city takes things."

While the site has been excavated before, Garstki said there is always more to be learned.

"Any newly-excavated site can provide more detailed and nuanced information about the people who lived in this area in the past," he said.



## Leavitt discusses UWO's deficit

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UW Oshkosh Chancellor Andrew Leavitt and Provost Edwin Martini addressed the impact of staff layoffs and the university's restructuring plans moving forward during a town hall on Nov. 2.

The university ended fiscal year 2023 with \$15.7 million of debt, Leavitt said during the town hall. In that year, UWO brought in more than \$43 million and used its reserves to help cover its expenses.

The university is estimated to bring in roughly the same amount of money

this year, but it has smaller reserves to cover its \$61 million worth of expenses. The furloughs, cut-backs, voluntary retirement program and layoffs were implemented to help cover the \$18 million difference.

"We will still be left with a deficit at the end of this year," he said.

"While that's not a good thing, it's also not an existential threat to us. ... We can endure this for a year or two if we have to."



Leavitt

Leavitt discussed past reductions the university has faced and traced the current situation back to the COVID-19 pandemic.

He said that UWO was in good financial shape when COVID-19 hit.

"That's not to say that we still didn't have this deficit, but we had plenty of cash on hand," Leavitt said. "At the same time, we continued to make significant investments in enrollment management."

Leavitt said that after COVID-19, UWO experienced two successive falls of steep reductions in student enrollment, which set the university back.

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# A-T wins national awards in Atlanta

By Advance-Titan Staff

The UW Oshkosh Advance-Titan won four national awards during the College Media Association convention held in Atlanta, Georgia last week.

Taking second place in the Pinnacle College Media Awards competition for Arts and Entertainment writing was Kelly Hueckman, currently the Advance-Titan’s managing editor, for her story, “UWO’s ‘Grease’ reclaims the stage.” The award was given based on the quality of writing and thoroughness of reporting.

Advance-Titan staff also received three honorable mentions in the national competition:

Editor-in-Chief Katie Pulvermacher earned honorable mention for breaking news coverage, “Keep our jobs here, keep our people near.” The story was about a protest in September 2022 when about 100 custodial staff members were facing being

outsourced. This category recognized excellence in a single story based on the quality of writing and thoroughness and reporting, written on deadline about a breaking news event.

News Editor Anya Kelley got honorable mention for her column on Trump suing the media again, this time over Bob Woodward for releasing an audiobook titled “The Trump Tapes: Bob Woodward’s Twenty Interviews with President Donald Trump.” Winners for this category, too, were based on the quality of writing and thoroughness of reporting.

Sports Editors Jacob Link and Nolan Swenson took the honors for Best Sports Section. This category recognized excellence in sports coverage and content; design, graphics and illustrations; photography; and reporting, writing and editing.

The Pinnacle College Media Awards are a national contest to recognize excellence in stu-



Hueckman



Pulvermacher



Kelley

dent-produced college media from the College Media Association. This contest honors individual student work on college newspapers, websites, magazines, yearbooks, radio or television stations, including Internet or closed circuit outlets, produced during an academic year.



Link



Swenson

for their work truly sets them apart from other papers, and the awards they won last week were an example of that.”

“I am so proud of everyone who won awards and the A-T staff as a whole,” A-T adviser Barb Benish said. “The dedication they have

## Town hall: Looking at what happened

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“But when we came back from COVID, we had two successive falls of really steep reductions in student enrollment, which took us completely out of the game,” he said. “I probably should have acted one year earlier in doing this and what we did now. But I would also argue that I would have had a similar amount of concern and criticism for the fact that we would be laying people off. That’s the only way to fix this.”

**Extent of the layoffs**  
Leavitt said that about 40 members from across the institution were assembled to handle the lay-off process. They worked eight hours a day for around a week, analyzing benchmark data and what other schools were doing.

“Decisions were made based upon the functionality of the position,” he said. “So it wasn’t people, it was the positions that were directly evaluated. And there were some criteria that were used in terms of whether a position needed to stay or whether it could be subject to layoffs.”

Leavitt said that these criteria included the needs of the institution to deliver services, the relative skills, knowledge and expertise of the individuals and their length of service to the university.

He added that there was extensive legal review from the Universities of Wisconsin, which paid a consultant to help analyze the situation. Throughout the process, faculty and instructional academic staff (IAS) were not subject to layoff examinations, though Martini clarified that contracts for certain IAS may not be renewed.

Leavitt also highlighted the extent of the layoffs across the university during the town hall.

The cooperative academic partnership program experienced a reduction of 4 full-time employees (FTE).

The libraries experienced a 2.5 FTE reduction, and the Division of Online and Continuing Education saw a 17.9 FTE reduction. Continuing education and community programming are also being eliminated.

The director position of the Cen-

ter for Excellence in Teaching and Learning was eliminated, and the Testing Center saw a 2.0 FTE reduction.

Martini said that they are “explicitly prioritizing testing accommodations for students who have ADA accommodations.” Classroom testing through the testing center will no longer be available starting in the spring 2024 semester.

The Office of International Education experienced a 3 net FTE reduction, although a new position will be added to help bolster it.

Martini said that despite the cuts, study abroad options will still be available for students, including honors college study abroad trips.

“There are and still will be study abroad options available,” he said. “We will continue to lean on external partnerships, but it will impact our ability to do customized, faculty-led study abroad programs.”

The Undergraduate Advising Resource Center experienced a 5.0 FTE reduction and the University Studies Program (USP) a 3.3 FTE reduction. Martini said that, with the way USP is currently structured, “we cannot afford [it].”

The Writing Center experienced a 0.8 FTE reduction and will be moving into the English department.

The UWO police department and Parking Services saw a 4 FTE reduction, but will continue with 24/7/365 coverage.

The whole of UWO’s athletic programs experienced a 1 FTE reduction.

The university will also stop the biogas program at the end of the year, and the Sustainability Institute for Regional Transformations (SIRT) is being partially hibernated, meaning that its base budget allocations are being eliminated.

The College of Business experienced a 4 FTE reduction in administrative positions, the College of Education and Human Services a 6 FTE reduction, the College of Letters and Science a 23.5 FTE position reduction and the College of Nursing saw no position reduction.

The chancellor’s office experienced a reduction of 9 FTE from its 55.53 FTE — about a 16% cut, and the position of assistant chancellor for access campuses will be eliminated. The position is currently vacant after Martin Rudd died unexpectedly on Oct. 14.

**Restructuring and moving forward**  
While the university is still formatting restructuring plans, Martini said that Reeve Memorial Union and Student Recreation and Wellness Center staff will be merged. Residence Life and Dining will also be merged, as well as Project Success — which works with students who have language-based learning disabilities — and the accessibility center.

Martini also said that most of the navigator positions have been eliminated. Student Success navigators help first-year students by reaching out to students, answering questions and providing resources. Martini said that the two remaining navigators will be moved to the new student and family program and will work on a “peer-based mentoring model.”

Leavitt added that he doesn’t intend on continuing funding for the Gruenhagen Conference Center, which serves as a conference building and residence hall, given its age.

He said he intends to “methodically replace [residence] halls” starting next fall, and that he wants Gruenhagen to be torn down to make room for a new building.

Leavitt and Martini also addressed some concerns and rumors that have been permeating around campus, including the possibility of majors being removed from UWO’s offerings.

While majors have been eliminated before, Martini said UWO is committed and obligated to continue teaching majors that students are enrolled in, and that students shouldn’t be worried about their majors no longer being offered.

“Changes are coming, but if you

Layoff impact by classification

- 83.59% of UWO’s academic staff were laid off, Leavitt and Martini said. Academic staff includes non-faculty positions associated with administering education.
- 40.29% of the university staff were laid off. University staff includes positions such as secretaries and assistants.
- 17.12% of the university’s limited appointees were laid off. Limited appointees are special appointments of staff or faculty to administrative positions.
- 0% of faculty and instructional academic staff (IAS) were laid off, though contracts for some IAS may not be renewed, Martini said.

are in a major now, you are getting a degree in that major,” he said.

Leavitt also said that “we have no plans at this point ... to cut programs” and highlighted the need to “conservatively grow enrollment.”

But as the university navigates its deficit, things will have to be adjusted, Martini said.

“This is not a perfect plan,” he said. “There will absolutely be things that we have not anticipated ... so we will need to adjust as we go.”

Despite being in the midst of change, Martini said he is optimistic for the future of the university.

“We are getting through the worst of it,” he said. “But already, within the last two weeks, we have uncovered new ways of doing things in small areas. We will continue to discover new and better ways of doing things moving forward. Will we look different as an institution? Yes. But as we envision what UWO 2.0 will look like ... I am convinced that UWO will be better and stronger on the other side.”





Kelly Hueckman / Advance-Titan

Ashley Hooyman helps hand out each certificate and pin to the inductees during the ceremony. Hooyman is a first-gen student herself and found community in Tri-Alpha.



Kelly Hueckman / Advance-Titan

Dr. Pinkston gives a speech during the induction ceremony to inspire first-gen students to continue pursuing their education.

# Tri-Alpha inducts 39 first-gen students

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UW Oshkosh’s chapter of Tri-Alpha, a national honor society for first-generation students, inducted 39 members Nov. 7 in the Culver Family Welcome Center.

“The students that we are inducting ... distinguish themselves academically because they continue to take advantage of the opportunities and the support networks that we have here,” said Cordelia Bowlus, director of the McNair Scholars Program.

The McNair Program prepares eligible first-generation, low-income and/ or minority students for doctoral study.

The ceremony was hosted by the Center for Student Success and Belonging in honor of National First-Generation College Celebration week.

In Oshkosh, 44% of college students are first-generation students, students who are the first in their family to obtain a bachelor’s de-

gree at a postsecondary educational institution.

Bowlus said UWO’s support systems for first-generation students are much better than they have been historically.

“You either sank or you swam,” she said. “Thankfully, this is no longer the case, especially not here at UWO.”

President of UWO’s Tri-Alpha executive board Ashley Hooyman, who is a first generation student, said the organization acted as a safe space for her to relate to students with similar experiences.

“I was always looking for a community where I was understood, where I could vent my struggles,” she said.

Hooyman said that not having parents who can help navigate the college experience can be difficult when accomplishing tasks like course registration, buying textbooks and settling into the dorms.

“There’s kind of the not really knowing how everything works,” she said. “Unless you have other friends and family who have gone

through it, you come to campus and it’s a whole new world.”

First-generation students experience other challenges, as well, Bowlus said.

“There’s that intimidation factor, especially if they look around and see that the students around them seem to know what they’re doing,” she said.

Being first-generation and not having background knowledge other students have coming into college can even hinder their confidence to engage with others, Bowlus said.

“The challenge is understanding that it’s okay not to know,” she said. “And I think a lot of the students I’ve spoken with over the years, they’re very intimidated to go to their faculty’s or professor’s office hours because they think they are going to ask a dumb question.”

Wyatt Seibel, who was inducted into Tri-Alpha, said that although his parents didn’t receive a bachelor’s degree, it was his mom who encouraged him to pursue an education.

“My mom has been stuck at the same job she doesn’t really like her whole life,” he said. “Her whole thing is pushing us as kids to get into it. She was always hard on me; it wasn’t really quite an option, it was ‘where are you going to school?’”

While being a first-generation student may come with extra challenges, some said there are other benefits that come with being a trailblazer within their families.

“I see it as something to be thankful for,” Hooyman said. “I have the opportunity to provide a better life for the family I want to create and just push myself to the fullest potential.”

Belynda Pinkston, McNair program coordinator and honorary Tri-Alpha inductee, told first-generation students they act as inspiration for many other aspiring students.

“You serve as a beacon to others, not only within your family and the UWO community, but you never know who’s watching

and who is inspired by your hard work, your diligence and your commitment,” she said.

**The following students were inducted into Tri-Alpha:**

Adelina Alimi, Kaleigh Baxter, Sierra Bender, Aarilyn Boire, Shaun Cummings, Devlin Delegard, Justyce Eggert, Chase Heurlin, Lauryn Juedes, Samantha Kappes, Anya Kelley, Alejandra Kenney, Zach Kestell, Tracy Kirchberger, Rebecca Kohl, Brianna Krahn, Grace Kunstman, Dakota Morin, Brooke Mullen, Rita Nwaogaraku, Cole Osness, Kayla Oswald, Alina Reithofer, Ella Rider, Kimberly Paide Riegel, Adamaris Rodriguez, Wyatt Seibel, Hailey Tanem, Jakob Thuecks, Dominika Tkaczyk, Ivonne Valencia, Marysa Van Gheem, Sebastian Koobmeej-Vang, Brennan Wendt, Gary Yang, Pangnra Yang and Cianna Zukaitis.

# Survey says students want smaller classes

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A new UW Oshkosh survey shows that psychology and engineering students here want smaller class sizes and more interactions with professors.

Administered by UW Oshkosh psychology professor Justyna Olszewska, the survey’s goal was to get students’ thoughts on what they find important in a university.

“Getting this hands-on experience and mentorship from professors in higher-level courses is so essential and should be recognized as such,” said Lorena Reid, a psychology student.

Other students expressed frustration about larger class sizes and how isolating they can feel.

“When I took a biology course a couple years ago in a large lecture hall, it felt impossible to ask questions,” Reid said. “If questions were truly encouraged for a class of that size, it would be difficult to get through lectures and cover the required content. (Also) it is extremely uncomfortable for most people to ask questions and engage with the content in that kind of environment.”

Psychology major Lexy Gorges added that it’s difficult to reach out to professors in large classes.

“(My professor) mentioned, like, ‘no one really reaches out, so I’m glad you reached out’ and she asked like ‘Why do you think (no one reaches out)?’” Gorges said. “Well, maybe every student feels the same, like, ‘Why am I special? Why do I need extra help when everyone else is going through the same thing?’”

Some students said they fear that class sizes will begin to increase due to UWO’s projected \$18 million deficit.

Anne Stevens, dean of the College of Letters and Science (COLS), said minimum class sizes will not be increasing, but the minimum will be enforced more strictly than before.

“We will not be able to allow as many low-enrolled sections to run as we have in the past, because every low enrolled class increases our deficit,” Stevens



Olszewska

said. She defined a “low-enrolled section” as a class of 15 students or fewer for undergraduate courses and nine or fewer for graduate courses; according to Stevens, this is the minimum number of

students required to cover the instructional payroll.

Stevens added that COLS will be decreasing class sizes overall. For example, “pit lectures” will have maximums of 100-200 students, down from 260.

“For the lecture/discussion courses many classes that previously had caps of 50 or 60 are decreasing to 38,” she said. “As part of a student success initiative, we want to try to reduce the number of very large classes so that in-

structors will be able to engage in more active learning in the classroom rather than just lecture.”

However, some expressed concern that lowering maximum class sizes won’t enhance the student experience.

“(Student experience) does not make any change, probably from 200 to 100, even 80 (students),” Olszewska said. “(The administration doesn’t) want to have smaller classes like 15 students in class; they don’t want it.”

Another thing the survey revealed is that students value classes that mimic what they will experience after they graduate.

“Both engineering and psychology students, they look at

smaller upper-level class sizes and they want to have classes that are more related to work, ... to jobs that they will have,” Olszewska said.

Reid agreed with this.

“It is essential to have a mix of class sizes since this better prepares students for their experiences in the real world,” she said.

Students interested in research-related careers and prospective graduate school students especially care more about student-professor interaction because it leads to more research opportunities.

“I didn’t know about any of that until my sister mentioned it to me and (Olszewska) mentioned it in class, like (research experience is) a determining factor if you get into grad school or not,” Gorges said.

Stevens said the college will begin canceling low-enrolled classes at the end of November, so students should register for classes in a timely manner.

Other things students indicated that are important to them are good resources (library, labs, etc.), a nice campus environment, good professors, dining options and available parking.

Getting this hands-on experience and mentorship from professors in higher-level courses is so essential and should be recognized as such.

-Lorena Reid



# Sports

## Women’s XC team takes 1st

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UW Oshkosh sophomore Gwen Feitl claimed first place with a time of 24:34.18 in the 6,000-meter run to help the Titan women’s cross-country team win the three-team Ripon College Red Hawk Open on Nov. 2.

The UWO earned a first-place finish in the team event with 23 points, followed by UW-Stevens Point in second with 51 points and Ripon in third with 59 points.

In the men’s race, UWO finished in third place with 66 points while UW-Stevens Point claimed the top spot with 17 points and Ripon finished second with 51 points.

Behind Feitl was UWO junior Liv Schwarm, who finished second in the women’s 6000-meter race in a career-best time of 25:19.21. Three more Titans claimed spots inside top 10, with Ella Galaszewski finishing fifth with a career-best time of 25:50.67, Kate Haffner finishing in sixth with a season-best time of 25:52.75 and Dana Valdez-Berber finishing ninth with a time of 26:00.90.

On the men’s side, UWO was led by freshman Brady Lewis who paced the Titans with a sixth-place finish in 27:36.95. Nate Gindt finished in 11th-place with a time of 28:10.64 while fellow freshmen Evan Peterson finished in 12th-place with a time of 28:13.21 and Alex Bernhardt took 18th place with a time of 29:29.61.

The Titans will travel to Whitetail Golf Course in Colfax to take part in the NCAA Division III Regional Championship on Nov. 11 with the men’s race starting at 11 a.m. followed by the women’s race at noon.

Feitl said the team is looking forward to the upcoming D-III regionals.

“We are feeling pretty confident, and we, of course, have high hopes for what we can do, which is always exciting,” she said. “We already have so many months of training under our belts and we are ready to use all of that to execute an awesome and fun race against some other really good regional teams.”



Morgan Feltz / Advance-Titan

UWO’s Carly Stamm spikes the ball against Alverno College. During the match, Stamm earned a kill ratio of .667, scoring two points.

## Titans enter postseason 33-0

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Over the weekend, the UW Oshkosh women’s volleyball team accomplished two big feats. On Nov. 3, the Titans clinched the outright regular season Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title with a win over UW-La Crosse.

Then, on Nov. 4, UWO clinched their first undefeated regular season in program history at 33-0, with wins against Edgewood College and Wheaton College (Illinois) in the Edgewood Triangular in Madison.

During the matches over the weekend against Edgewood and Wheaton, the Titans swept both teams by considerable margins in all sets.

Against Edgewood, the Titans earned 47 kills off of 114 attacks, with freshman Sami Perlberg leading Oshkosh with 14 kills.

Wheaton fared no better against the Titans, with the kill leader switching hands to Riley Kindt. During the game, Kindt scored 15 kills with a percentage of .583.

However, as the WIAC tournament kicks off the postseason, coach Jon Ellmann said the team recognized the feat they accomplished this season, but it isn’t all they are settling for.

“We talked about it in the locker room after our last match and upgraded our post-meal dining location to Cane’s in Madison,” he said. “Other than that, it’s been business as usual.”

As the WIAC regular season champions, the Titans will be the No. 1 seed for the tournament and their first game will be Thursday for the semifinal round.

The two teams that could be matched up against the Titans in the semifinal round are UW-Stevens Point and UW-Eau Claire.

In the regular season, the Titans played the Pointers on Sept. 26 and the Blugolds on Oct. 11 at Kolf Sports Center. UWO beat both UWSP and UWEC 3-1. However, whichever opponent UWO plays will not be easy for the Titans, Ellmann said.

Ellmann said that he realizes that every game from now on will be a challenge for the team and he is making sure to have the team ready.

“We want to be as prepared as possible for either opponent. Regardless of the opponent, we’ll be working through a full opponent scout,” he said. “We have a huge amount of respect for any and all opponents we could face from this point on.”

Although the Titans hold the record for the longest win streak in the program, Ellmann is staying focused on future matches. He knows that the team is proud of this accomplishment while knowing that there is much more work to be done.

“It is simply an honor to be able to stand on the shoulders of the greats that came before us. A lot of players have contributed to the success we’ve been having,” he said. “It was never our goal to win consecutive matches, so it has been a fine side effect of the hard work our team has put in. It doesn’t guarantee anything moving forward.”

Ellmann said he wants UWO to know that he expects the team to continue to play at their best with the lights at their brightest.

“I would place bets on playing up to the standards that we’ve set for ourselves and to do so with no ego,” he said. “I would also place bets on our team’s willingness to play for each other in moments of adversity.”

The Titans will play their first game in the WIAC tournament on Nov. 9. If the Titans win, they will play in the WIAC championships on Nov. 11.

## UWO football falls to Pioneers 22-7

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The UW Oshkosh football team fell to UW-Platteville for the first time in 10 years as the Pioneers defeated the Titans 22-7 Platteville Nov. 4 at Ralph E. Davis Pioneer Stadium.

The last time UWO dropped a game to Platteville was in 2013, when the Titans lost 17-16 on senior day at Titan Stadium.

UWO turned the ball over four times in the contest and the Titans were only able to convert on three of their 12 third down attempts. The Pioneers had 103 more yards of total offense than Oshkosh, and Platteville outgained the Titans in both passing yards (221 compared to 202) and rushing yards (145 to 61). UWP converted on five of their 18 third down attempts and was able to convert three of their four fourth down tries.

UWO quarterback Kobe Berghammer finished the game 19-40 with 202 passing

yards and three interceptions. The matchup with the Pioneers was the first time Berghammer did not throw for a touchdown pass in a game since the Titans took on Whitewater on Oct. 14 of last year. Berghammer was the team’s leading rusher for the sixth consecutive game, gaining 39 yards on the ground on 14 attempts and rushing for a touchdown.

Oshkosh running back Kaio Harn rushed for 19 yards on nine carries while Doug Burson had five attempts for just three yards and fumbled once.

Jon Mathieu was UWO’s leading receiver, catching a game-high seven passes for 66 yards while fellow wide receiver Trae Tetzlaff finished the game with five receptions for 45 yards.

On the defensive side of the ball, Oshkosh led by linebacker Kyle Dietzen who recorded 10 total tackles, a tackle for loss and a quarterback hurry.

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Courtesy of UW-Platteville Athletics

UWO quarterback Kobe Berghammer gets hit as he throws the ball against UW-Platteville on Nov. 4 at Ralph E. Davis Pioneer Stadium.



Sports



Scoreboard

Friday, Nov. 3

Volleyball  
UWO - 3  
UW-La Crosse - 0

Saturday, Nov. 4

Football  
UWO - 7  
UW-Platteville - 22  
Volleyball  
Game 1:  
UWO - 3  
Edgewood College - 0  
Game 2:  
UWO - 3  
Wheaton College - 0  
Swimming and Diving  
Men's:  
UWO - 68  
UW-Whitewater - 227  
Women's:  
UWO - 194  
UW-Whitewater - 97

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Nov. 9

Volleyball  
vs. TBA at 7 p.m.  
Wrestling  
at UW-La Crosse at 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 10

Women's Basketball  
at Wheaton College vs. University of  
Dubuque at 5 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 11

Football  
vs. UW-River Falls at 1 p.m.  
Women's Basketball  
vs. Wheaton College at 5 p.m.  
Cross-Country  
at NCAA Regional Championship,  
Men's at 11 a.m. & Women's at 12  
p.m.  
Swimming and Diving  
at Lawrence University Gene Davis  
Invitational at 10 a.m.  
Wrestling  
vs. UW-Eau Claire at 7 p.m.

A-Trivia

What is the UWO football  
team's all-time record  
against UW-Platteville?

Answer: 54-49-4.

A-Trivia

How wins did the Wiscon-  
sin Herd have last season?

Answer: The Herd had 11 wins  
in the 2022-23 G League season.

Football : Titans fall to UWP

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As a team, the Titans combined for 77 total tackles, four tackles for loss and no sacks. The Pioneer defense was led by Sam Smith, who recorded a game-high 13 tackles, 2.5 sacks and three tackles for loss. As a team Platteville combined for five sacks, 11 tackles for loss and seven quarter-back hurries. The 107th meeting between the two programs started with a three-and-out from the Titans, but UWO stopped the Pioneers on fourth down deep inside Oshkosh territory to keep the game scoreless. Berghammer was picked off by UWP's Aidan Tyk just three plays later, but once again the Pioneers were held scoreless inside Titan territory after a three-and-out.

UWO turned the ball over on downs on their next possession, and one play later the Titans paid the price after Michael Priami threw a 38-yard touchdown pass to Garrett Stare. The Pioneers missed the ensuing extra point but still led 6-0 midway through the first quarter. Platteville added another touchdown to the board just 35 seconds later when Nicholas Allen picked off a 12-yard pass from Berghammer and ran it all the way back for a pick-six to give UWP a 13-0 lead. Neither team would score again until late in the second quarter when Platteville kicker Jared Scheberl connected on a 20-yard field goal with 22 seconds to go in the half to increase the Pioneer advantage to 16 points. Platteville blew the game open on their first drive of the second half after UWP capped off a 72-yard drive with a Brandt Stare 8-yard rushing

2023 Culver's Isthmus Bowl

How each team clinches a spot

The WIAC team that clinches a spot will take on the top team that doesn't qualify for the NCAA Division III playoffs from the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW).

- 1) If UW-River Falls defeats UWO, UW-River Falls would qualify for the Isthmus Bowl. This is if no WIAC team is awarded a bid into the D-III playoffs at 8-2.
- 2) If UWO defeats UW-River Falls and UW-Stout defeats UW-Platteville, UWO would qualify.
- 3) If UWO defeats UW-River Falls and UW-Platteville defeats UW-Stout, UW-Platteville would qualify.

WIAC Standings

UW-La Crosse	6-0
UW-Whitewater	5-1
UW-River Falls	4-2
UW Oshkosh	3-3
UW-Platteville	3-3
UW-Stout	2-4
UW-Eau Claire	1-5
UW-Stevens Point	0-6

touchdown. The Pioneers missed another extra point, but still enjoyed a comfortable 22-0 lead. The Titans finally got on the board on their next possession when UWP put together a three play, 62-yard drive that ended in a 4-yard rushing touchdown from Berghammer. Neither team would score again in the contest as the game became filled with turnovers. Berghammer had another pass intercepted in the third quarter, Scheberl missed a 29-yard field goal for UWP, Burson

Passing Leaders

Michael Priami (UWP): 16-31, 221 yards, 1 TD  
Kobe Berghammer (UWO): 19-40, 202 yards, 3 INTs

Rushing Leaders

Tag Habedank (UWP): 27 ATT, 100 yards  
Kobe Berghammer (UWO): 14 ATT, 39 yards, 1 TD  
K'Vondre Meadows (UWP): 8 ATT, 29 yards

Receiving Leaders

Brandt Stare (UWP): 6 REC, 97 yards  
Jon Mathieu (UWO): 7 REC, 66 yards  
Garrett Stare (UWP): 2 REC, 62 yards, 1 TD  
Trae Tetzlaff (UWO): 5 REC, 45 yards

fumbled for the Titans in the fourth quarter and Oshkosh turned the ball over on downs late in the fourth quarter. Platteville was able to cruise to a 22-point victory and is now tied with Oshkosh for fourth place in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic

Conference standings. The Titans will take on UW-River Falls for the final game of the regular season Nov. 11 at J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium with a trip to the 2023 Isthmus Bowl potentially on the line.

Herd prepare for fresh start

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With a new general manager and head coach, the Wisconsin Herd of the NBA G League will look to contend for the Eastern Conference title when the 2023-24 season kicks off for the Herd against the Cleveland Charge on Nov. 10. The Herd, the G League affiliate of the Milwaukee Bucks, hired Beno Udrih to be the fourth head coach in team history Aug. 15, replacing Chaiison Allen at the helm of the team. In two seasons with the Herd, Allen had a 19-45 record and his winning percentage of .297 was the lowest in team history. Udrih said the first few days with the team during training camp have been great. Wisconsin named Arte Culver general manager of the team on Sept. 21, replacing Tony Bollier as the third general manager in franchise history. Culver started with the organization back in 2019 as director of basketball operations before being promoted to assistant general manager in 2021. Culver said he was really excited to be named the general manager of the Herd in his fifth season with the franchise. "There will be some overlap in previous responsibilities but there are a lot of new challenges and a lot of new ways for me to grow," Culver said. "I think one of the unique things about me being in this position is that both my predecessors are still active around the league. There's still a high level of comfort



Wisconsin Herd forward Glenn Robinson III speaks at media day at the Oshkosh Arena Nov. 7.

for me to be able to lean on those two for advice and I think we do a great job in the Bucks organization of doing everything together." Udrih, a former Bucks guard from 2011-13, joins the Herd after serving as a professional NBA scout for the Atlanta Hawks last season. Udrih, from Slovenia, played 16 seasons in the NBA and won two titles with the San Antonio Spurs in 2005 and 2007. After retiring from professional basketball in 2018, Udrih became an assistant coach in the G League with the Westchester Knicks in 2020 and later became a player development coach for the New Orleans Pelicans for two seasons. Udrih said the main goal for

the Herd is to develop players but he also wants to focus on winning games. "I have been in this situation myself when I was a younger player and I preferred to go to the gym when we were winning," Udrih said. "I know that if we help these guys understand that winning is important as well, not just developing, I do believe that players will come to the gym much happier and more ready to work and grow." Udrih and Culver will hope to help the Herd bounce back from a disappointing season where Wisconsin finished with one of the worst records in the G League, finishing 13th in the Eastern Conference with an 11-21 record.

The two biggest additions to the Herd roster this season are forwards Glenn Robinson III and Drew Timme. Robinson III, son of former Bucks No.1 overall pick Glenn Robinson, comes to the Herd after taking nearly two years off from professional basketball. Robinson III, the 2017 NBA Slam Dunk Champion, was drafted 40th overall by the Minnesota Timberwolves in 2014 and has played for six different NBA franchises over a seven-year career in the league. In 2021, he averaged 5.3 points and 2.0 rebounds per game in 23 games played with the Sacramento Kings. Continue reading at [advancetitan.com](http://advancetitan.com)



# Sports



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UWO’s Quinn Steckbauer drives to the hoop in the WIAC tournament championship game last season at the Kolf Sports Center.

## D3hoops.com men’s pre-season Top 25 poll

- 1. Christopher Newport
- 2. UW-Whitewater
- 3. John Carroll
- 4. Keene State
- 5. Mount Union
- 6. Oswego State
- 7. Williams College
- 8. Hampden-Sydney
- 9. New York University
- 10. Calvin University
- 11. Swarthmore College
- 12. Johns Hopkins
- 13. Case Western Reserve
- 14. Randolph-Macon
- 15. Mary Hardin-Baylor
- 16. Wabash College
- 17. Catholic University
- 18. Carthage College
- 19. Emory University
- 20. East Texas Baptist
- 21. North Park University
- 22. Washington University
- 23. Claremont Mudd-Scripps
- 24. Middlebury College
- 25. UW Oshkosh

# UWO begins quest for another title

By Jacob Link  
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Fresh off a trip to the Elite Eight last season, the UW Oshkosh men’s basketball team will look to compete for a third-straight Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title when the Titans hit the court for their home-opener Nov. 8.

UWO, ranked No. 25 in the nation in d3basketball.com’s pre-season poll, were picked to finish second in the WIAC behind No. 2 UW-Whitewater in a preseason poll conducted by the league’s head coaches and sports information directors.

Oshkosh head coach Matt Lewis said the goal for the team is to just get better every day at practice.

“If we’re fortunate enough to be playing really good basketball in January or February, well then we’ll worry about (winning a title) then,” Lewis said. “Right now, we’re just trying to get better for today.”

Last season, the Titans went 24-7 and 13-1 in the WIAC to claim their third conference championship in the last five years. The Titans fell

to Whitewater in the WIAC tournament championship game, but still qualified for the Division III NCAA tournament where they advanced to the quarterfinal round. In their Elite Eight matchup against the University of Mount Union (Ohio), the Titans trailed the entire game and fell 78-67 to the Purple Raiders to end the season.

Lewis returns for his sixth season at the helm of the Titans and will welcome back two of his five starters from last season that allowed a league-low 63.5 points per game and a 42.3% opponent shooting percentage.

Lewis, the 2023 WIAC Kwik Trip Coach of the Year, has compiled a career record of 101-25 and has led UWO to four NCAA tournament appearances in the last five years (there was no tournament in 2020). Lewis led the Titans to a national championship in 2019 and has won the most NCAA tournament games in school history.

Lewis said the team’s expectations and standards have become to compete at the highest-level year after year.

“Right now, we’ve been focusing on quite a few young guys who are just trying to focus on getting better each and every day,” Lewis said. “We’re three weeks in, I think we’ve gotten a lot better, but I also think we’ve got a ways to go yet. We’re just trying to focus on getting ourselves better and ultimately, it’s a race for how good we can be by the end of the season, where it matters the most.”

Leading the charge for the Titans this season will be returning starters Jonah Rindfleisch and Quinn Steckbauer. Rindfleisch, a junior forward, averaged a career-high 5.8 points and 5.5 rebounds per game last season. Steckbauer, a senior guard, was an All-WIAC Honorable Mention selection each of the past two seasons and averaged 10 points per game last year while shooting 38.5% from behind the arc.

UWO will also be led by senior guard Will Mahoney, predominately a sixth man for the team last season, who earned a All-WIAC Honorable Mention nod in 2021 and averaged 7.5 points per game

in the 2022-23 campaign and shot 38.3% from deep.

Mahoney said his goal for the season is to help the team win in any way possible.

“We have a great group of guys and we’re excited to show people what Oshkosh basketball is about,” Mahoney said. “We strive to win the league every year and compete for national championships.”

For the first time since the 2018-19 campaign, the Titans will be without star forward Levi Borchert who graduated after last season. Borchert, the WIAC Player of the Year each of the past two seasons, averaged 15.2 points and 11.0 rebounds per game to lead UWO in both stats last year.

“Levi (Borchert) was obviously super talented and got a lot of good things for us last year,” Mahoney said. “But we have some dudes and can shoot it very well and take it to the lane and finish at a high rate. Our big men are monsters too, so we aren’t too worried.”

The Titans will also no longer have seniors Eric Peterson, Cole Booth and Hunter Plamann, all

starters from last year who have graduated.

Lewis said that the graduating seniors from last season were big parts of the program and went through a lot of battles.

“They had played in a lot of games together, then won a lot of games together, and so it’s a really fun transition ultimately,” Lewis said. “There’s no doubt it’s a big loss for us. Those guys graduated but we’ve got a lot of returners that have gotten a lot better and are ready to assume bigger roles. It’s fun to see those guys have those opportunities and it’s also fun to see some kids come in that you think are really talented and see that new group come together.”

The Titans kicked off their season against Illinois Tech Nov. 8 at the Kolf Sports Center. Check the UWO Athletics website for more information.

UWO will take on La Roche University (Pennsylvania) in the Great Lakes Invitational in Springfield, Ohio, Nov. 17 starting at noon.

# Women’s basketball tips off season

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The UW Oshkosh women’s basketball team will tip-off the season in Wheaton, Illinois on Nov. 10 for the Wheaton Beth Baker Classic.

After making it to the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) tournament semifinals and second round of the NCAA Tournament last season, the Titans will return three of their starters and several more players who saw playing time last season.

Entering his 12th year as head coach, Brad Fischer said he finds it important for the team to keep on working and not get complacent.

“We know we’ve got a long way to go before we’re the best version of what we think we’re capable of,” Fischer said. “Just because we got a lot back doesn’t mean we can just pick up where we ended last year.”

Fischer added, “We have a lot to learn yet why our program has been super successful over the 11 previous years, and not to assume that’s just what’s going to happen because that’s what happens here.”

Senior forward Kayce Vaile is one of the team’s returning starters. She is excited for what this team can be after excelling as a young team last year, but she said the mentality has to remain the same.

“We have a little more experience under our belts, which will help us in moments during big games. But we haven’t changed our work ethic,” Vaile said. “We may not be the biggest, most talented, strongest team, but we for sure go out there and work and put effort into every possession.”

While three of the starters will be returning, Fischer said that the starting lineup for this season has not been set in stone. It will likely be

based on how they matchup against their opponents game-to-game.

“It hasn’t really been how we’ve done things,” Fischer said. “It’s going to be based on types of matchups, like if we have to play a bigger one game or smaller another.”

While Fischer expects the three returning starters to continue to be regular fixtures in the starting lineup, he believes the other two spots can be a rotation of five to seven different players.

The Titans were voted to finish third in the WIAC in the preseason poll conducted by conference’s head coaches and information directors.

“We may not have an All-American or all-regional type player,” Fischer said. “But top to bottom, the team is close to the talent we’ve had.”

The Titans will participate in five different non-conference invita-



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UWO senior Ava Douglas drives to the basket in a game at the Kolf Sports Center last season.

tionals before the calendar turns to 2024. The Titans will open WIAC play at home against defending

WIAC champions, UW-Whitewater, on Jan. 3 at the Kolf Sports Center.



Arts & Entertainment

# Mental health speaker inspires

## *‘13 Reasons Why’ actor speaks to student body*

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Last Thursday, UW Oshkosh hosted an event titled “13 Reasons Why Mental Health Matters” with Christian Navarro.

Navarro is an actor from the popular Netflix series “13 Reasons Why,” which aired from 2017 to 2020.

The show had themes of mental health in high school students and focused on different characters and their mental struggles.

Navarro’s character, Tony Padilla, was a gay Latino teen whose mental health and struggles were also portrayed in relation to his different characteristics.

At the event, Navarro spoke about his own mental health on the show and during times such as the pandemic.

This Speaker Series was put together by students and staff.

Brynn Simpson was one of the students who helped plan and promote the event, along with the Fraternity and Sorority Life adviser Angie Zemke.

“It definitely was a lot of details that needed to get planned,” Simpson said. “I worked with Angie, who helped with his contract and getting his travel and hotel stuff figured out.”

Simpson decided she wanted to invite Navarro to come speak to the student body.

“I decided on Christian Navarro because I wanted to have a talk about mental health,” she said. “I thought it is going to be so much more empowering and beneficial to hear (about mental health) from someone (students) know from the media and (who they) have actively seen his work and know his face.”

Simpson said she enjoyed what Navarro had to say to the students who attended the event.

“He wanted to give others tools and resources that he didn’t have during his time and validate their feelings and what they were going through telling them that they are not alone,” she said.

During the event, Navarro shared his stories to make an impact on the student body.



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Actor Christian Navarro shares his mental health journey and different ways he was able to care for himself to students.



Courtesy of @christianleennavarro

Navarro openly talks about struggles with anxiety and depression.

“He cares so much about mental health, having gone through difficult mental health struggles himself, and helping other people is something he was so passionate about,” Simpson said.

Navarro also had a meet and greet with students after the

event where he took photos, spoke with them and answered questions.

“During the meet and greet there were even more people that were sharing their stories and telling him how they have struggled and each time he responded to them as an individual,” Simpson said.

Simpson said Navarro had an impact on the students who were able to meet him.

“There were many people who walked away from that experience holding their heads higher knowing that someone they admired and was a major social influence was on their side and was rooting for them,” she said.

As for herself, Simpson said the event made all the planning worthwhile.

“It was so fulfilling watching everything come together and watching him interact with questions that students had, as well as validating experiences that they shared,” she said.

Before the event took place,

Simpson and a few other students were able to have dinner with Navarro.

“(He) is one of the kindest human beings I have ever met,” she said. “He had dinner prior to the event, and he was so empowering, telling us all that we were doing something beneficial.”

When meeting students, Navarro had a positive outlook.

“He said that he has so much hope for the future because we are the ones who are making the changes he wished to see when he was our age,” Simpson said. “He truly cares about each person he meets and hears their story.”

Simpson said the experience is one she will take with her after college.

“Meeting him was an experience that I will keep with me for the rest of my life,” she said. “I truly believe that he is an amazing person. He made a difference for so many people who were at the event because he surely helped me.”

## Campus Mental Health Resources

**UWO Mental Health 24/7 Hotline**

Call (920) 424-2061,  
or call or text  
1-888-531-2142

**Support Lines**

Winnebago Mental Health Hotline:  
(920) 233-7077  
National Support Line: 988

**The UWO**

**Counseling Center**  
Open Mon. - Fri.  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
(920) 424-2061



## Opinion

# Course registration nightmare

## We're sick of taking classes we don't actually need

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By the time you are reading this, you are either successfully registered for spring classes or you're scrambling to find someone to override holds on your account. Or, maybe you're shutting your eyes and hoping your schedule will miraculously appear.

Course registration is such a dreadful time of semester. Students are basing course selections on outdated, ever-changing requirements and wind up wasting money (and efforts) on classes they don't actually need. It also seems like we (students) always find out we actually need one more course right before graduation. Course registration is a shot in the dark but it doesn't need to be.

The curriculum is shifting and students aren't being notified of such changes. We aren't even sure if a language requirement will stand true after semester. Not only is this extremely confusing, but we don't know what classes to take or what will be offered due to the budget deficit and layoffs.

Our academic advisors are equally as confused as to what they can promise us going forward. This is not very reassuring. Students are having to extend their time in college to complete courses that are only offered certain semesters and/or cram in on-line classes in order to meet cred-

it requirements. Registration is never a set path, there is always a detour one way or another.

Every single semester, without fail, I'm praying I'm signing up for the right courses. A small misstep could throw off my graduation date, so I think it's really important for UWO to require advising appointments.

Trying to find what courses are right for you is so tricky. If my advisor had not been there to help me every step of the way I definitely would have been even more stressed.

Advisers should also be faculty members who are well-versed in the different paths students can take to be successful and they need to be able to communicate to students effectively about their options. While I've been lucky enough to have an adviser that has thoroughly explained my options, I've heard of many students leaving their advising appointments even more confused than when they walked in.

This is probably the case particularly with first-generation students who don't have the additional resources to learn about the most efficient ways to get through college.

The new process of registering for classes is bound for disaster, especially among upperclassmen. Seniors preparing to graduate and squeaking in their last required classes are having trouble doing so because underclassmen are taking up these spots.

Sometimes we can help but



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feel like we're being screwed over on purpose. Time and time again we have heard that tuition is what accumulates the most funding for the schools. When advising magically goes wrong the semester before graduation, it feels like we're being forced to stay longer.

Course registration has been terrifying over these past few years. As someone who is set to graduate early, I have been so scared one misstep in my registration will set me off track.

Trying to understand the TitanWeb is also a struggle, as everything seems to be in random order with nothing truly set in a way that helps. When I was told to read the courses I've taken to make sure I could graduate, online it made it look like I needed so many more than I did.

There's no reason for the system to be this outdated. In 2023 we should have a fully functional, easy-to-navigate way to access our advising reports, unofficial transcripts, lists of what

courses we need to fulfill, etc.

It's become a common meme in the college world that academic advisors are terrible, why is that? We pay so much money to be here, we should get the correct support we need to get in and out in a timely fashion. If we have people in paid positions to assist in our advising, they should be doing just that.

There's no excuse for the tears, stress and sleepless nights course registration causes. We deserve better.

## Letter to the editor

## PSA: Political obstruction is climate destruction

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In my years as a business owner, nonprofit leader and local elected official in Wisconsin, I've been asked to solve a lot of tricky problems by my employees, customers and constituents. I don't always have the perfect answer, but the one thing I cannot do is stick my head into the sand.

Wisconsin, like every other state, is facing an uncertain future due to a shifting climate and diminishing natural resources. But instead of charging headfirst toward these problems, our lawmakers in the Wisconsin Legislature and in Congress have jumped headfirst into the sand. As they obstruct even the most basic environmental protections, job-killing climate catastrophe looms larger every day.

In fact, instead of working towards climate solutions, our representatives are busy dismantling the very policies that are proven to work. The widely popular Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) could

help the U.S. cut emissions in half by 2030, while also creating millions of new jobs in the sustainable economy. But as the watchdog group Climate Power has shown in its new tracker, Congressional Republicans have voted 25 times to repeal all or part of the IRA in the past year.

The IRA—and our very future—has a bright red target on its back. If successful, these repeal efforts would increase deadly fossil fuel emissions, and cut funding for essential green infrastructure projects, rural energy improvements, and home efficiency rebates for millions of Americans.

Meanwhile, here in Wisconsin our state Legislature is practicing its own form of dysfunction, preventing climate-saving legislation by gumming up the works of democracy itself. Republican lawmakers have threatened to impeach a newly elected state Supreme Court justice and voted to fire the state election commissioner.

And they're targeting climate protections directly. In an un-

precedented move, the Wisconsin State Senate just voted to fire four of the governor's appointees to the Natural Resources Board, and rejected eight nominees overall. For context, the Senate has rejected only five executive appointments over the past 40 years.

Now, the state Legislature is considering a dangerous new bill, Assembly Joint Resolution 6 (AJR6), which would amend the state constitution to give the Legislature itself control of federal funds. AJR6 could put a stranglehold on IRA funding to Wisconsin, including grants, loans and business development incentives. Wisconsin could potentially lose critical funding to expand local clean energy technology, manufacturing of renewable energy, batteries, smart grids, electric vehicles and related components. Losing this funding would be a disaster both for our local climate and for Wisconsin's economy. It's a big reason why the Clean Economy Coalition of Wisconsin, a nonpartisan group of climate, energy, environmental justice and

conservation organizations, businesses and allies opposes AJR6.

The clock is ticking. Every day our representatives play games in the statehouse and in Congress, we are another day closer to catastrophe. So far in 2023, the U.S. has seen an unprecedented 24 confirmed weather disaster events, resulting in hundreds of deaths and more than \$1 billion in damages. That is triple the average number of weather disasters recorded from 1980 to 2022.

Every business owner knows that you don't solve problems by creating bigger ones, and you certainly don't play games in the face of a crisis. When it comes to saving our climate, there is no backup plan, no Plan B or C. If our leaders fail to act on climate change, these disasters will cripple our economy and our very lives. Either get the job done, or get out of the way.

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