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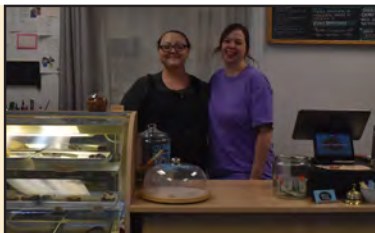
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Cummins Inc.'s operating income in billions of dollars. Data from Macrotrends.

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UAW members stand and hold protest signs on High Avenue. The strikers, who have been striking since March, are demanding better wages, affordable and health security after Cummins Inc. failed to offer the union a reasonable contract.

UAW members on strike at Cummins

By Anya Kelley
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Members of the United Auto Workers (UAW) Local 291 line High Avenue in front of the cream colored brick Cummins factory holding signs declaring "UAW on strike" for unfair labor practices.

The strikers, bundled up to beat the spring cold snap, mill up and down the road waving at passing cars and cheering when someone honks their horn. The wind whips through the bushes lining the building.

"Dressed up a little bit better today," one striker said to another. "I've got long johns and a T-shirt underneath."

Someone's brought a speaker and is playing classic rock, another person dozes off in a red lawn chair still holding their sign.

As of April 19, the UAW Local 291 chapter had been on strike for one month after Cum-

mins failed to offer the union a contract that addressed workers needs: fair wages, affordable health care and job security.

Doug Golla has been working at this factory for 30 years. Now, he stands on the picket line in a gray winter jacket and a black beanie, striking for the first time since 2017.

"They want to fill the place with temp workers," he said. "They want accumulated vacations, things like that. They want to add that to a company policy rather than have it in a labor book."

Cummins earned over \$13 billion in profits over the past three years, yet Golla said that the raises at this facility have stalled and now they sit "anywhere from \$4 to \$8 an hour under the average in the area."

"We've unfortunately had a lot of years of rough times in this plant," Golla said.

The factory at 1005 High Ave. has been there since 1898 when

E.B. Hayes Machine Co. opened up shop. The factory that the strikers stand in front of now was built in 1920.

"I've been through eight different owners and probably 10 or 11 [union] contracts," Golla said.

At the end of each contract, companies are required to meet with their union representatives to renegotiate. Golla said that past companies started negotiations months in advance, but Cummins delayed the meeting until the day before the contract was up.

"They want unlimited temps, they want unlimited overtime – daily and Saturdays," Golla said. "Really, really radical, you know?"

Across the street from the Cummins factory sits the UAW Local 291 union hall. The brick building was built in 1971 and the interior looks the same as it did back then.

Ryan Compton, president of

the UAW Local 291, sits behind a heavy metal desk in a wood panelled office. The walls are lined with metal filing cabinets brimming with years of paperwork, and cardboard boxes of papers and manila envelopes cover the floor.

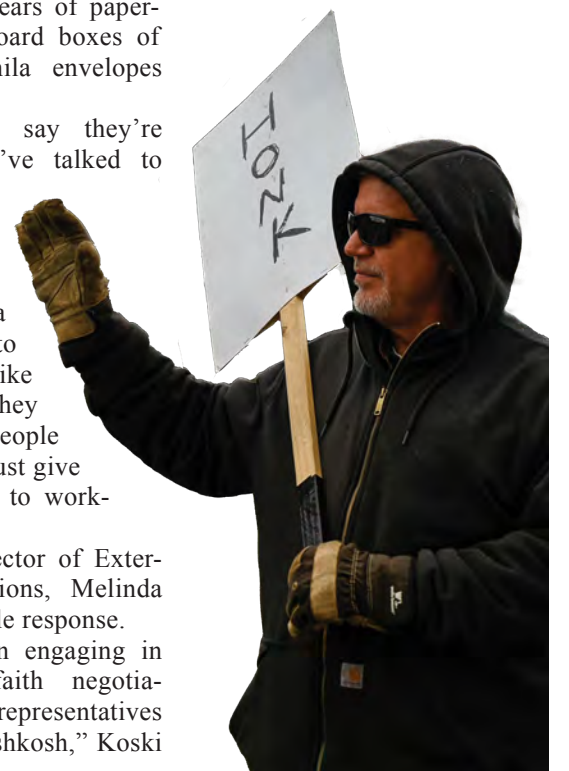
"[They] never say they're stalling, but we've talked to other Cummins facilities and this seems to be their M.O.," Compton said, a frown etched onto his face. "They like to drag it out, they like to frustrate people hoping that you just give up, just go back to working."

Cummins' Director of External Communications, Melinda Koski, had a single response.

"We have been engaging in ongoing, good-faith negotiations with union representatives at our plant in Oshkosh," Koski

said. "We remain committed to exploring all available options to reach a mutually acceptable

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Oblio’s Lounge bartender shot in neck

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A bartender at Oblio’s Lounge in downtown Oshkosh was shot by a 39-year-old man through the window of the bar Thursday night.

At 1:50 a.m. the Oshkosh Police Department responded to gunshots on the 400 block of N. Maine St.

Witnesses say that the man who shot the gun was originally in the bar, but had been kicked out. When the door closed behind him, the man fired his gun through the glass, striking the bartender in the neck.

Police found the victim on the floor when they arrived, and he was transported to the ThedaCare Medical Complex in Neenah, where he is expected to survive.

The man who was shot was identified as Quintin Montonati, who has started a GoFundMe page to help pay for medical costs.

Montonati said on his GoFundMe page that he was thankful and blessed to survive.

“I haven’t really believed in God all my life, but in recent months, and especially after this incident the other night, I believe,” he said. “For those who don’t know, while I was bartending, I kicked out a man who was harassing women, so I asked him politely to leave, which he didn’t do. I had to force him out, and with my back turned, he ended up shooting me in the neck.”

OPD and the Winnebago County Sheriff’s department tracked down the man with the gun to a Mt. Vernon Street address. Law enforcement found the suspect near the property, but he fled the scene while being held at gunpoint.

It took three taser deployments to take down the suspect, who was taken into custody for attempted first-degree intentional homicide at 2:15 a.m.

If anyone has information regarding this incident, they are encouraged to contact the Oshkosh Police Department at 920-236-5700 or the Winnebago County Crime Stoppers at 920-231-8477.



Jacob Link / Advance-Titan
Oblio’s Lounge in downtown Oshkosh was temporarily closed after the shooting of a bartender on Thursday.

Strike: Protesters ready to hold out for a year

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agreement while maintaining transparent communication with employees, customers, and stakeholders.”

Golla said that the strikers recently got a benefits raise from the UAW International Executive Board. In February the board unanimously voted to increase strike pay from \$400 per week to \$500 per week. But, people are still anxious to know what comes next.

“I’m very frustrated,” Compton said. “Just for the simple fact that they want to get a done deal, but yet it seems like they want to do everything on their terms. I haven’t seen it go down like this in my 29 years.”

The local community has offered its support for UAW Local 291. Cummins is located directly next to UW Oshkosh’s Sage Hall, and many students walk through the strikers on their way to and from class every day.

“We’ve always made sure we tell the guys to treat the college kids with respect and the college kids have been awesome,” Compton said.

The hardest part about this strike has been the duration, but one striker said that UAW Local 291 is ready to stay on strike for at least a year. In this Cummins facility, there is 100% union membership, so everyone is in the fight together.

Back outside in the cold, Golla points over his shoulder to the facility. Cummings has been bus-sing in temp workers from Tennessee everyday to fill the labor gap.

“They would rather spend all that money versus just coming to the table and let[ing] us get back to work,” Golla said. “That’s all



Jessica Duch / Advance-Titan
UAW protestors stand and hold their signs along the sidewalk of High Avenue in a strike against Cummins’ failure to offer the unionized employees a contract.

we want, you know? They’re not having good times in there. They’re dropping axles, they’re not building good things.”

“They’re the richest we’ve ever seen,” Golla said. “When I started here they were making \$5 million a year and they were happy. Now, these people are making \$13 billion or \$14 billion after their taxes are paid and they’re not happy.”

One dead after fire

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One is dead after a fire destroyed a house on Burdick Street the afternoon of April 20.

Just before 12:30 p.m., the Winnebago County Communications Center received multiple 911 calls about a structure fire in a house located at 1634 Burdick St., which is on Oshkosh’s north side. Crews on the scene reported heavy smoke and fire, and neighbors told firefighters that there were two people who lived in the home. Before the fire was under control, fire crews found one person in the home and trans-

ported them to a local hospital, but they were later pronounced dead.

According to the Oshkosh Fire Department (OFD), the home sustained heavy damage from smoke and fire, and the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

The Town of Algoma Fire Department, Fox Crossing Fire Department and Town of Oshkosh Fire Department all assisted in the response to the fire.

This comes after crews were dispatched to a house engulfed in flames on Liberty Street March 31. A resident was taken to the hospital for smoke inhalation, and the house was deemed a complete loss.

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Fox Valley prepares for cases of measles

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Public health departments throughout the Fox Valley are recommending that people prepare themselves for possible exposure to the measles at the NFL Draft in Green Bay this weekend.

“To prevent serious illness, it’s important everyone is up to date on the [Mumps, Measles, Rubella] MMR vaccination, especially children,” Chuck Sepers, the health officer for the City of Appleton Department of Public Health, said. “Protect yourself and the community by getting vaccinated.”

The CDC reported April 10 that there are 712 confirmed cases of the measles in 24 states across the U.S. While there are no reported cases in Wisconsin right now, the CDC reported that 97% of confirmed cases this year are among people who have not been vaccinated against the measles.

The City of Appleton Department of Public Health, the Calumet County Public Health Division, the City of Menasha Health Department, the Outagamie County Public Health Department and the Winnebago County Public Health Department released a joint statement April 16 urging people to check their vaccination status to prevent a measles outbreak in the Fox Valley.

Kristine Hutter, the health officer for the City of Menasha Health Department, said that tens of thousands of people from across the country will be traveling to Northeast Wisconsin, including people from areas that have had an outbreak of the measles.

“Measles spreads very quickly and is one of the most contagious diseases,” Hutter said. “If they are not vaccinated or have not previously had measles, nine out of 10 people who are around someone who has measles will become infected. A person infected with measles can spread the virus to others



Courtesy of Mike McMahon

The Outagamie County Administration Complex houses the count’s health department, which is preparing for possible cases of the measles due to a high volume of people in the area for the NFL draft.

four days before and up to four days after the rash develops.”

According to the CDC, the measles spreads through coughing and sneezing, and the virus can remain in the air for up to two hours after an infected person leaves the space. Symptoms usually begin with a fever, cough, runny nose, and red and swollen eyes, followed by a rash that develops from the head to the rest of the body.

Measles can cause more serious symptoms, such as an ear infection, pneumonia and inflammation of the brain in babies, pregnant women and people who are immunocompromised.

Natalie Vandeveld, the health

officer for the Outagamie County Public Health Department, said that the best way to prevent the measles is through vaccination.

“Two doses are 97% effective at preventing measles and one dose is around 93% effective,” Vandeveld said.

The measles vaccine is a part of the MMR combination vaccine, and one dose is usually given to children 12-15 months after birth. A second dose is usually given before the start of kindergarten, when children are between 4-6 years old.

Wisconsinites can check their immunization record to make sure they have the MMR vaccine online at the Wisconsin

Immunization Registry or they can call their health care provider to make sure they have received the necessary doses.

People from outside Wisconsin will need to check with their state health departments to see if they have received the MMR vaccine because there is no national organization that maintains the vaccination records of the two doses of the vaccine.

According to the CDC, someone is considered to be immune to the measles if they were born before 1957, have proof of immunity from a lab or have documentation of the MMR vaccine.

Doug Gieryn, the health officer for the Winnebago County

Public Health Department, said that some local departments offer free vaccines to uninsured children, and they can help give medical assistance to some kids and adults who have been exposed to the virus.

“If you suspect you or your child might have measles or have been exposed, call your healthcare provider or healthcare facility before arriving,” Gieryn said. “This will help staff prepare for your arrival and create a safe environment for everyone.”

To learn more about the measles, visit the Wisconsin department of health services website at www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/measles.htm.

Model UN wins awards at national conference

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The UW Oshkosh Model United Nations (MUN) team won another outstanding delegation award at this year’s National Model United Nations conference in New York City.

As well as the team award, the general assembly first committee, consisting of Vlasyav Plyaka and Mollie Salzman, won a position paper award and the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization delegates Elaina Swafford and Maritssa Ortiz-Young won a position paper award and an outstanding delegates in committee award.

This year’s outstanding delegation award marks 41 years in a row for the UWO MUN team. Tracy Slagter, a faculty adviser

for the team since 2018, said UWO’s MUN has built a culture of inclusivity, kindness, knowledge and respect.

“This is evident not only in our team meetings on campus, but also in how we operate in conferences,” Slagter said. “You can spot an Oshkosh Delegate in a room full of hundreds of college students because they are the delegates others are listening to, the delegates others turn to for advice. We understand that the way to be influential is not necessarily being the loudest voice in the room, but to be the most communicative and helpful.”

Slagter said the best part of nationals this year was the team’s chemistry.

“It was not only a productive learning experience for every-

one, but also a great bonding experience,” Slagter said.

Ortiz-Young is a first-year college student this year and attended her first national conference with MUN.

“I had the great opportunity to work with Elaina, the president of MUN, who helped me prep for this conference and taught me amazing leadership, communication and diplomacy skills,” Ortiz-Young said.

When Ortiz-Young and Swafford won their two awards, Ortiz-Young said it was unexpected but made the hard work feel worthwhile.

Elizabeth Tisler, the vice president of MUN, has been on the team for three years. This year, she got to learn a whole new committee.

“I enjoyed the challenge of

learning a new committee and learning the new mandate on what the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) can and cannot do,” Tisler said. “Never in my life would I have thought that I would be able to hold a conversation on the importance of the universality of the Chemical Weapons Convention.”

Plyaka has been with MUN since the fall of 2023. This was his second national conference, and he took on the responsibility of teaching first years about what to expect.

“I felt really stressed because of the importance of this conference,” Plyaka said. “We have an excellence of 41 years of an outstanding award in a row, and it is the best award a school can possibly get.”

Plyaka said most people in MUN know how successful UWO’s delegates are, so they are expected to compete at the highest level.

Regardless of the stress, Plyaka’s favorite experience this year was leading the team of about 60 people and helping them learn the ropes.

UWO’s MUN isn’t slowing down after nationals.

“We have a wonderful base of returning students who keep our culture alive and thriving, and we love bringing new students into that culture every fall,” Slagter said. “I think our team members feel supported and appreciated for what they bring to the team and to the university. And as with any team, when the culture is right, anything is possible.”

TRIO program attends regional summit

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UW Oshkosh’s TRIO Students attended the Wisconsin Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (WAEOPP) Student Leadership & Advocacy Summit to advocate for TRIO programs after recent Trump administration decisions on cutting funds for the Department of Education.

Students in different TRIO programs throughout the Midwest traveled to the Wisconsin State Capitol on April 5 to learn advocacy in action through workshops and shared their experiences of being underrepresented in higher education and the impact TRIO has made in their journey.

Melissa Luedtke, treasurer of WAEOPP and former president, said for a while, professionals have solely focused on advocating with officials at Capitol Hill, when they should be working closely with local officials and state representatives who often have closer connections with federal lawmakers to highlight the impact TRIO has on students.

“TRIO professionals from Wisconsin got together and realized that, because we’re federally funded, we focus a lot at the federal level and with the Department of Education in D.C.,” Luedtke said. “Who we really need to be working with is our local officials and our state representatives because so many of our state represen-

tatives will go on to connect with federal representatives, and we just need to also let them know about all the good things that are happening in our programs.”

The TRIO program is a federally funded outreach and student support program that is designed to assist students in underrepresented backgrounds that includes first-generation college students (neither parent has completed a four-year degree), low income and individuals with disabilities.

“There are almost 11,000 students in Wisconsin being served by over 67 programs, and so they need to know that there are programs in just about every district in the United States,” Luedtke said. “What we wanted students to be able to share their stories. Get their voice and be heard.”

Highlighting the unique challenges that first-generation college students face, Hope Schaefer Kemps, an academic coach at TRIO SSS at University of Wisconsin Oshkosh spoke about the importance of advocacy and awareness for this underrepresented community.

“I think it’s important to advocate for first-generation college students because we matter, and there are so many of us,” Schaefer Kemps said. “Seeing firsthand, like the different barriers that first generation college students face with going to college



Courtesy of TRIO

UW Oshkosh’s TRIO students stand in front of the Wisconsin State Capitol building for a regional summit.

and doing well in their classes and balancing like their mental health and all these other things that are important and part of your life.”

With recent events with the Trump administration, TRIO members believe students need to embrace their personal narratives and learn to get involved in civic engagement. Stacey Malacara, an academic coach at TRIO SSS at Gateway Technical College, emphasized that the power of storytelling and advocacy is how they can protect programs like TRIO, which are vulnerable to

shifting political values.

“When I first started this job, or even as a student, I never thought about politics. I never thought about how it affected me cause I thought I’m good. Right?” Malacara said. “But just seeing how people make decisions about our TRIO money, you must be able to articulate and be able to talk to these people and be able to fight for your program.”

Schaefer Kemps believes the power of advocacy has a key role in creating supportive spaces and resources for

underrepresented students in higher education, and that their unique experiences bring valuable perspectives that make lasting impacts.

“I think through advocacy we’re able to make changes and create programs to help support this population of students,” Schaefer Kemps said. “First-generation people have a lot to offer because of their lived experiences, which is unique compared to people that are not first generation. And so, we want to advocate for them so that they can make a difference in the world.”

Three money moves for students to make today

By Candice Wagener
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Spring is the perfect time to brush up on financial literacy and clean up your personal finances.

Here are three things you should take a look at today:

No. 1: Be aware of your monthly fees and overdrafts.

Take a close look at your financial accounts. Are you paying money for your money?

- Does your bank charge you a monthly fee to keep your checking account open?
- Do you need to keep a minimum balance to avoid incurring a fee?
- Do you know the overdraft policy on your account?
- How many times have you been charged overdraft fees in the last six months?
- How much are you

charged for overdrafts? Fees and overdraft policies can vary widely among financial institutions, with the average overdraft fee costing \$35 per incident. That’s why it’s really important to understand fees and policies when you’re considering where to open an account.

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Once you’re out of college, your credit score is sort of like your new GPA. This guideline determines how easy it will be for you to get a loan or rent an apartment, among other things.

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No. 3: Know your student loan balance.

Even if you’re still in school and don’t have to worry about

repaying student loans yet, you should know how much you owe. The more you can plan today, the less overwhelmed you’ll feel when you graduate.

If you have the means, you may even consider making small payments on your loan now. That’s just one of our tips for a stress-free student loan experience. You can also tinker with this student loan payoff calculator to work out different scenarios of paying off your loan.

Not sure where to start with your student loan planning?



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Sweet Jules has treats for all

By Cassidy Johnson
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Baking is a labor of love, and Jules Kupsky is a baker who knows and embodies this sentiment in her baked goods, and in the bakery itself.

Two years ago on March 2, Kupsky officially opened the first Sweet Jules Bakes at 9 Church Ave. in Oshkosh, serving baked goods for those with and without allergies.

This is one of the first bakeries in Winnebago County where absolutely everything is gluten-free-friendly and where anyone with one of the “Big 9” food allergies can have something to enjoy.

“I would like everyone to be able to enjoy fresh, delicious baked goods no matter their allergies,” Kupsky said.

Sweet Jules also does custom orders in which they will try to cater to customer’s allergens as much as possible, as well as offering goods for those without any allergies or dietary restrictions.

“The girls who work at the shop say their favorite thing is when celiac customers’ eyes light up when they find out they can have anything in the store,” Kupsky said.

Kupsky said she originally started baking gluten-free goods for her sister, and that’s where she got the inspiration for an allergen-dedicated bakery.

“I use the same recipes, just a different flour. Same with our vegan and other allergen sensitive items — same recipes just with substitutes. And no one could tell the difference.”

Sweet Jules sells everything from cheesecake flights to cookie sandwiches to chocolate chia brownies, and she’s constantly changing and adding to the menu. She also sells bakery classics like custom cakes and cupcakes, adding a twist on some with flavors like chai, black velvet and lavender lemon with raspberry.

The bakery also has a variety of savory treats such as soups, savory



Jules Kupsky and her bakery clerk Elena Knitt smile for a photo in her bake shop Sweet Jules Bakes located on 9 Church Ave.

scones, hot duck egg breakfast sandwiches and soon, waffles.

A true labor of love, everything she bakes is her own recipe and made completely from scratch down to the caramel and toffee she uses on her signature Chocolate Decadence cake.

As Kupsky puts it, “There is not one box mix or bucket of frosting in the building.”

On top of that, almost every ingredient is locally sourced, including the eggs, butter and fresh whipped cream. Even the carrots for the carrot cake are fresh from Olden Organics in Ripon, and the cranberry orange scones have “fresh, hand-squeezed orange juice” in them.

Another way Kupsky really sets herself apart is by baking her goods in small batches, “a dozen scones at a time,” as she says.

“The amount of time, love, and attention to detail we put into everything ... I don’t think can be

matched,” Kupsky said. “We truly love what we do and I think you can taste the difference.”

Kupsky also adds her personal touch throughout her store. As she puts it, “The entire bakery was a do-it-yourself.”

“From the flooring to the paint, I did it all,” she said. “My sister, Audifax, is an artist and helped me with overall vision, color choices, and even the wall stencil I used.”

Some of her favorite DIY’s are the hand-painted blue and gold walls, the tables made out of cutting boards and the shelves made out of old door jambs from her garage.

Perhaps the most meaningful, however, is a framed newspaper clipping depicting Kupsky’s mother holding her as 3-year-old next to a counter-full of her mother’s fresh baked bread.

The clipping was recovered and retouched by her sister from her parent’s house fire and now sits

in the center of the shop, exactly where her sister promised it would go before concepts of the bakery even existed.

With the amount of passion she has for baking and her bakery, some would guess that this has been a lifelong dream for her. However, that wasn’t exactly the case for Kupsky.

Kupsky has always loved baking, but hasn’t always been a baker. She actually started as a cook, graduating from culinary school and trying almost every position in the culinary industry.

She eventually got burnt out and tried her hand at a “normal” job, but that got derailed by a foot fracture. During recovery, she started baking to pass the time and refound her love for it.

“When I went back to my day job, [I realized] it wasn’t everything. I was reborn,” she said. “I went back to work but kept baking.”

Cassidy Johnson / Advance-Titan

With her new passion alight, Kupsky would work her day job and then cook all night at a shared kitchen in Appleton, the first location of Sweet Jules.

“[I would] literally just have enough time to change my shirt between and give myself a “you can do this” in the mirror sometimes,” she said.

Eventually, it got to the point where she didn’t even have time to sleep in her schedule. It was then that she made the jump, and chose the thing that she loved.

“I don’t think there is any risk in following your dreams,” Kupsky said. “I have never heard of anyone being on their deathbed saying, ‘man, I am so glad I did not follow my passion. I am so glad I did not try something I loved.’”

Kupsky’s passion and hard work allowed her to get to where she is today, and it continues to shine through her bakery and her decadent baked goods.



STUDENT spotlight

Rylee Adams
Student Artist



“Iridescent Shell”

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Rylee Adams is a sophomore studying Fine Arts and graphic design at UW Oshkosh.

She chose this major after playing soccer in high school left her with multiple concussions.

“With having 11 concussions it became really difficult to be able to do majors such as nursing, or others which require lots of memorization,” Adams said. “After the 10th concussion, I got into art and figured it allows me to create projects of passion while also given the opportunity to travel and see the world.”

Throughout her artwork, Adams uses oceanic and beachy themes.

“I’ve always loved being in the water, whether it’s the lake, a pool or the ocean,” Adams said. “The

ocean theme has been an inspiration for where I want to end up, and also how to speak with pictures on my passions.”

Adams also said that she likes using her artwork to raise awareness.

“I’ve become very invested in raising awareness towards the endangered ocean life and unsustainable habits we have impacting the ocean.”

The first of these pieces is a sizeable seashell made out of cardboard, white spray paint, twine and pearl beads she made for her 3-D art class called “Iridescent Pearl.”

“I wanted to create a piece I could utilize as decoration for my room,” Adams said. “So I looked at objects I already had, and found a seashell [among them].”

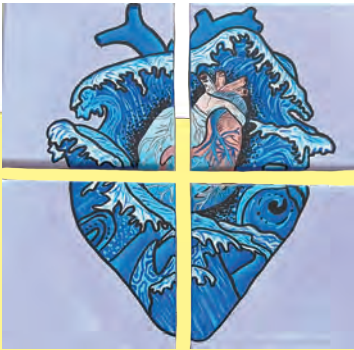
Another one of these painting

called “Rays of the Hammerhead,” a piece created from a recycled canvas that she created over winter break to replace a piece in her dorm room that she was giving to someone else.

“I love sharks and had painted one similar to it for my sister, but I decided I wanted one for myself,” Adams said. “It was a fun way to experiment with different shading as well as visual water textures.”

Last but not least is a painting called “Hearts Calling.” Aw piece she painted when she had free time with acrylic and Sharpie on canvas.

“I love the water, specifically the ocean, so when I saw the general idea of this painting I knew I had to paint my own version,” Adams said. “I truly believe I belong somewhere by the ocean, and my heart is always there.”



“Hearts Calling”



“Rays of the Hammerhead”

Brett Gaynor throws no-hitter

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UW Oshkosh's Brett Gaynor threw the 12th no-hitter in program history in game two of a four-game series against UW-River Falls April 17, highlighting UWO's series win over the Falcons.

Gaynor struck out six batters and allowed no walks in the 12-0 win over the Falcons on Thursday, earning his third win of the year.

The Titans scored seven runs in the first inning, while recording four in the fourth and one in the fifth. Logan Schill went 3-for-4 with three RBIs. Owen Housinger went 1-for-2 with three RBIs and Braydon Skendandore went 1-for-2 with two RBIs.

The Titans won game one 11-1, with Josh Jansen pitching all seven innings to earn his fifth win of the year. Jansen allowed only five hits and one earned run, while striking out three and walking one.

The Titans scored four runs in the first inning, as Jake Surane drove in Schill for the first run of the game. The remaining RBIs were hits from Skenandore, Mason Kirchberg and Carter Stebane.

In the sixth inning, Stebane scored on a throwing error and Schill singled down the left field line. The Titans scored the final four runs in the seventh inning to cruise to the win in game one.

Rain forced the games to be rescheduled from April 18, but the Titans put together a dominant day at Tiedemann Field in the first doubleheader, winning both games in



Courtesy of Jennifer Zuberbier / UWO Athletics
UWO's Brett Gaynor pitches in his no-hitter against UW-River Falls April 17 at Alumni Stadium at Tiedemann Field.

seven innings.

The Titans split the doubleheader with the Falcons April 19, but were able to win their second straight series and their third of the 2025 season.

Kirchberg walked it off in game one with a double that drove in Jack McKellips to give the Titans the 5-4 win.

The Titans recorded four RBIs off eight hits led by Schill who went 1-for-3 with two RBIs. Kirch-

berg went 1-for-3 with one RBI and Housinger went 2-for-4 with one RBI.

Connor Brinkman started on the mound for Oshkosh, pitching 6.1 innings and allowing four runs off eight hits. Brinkman faced 29 batters, struck out four and walked one in his seventh start of the year.

Ryan Richter earned his third win of the year, throwing 2.2 innings, facing eight batters and striking out one.

Game two saw heavy production at the plate from the Falcons as they scored four runs in the fourth inning off Titans pitcher Connor Walters.

The Falcons went on to score one more run in the fifth inning, followed by two runs in the eighth and five runs in the ninth.

Walters was handed his third loss of the year after pitching 4.1 innings and allowing five earned runs off seven hits.

The Titans scored four runs with

RBIs from Surane, Stebane, Nick Shiu and Zach Taylor, but struggled at the plate in game four.

UWO will host the top-ranked UW-Whitewater Warhawks for a doubleheader at Tiedemann Field April 23. Scores for those games can be found on uwoshkoshtitans.com.

The Titans will travel to UW-Stevens Point for a pair of doubleheaders April 26-27 starting at noon both days.

Softball splits with Warhawks, Falcons

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The No. 11 nationally ranked UW Oshkosh softball team split its doubleheaders against No. 20 UW-Whitewater and UW-River Falls over the past week.

UWO hosted its first doubleheader of the week against the Warhawks April 16. The first game of the doubleheader was a pitchers duel.

UWW started the game with a bunt single from Warhawk center fielder Bella Eggert. After a fielder's choice and another single, Eggert was able to score off of a double steal when UWO catcher Sophie Wery threw down to second base, allowing Eggert to score from third. That would be the lone run of the contest as UWO fell 1-0.

Oshkosh was not able to figure out Warhawks pitcher Josie Hammen. Hammen pitched all seven innings, striking out four while allowing five hits. In the Titans' biggest threat of the game, which came in the fifth inning after a double from Cali Divito and Haylie Wittman reaching on a hit by pitch, Hammen was able to get out of the inning unscathed by stranding Divito and Wittman on base. Despite taking the loss, pitcher Sydney Nemetz also went all seven innings, allowing six hits and striking out three.

Game two of the doubleheader went much better for the Titans, who beat the Warhawks 9-1 in six

innings. UWO was able to crack the scoring for the first time in the doubleheader with an Abby Garceau single that Sarah Hammerton scored on for UWO to go up 1-0. After UWW was able to tie it at 1-1 with the help of a throwing error, the Titans were able to immediately respond in the bottom of the third.

With two outs, Morgan Rau reached on a fielder's choice that Wittman was able to score on to reclaim a 2-1 lead. The Titans were able to extend the lead to 3-1 next inning due to a sacrifice fly from Amanda Martinek that Sydney Rau scored on. The Titans were able to do all its damage in the sixth inning. After a Wery double extended the lead to 5-1, a single from Sydney Rau was able to bring home Wery and Wittman for the Titans to go up 7-1. Needing only two runs to end the game an inning early, UWO was able to get those runs behind a Martinek single and a fielding error that Hammerton reached on.

Grace Nardi recorded the win for the Titans, pitching four innings while striking out two and allowing only one run on two hits. Brianna Bougie recorded her fifth save of the season for the Titans, pitching two innings while striking out two and allowing no hits.

UWO shifted its attention to the weekend where they traveled to River Falls to face off against the Falcons on April 19, splitting its doubleheader.



Courtesy of Steve Frommell / UWO Athletics
UWO's Olivia Ullman stands on second base in a game earlier this season at UW Oshkosh Softball Park.

In the first game of the doubleheader, the Titans scored both of its runs in the first two innings behind a single from Sydney Rau that scored Divito and a single from Garceau in the second that scored Hammerton to go up 2-0. Despite not being able to get any more runs across, the Titans were able to cruise to the end to win game one 2-0. This was due to another complete game from Nemetz where this time she was able to go all seven innings while allowing no runs.

The second game of the doubleheader got off to a good start for UWO. Hammerton put the Titans

up 1-0 to start the game with a sacrifice bunt that scored Garceau and Sydney Rau scored on a passed ball from a walk that her sister Morgan Rau took for UWO to go up 2-0 in the first. UWO put another run across in the fifth with a single from Ullman that Divito was able to score on to go up 3-0. Unfortunately for the Titans, UWRF was able to put up a big sixth inning to get right back in the game. With the bases loaded, the Falcons put two across due to a bases-loaded walk and an RBI single to make it 3-2. Then in the seventh, again with the bases loaded, the Falcons tied it at 3-3 with a

single then UWRF walked it off with a sacrifice fly to win 4-3.

The Titans (26-4) continue its stretch of road games this week. UWO will travel to Stevens Point to play the No. 21 Pointers in a doubleheader April 23. The results of the UWO's doubleheader against the Pointers can be found at uwoshkoshtitans.com

Oshkosh will then travel to Plymouth to face off against Lakeland University in a doubleheader the next day on April 24 at 3 p.m. UWO will wrap up its road trip in Menomonie on Saturday where the Titans will play UW-Stout in a doubleheader at 2 p.m.

The top five prospects for the 2025 NFL Draft



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The Tennessee Titans make a selection during the 2016 NFL Draft in Chicago. This year’s draft will be outside Lambeau Field in Green Bay along Oneida Street.

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Green Bay is hosting the NFL Draft for the first time this week-end, the second time that Wisconsin is hosting the draft since 1940 in Milwaukee.

The draft will take place at Lambeau Field and the surrounding area April 24- 26, taking over a large part of the city. For people headed there for day one on April 24, they will have an opportunity to see the 17 high-level prospects invited to fulfill their lifelong dream of hearing their name called at the NFL Draft.

Here’s a few of those prospects you can see that could make immediate impacts on whichever team calls their name.

Cameron Ward - Miami - Quarterback

Before the season, you might’ve known Ward from when he led his former school, Washington State University, to an early season upset over the No. 19 Wisconsin Badgers 31-22 in 2023, which began his climb towards greatness. Ward used that early season momentum to craft what turned out to be a season worthy of All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention.

In the 2024 offseason, Ward transferred for the second time in his collegiate career to Miami University (Florida), which happened to be a great move for his career. He broke the school record for passing touchdowns in a single season with 39, which also led the FBS, and finished second in the nation in passing yards with 4,313. He was also a finalist for the Heisman Trophy and set the NCAA record for career passing touchdowns.

Ward emerged as the 2025 draft class top quarterback and for the last few months has commonly been mocked as the No. 1 pick in the draft to the Tennessee Titans.

Some of the many strengths listed in Ward’s prospect profile by Lance Zierlein on nfl.com include:



Ward

Arm talent to make throws that others in this draft class cannot.

Recognizes pre-snap pressure and can protect himself.

Can whip throws into tight windows from 25 yards away.

Ward has the ability to be a difference maker for whichever franchise takes a chance on him early in the first round.

Travis Hunter - Colorado - Wide Receiver/Cornerback

Coming out of the University of Colorado Boulder, Hunter is one of the most intriguing prospects in recent memory as he played both sides of the football throughout his collegiate career, and was damn good at it too.

Being amongst the nation’s best wide receivers and cornerbacks in the 2024 season, Hunter was showered with awards once the season closed. He won the Heisman trophy, Associated Press Player of the Year, the Biletnikoff Award (nation’s best wide receiver), the Bednarik Award (nation’s best defender), Lott IMPACT trophy, Walter Camp Player of the Year and the Paul Hornung Award (most versatile player). I’m not going to bore you with numbers now, but let the awards speak for themselves.

Hunter’s graded as the third best overall prospect in the draft by nfl.com, his ability to play both sides is appealing for any team that has the opportunity to select him.

A few of the strengths in his prospect profile by Zierlein on nfl.com include:

Combines elite ball skills with impressive instincts.

Has catch radius and vertical leap to dominate on jump balls.

Speed to make house calls when he’s in the open field

Hunter insists that he will continue to play both sides of the ball at a professional level with great success, and if true, he could be the best player in the NFL. If you’re familiar with the MLB, Hunter has the po-



Hunter

tential of superstardom similar to Shohei Ohtani.

Abdul Carter - Penn State - Edge rusher

The second-highest graded prospect in the upcoming NFL Draft comes out of Pennsylvania State University where he had a dominant junior season and thrived in his new role with the team. In the offseason, Carter converted from an off-ball linebacker to an edge rusher, where he went on to get 12 sacks and lead the FBS in tackles for loss with 23.5.

Carter is what some call a game wrecker. If he’s on, there’s no stopping a player like him. He didn’t participate in the combine, but NFL Next Gen Stats estimates him as the sixth most athletic defensive end/edge rusher in the draft.

In the two college football play-off games Carter played in, he made four tackles for loss and two sacks, all while battling through foot and shoulder injuries.

The 2024 Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year strengths in his prospect profile by Zierlein on nfl.com include:

Strikes first to gain early advantage at point of attack.

Wicked inside spin gives offensive tackles the blues.

Closing burst and athleticism make him hard to shake for quarterbacks.

Carter is a player who’s proven he’s tough and willing to put his body on the line for the better of the team. That’s a quality many coaches look for in the pro’s, and this previous season was a constant display of that skill, causing his quick rise on this year’s projected draft boards throughout the three-day event.

Ashton Jeanty - Boise State Running Back

Jeanty, out of Boise State University (Idaho) is one of this year’s most polarizing but exciting prospects solely due to his position. In recent years, we’ve seen a rapid decline in the draft value of the run-



Carter

ning back position, but Jeanty might rewrite that story. I’ve read mock drafts where he’s projected to go as high as sixth to the Raiders, and some that say he’s going to fall to the Cowboys. There’s one thing for sure, the kid has talent.

After 2,601 rushing yards in his junior season and nearly breaking Barry Sanders’ single season rushing yards record of 2,629, Jeanty looks ahead for what many project to be an incredible career. Jeanty’s appeal comes from his game-changing open field speed and ability to break tackles. If you haven’t checked out Jeanty’s highlights, I highly recommend it.

When looking at his prospect profile on nfl.com, one thing sticks out. That is, the extremely short list of weaknesses Zierlein warranted necessary. Jeanty is compared to Hall of Famer LaDanian Tomlinson, and his strengths include:

Creates yardage with a rare trio of wiggle, power and speed.

He had runs of 50-plus yards in nine of his 14 games in 2024.

Taps the gas and skips past tackles in short spaces when needed.

Jeanty has big play potential every single time he touches the ball and can change the offensive philosophy of whichever franchise calls his name.

Tyler Warren - Penn State - Tight End

Out of all the guys listed so far, Warren is the one who stands out. He’s not a projected top-ten pick, but he definitely has the chance to sneak in there. He’s coming off a senior season where he caught 104 balls for 1,233 yards and 8 touchdowns. That earned



Jeanty



Warren

him a seventh-place finish in the Heisman voting, which is the highest a tight end has finished since 1977 when Notre Dame’s Ken McAfee placed third.

Replicating the record-breaking season Las Vegas Raiders tight end Brock Bowers had will be difficult, but don’t be shocked when he ends up being a game changer. His swagger and willingness to make a play separates him from the other great tight ends in this class.

Some of the strengths from Warren’s prospect profile on nfl.com are:

Handled short-yardage runs with direct snaps and Wildcat looks.

Carries a ton of alpha energy on the field.

Hands are natural, skilled and strong.

The ability to lineup in the wildcat formation at his size makes him even more appealing as a prospect. Warren ran for 218 yards and four touchdowns on only 26 carries. Those numbers at his size are surreal.

The versatility Warren possesses is something similar to Taysom Hill from the New Orleans Saints, but Warren comes into the league three inches taller and 30 pounds heavier. This is a terrifying possibility for defensive coordinators around the league.

You’ll not only get the chance to see the biggest names in this year’s draft, but also many celebrities and former athletes who’ll be announcing draft picks throughout the three-day event.

Green Bay Packers’ legends that have already been announced to make an appearance include Jordy Nelson, Dave Robinson, Jerry Kramer, Mason Crosby, Ahman Green, Clay Matthews and many more. Jonathan Taylor, Joe Thomas and Ryan Ranczyk are some of the many Wisconsin Badgers alumni scheduled to announce their respective team’s draft pick.

Register for your tickets now by downloading the NFL One Pass app. Gates at Lambeau Field will open at noon April 24 and 25 for the first two days of the draft, and then 9 a.m. April 26 for the third and final day.



Scoreboard

Friday, April 18
Women’s Track and Field
11/13, 10 points
at UWL Phil Esten Challenge
Men’s Track and Field
14/17, 4 points
at UWL Phil Esten Challenge

Saturday, April 19
Baseball (Game 1)
UWO - 5
UWRF - 4
Baseball (Game 2)
UWO - 5
UWRF - 12
Softball (Game 1)
UWO - 2
UWRF - 0
Softball (Game 2)
UWO - 3
UWRF - 4

Wedensday, April 23
Softball (Game 1)
UWO - LATE
UWSP - LATE
Softball (Game 2)
UWO - LATE
UWSP - LATE
Track and Field
at Drake University Relays
Des Moines, Iowa
Baseball (Game 1)
UWO - LATE
UWW - LATE
Baseball (Game 2)
UWO - LATE
UWW - LATE

Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 24
Track and Field
at Drake University Relays
Des Moines, Iowa
Softball
at Lakeland University
Game 1 at 3 p.m.
Game 2 at 5 p.m.

Friday, April 25
Track and Field
at Drake University Relays
Des Moines, Iowa

Saturday, April 26
Track and Field
at Drake University Relays
Des Moines, Iowa
Track and Field
at St. Norbert College Invitational
at De Pere 10:30 a.m.
Baseball
at UW-Stevens Point
Game 1 at 12 p.m.
Game 2 at 3 p.m.
Softball
at UW-Stout
Game 1 at 2 p.m.
Game 2 at 4 p.m.
Women’s Golf
at Augustana College Viking Invite
Rock Island, Ill. at 12 p.m.

Sunday, April 27
Baseball
at UW-Stevens Point
Game 1 at 12 p.m.
Game 2 at 3 p.m.
Women’s Golf
at Augustana College Viking Invite
Rock Island, Ill. at 12 p.m.



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Aden Sears resets his program record in the 110-meter hurdles by 0.13 seconds on Wednesday at the Lawrence University Viking Twilight.

Titans compete at Lawrence, UW-La Crosse

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The UW Oshkosh men’s and women’s track and field teams traveled to two outdoor meets last week and won almost 30 events.

Both teams traveled to Whiting Field in Appleton April 16 to take part in the Lawrence University Viking Twilight in which the team picked up a total of 27 first place finishes.

The team hit the road again April 17 for the UW-La Crosse Phil Esten Challenge at Roger Harring Stadium at Veterans Memorial Field Sports Complex which lasted through April 18. The men’s team took 14th out of 17 and the women took 11th out of 13.

In Appleton, UWO’s Aden Sears reset his own program record in the 110-meter hurdles with a first-place time of 14.31, smashing his previous record of 14.43. Brady Larson followed with a time of 15.08, enough for second.

Oshkosh’s Brenna Masloroff closed the challenge out with great success, winning three separate events. Masloroff beat out the competition in the hammer throw by over 10 meters as her throw reached 55.87 meters. Her second win was in the discus throw with a throw of 42.16 meters and third came in the shot put where her throw reached 12.97 meters.

UWO occupied 11 of the top 12 spots in the men’s 200 meter dash with Londyn Little taking home first place with a result of 21.35. Eddie Jones was the next best Titan in third place with a time of 21.63. Dylan Gramley, Joshua Rivers and Payton White each finished the dash sub-21.9, taking home fourth through sixth.

In the women’s 200-meter dash, two Titans placed in the top five. Megan Hunt finished the dash in 25.75 seconds which won her the event, and Kaleigh Purswell placed fourth with a result of 27.46.



Brenna Masloroff

meter steeplechase by a marginal amount, finishing with a time of 9:40.00. The next closest was St. Norbert College’s Christian Lopez with a 10:13.83.

Maddy LaVoy and Tray Jansen won both of the 400-meter dash events for UWO with times of 51.22 and 58.85 respectively.

Both of the Titans men’s and women’s 4x100 relay squads finished in sub-50 seconds, which won both events. Nyla Brown, Andrea Glaz, Devin Hable and Addie Baker finished with a time of 48.89. Then, Danny Vinson, Gramley, Little and Jones ran the relay in 40.78, nearly three seconds better than Ripon College’s squad who placed second with 43.55.

UWO’s Cyna Madigan won the women’s 1500-meter run with a time of 4:45.20, while Emma Boegh claimed third with 4:47.89. Jamie Catania placed fifth after a finish of 5:08.52, and Paige Hagner followed in sixth after running the event in 5:13.24.

Libby Geisness finished the women’s 800-meter run in 2:12.08 and Olivia Stenzel placed second with 2:16.96. Riley Szymik, the only Titan to participate in the men’s 800-meter run, won with a result of 2:00.04.

UWO’s Weston Lerdal and Cavan Dobberstien both dominated the men’s 400-meter hurdle, beating out their competition by at least three seconds. Lerdal won the event in 56.29 seconds while Dobberstein placed second in 58.91 seconds.



Megan Hunt

UWO had two squads take part in the women’s 4x400-meter relay. The squad of Glaz, Stenzel, Addie Baker and LaVoy won in 4:00.41, while Zoe Watson, Madigan, Geisness and Boegh placed second with a finish of 4:06.51.

The Titans occupied the entire top three in the women’s pole vault. After a tiebreaker between Haley Karnitz, Emerson Clark and Shelia Tellock who all initially jumped 3.15 meters, Karnitz came out on top and won the event.

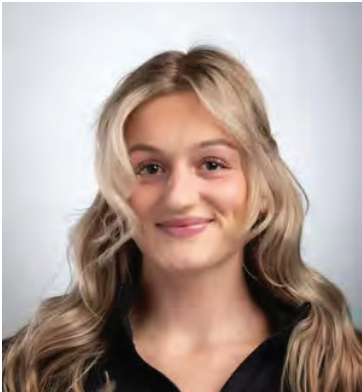
The Titans won both of the high jump events. LaVoy took home first with 1.56 meters and Halle Meyer won a tiebreaker for third against Jenna Pierre after both jumped 1.51 meters.

Kyle Wisniewski won the men’s high jump with 1.96 meters and was followed by Matthew Evans with 1.91 meters and Cameron McAndrews who won a tiebreaker for third with an initial jump of 1.86 meters.

In the men’s long jump, all participating Titans placed in the top eight of the event. Charlie Nolan won with a jump of 7.04 meters, nearly 0.5 meters longer than second place.

Two of the three Titans to participate in the men’s triple jump received fouls, but Caleb Wright found success and won the event with 13.58 meters. Karnitz was the only Titan to participate in the women’s triple jump event and placed second with 9.94 meters.

UWO occupied the entirety of



Libby Geisness

the top five in the men’s discus event with Gavin Fritsch taking home first after a throw of 51.32 meters. Kieran Maude came in second with 44.7 meters and Bryce Hall finished third with 43.76 meters.

Men’s shot put saw similar success, as the Titans occupied the three farthest throws in the event. Isaiah Isom won it all as the only participant to throw over 15 meters. Wellhoefer’s second place throw of 14.81 meters marked his second top-five finish of the day, and Cameron Bendixen placed third after a throw of 14.65 meters.

Other notable Titan performances include Emma Maly winning the 10000-meter run in 40:44.59 and Hunt winning the long jump with 5.91 meters.

La Crosse was a different story for the Titans. Geisness picked up the Titans’ only win in the Phil Esten Challenge in the women’s 1500-meter run after finishing in 4:37.49 minutes.

Lucas Nicholson was the only Titan apart from the men’s team to achieve a top five finish. Nicholson came in fifth with a result of 1:57.76.

Both the men and women’s teams will travel to Drake University (Iowa) for the Drake University relays, a three-day event, lasting from April 23-26. The busy week continues April 26, where the teams will compete in the St. Norbert College Invitational at Donald J. Schneider Stadium which kicks off at 10:30 a.m.