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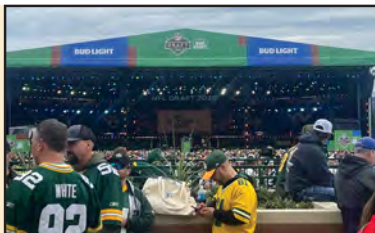
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Records line the wall and fill the crates inside of Eroding Winds Record Shop on Main Street in Oshkosh. Established in 2016, the store may see an impact on the price of records because of tariffs, like many products at other local businesses.

Businesses prepare for tariffs

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Local business owners in downtown Oshkosh said they are preparing for the tariffs on all imports into the U.S. to kick in, as various items could soon become more expensive.

"It's buying ahead as much as we can before we know that the price increases are coming and just trying to stock up a little bit for now," Erica Mulloy, a partner with Satori Imports, said.

According to NPR, President Donald Trump announced a minimum baseline tariff of 10% on all imports crossing the U.S. border starting April 5.

Additionally, the BBC reported that Trump imposed higher tariffs on more than 60 countries, calling them the 'worst offenders,' ranging from 20% for the European Union to 46% for Vietnam.

CNN said that a 90-day pause was announced for more than 60

nations, with China as the exception, facing a tariff increase of 125%.

According to a statement from the White House, tariffs seek to balance the trade deficit and provide an incentive for greater manufacturing capabilities to create more "made in America" goods.

Sarah Larson, owner of Wagner Market, which sells a variety of foods, said she doesn't know whether her store will be affected.

"All of our meats are from the Midwest, all the cheese is from Wisconsin ... liquor might be from a few different countries," Larson said. "I try to just source everything as local as possible."

Marianne Johnson, a professor of economics at UWO, said tariffs are a tax placed on goods when they are imported into the country, and the response from businesses will vary by industry and firm.

"[Businesses] have publicly stated that they intend to pass the tariff cost onto consumers through higher prices," Johnson said. "In this case, you might expect to see higher prices within a couple of weeks of tariffs taking effect."

Parker Sweeney, an employee at Eroding Winds Record Shop, said tariffs are likely to increase the price of records because the majority are imported from the U.K. and the Czech Republic.

"The tariffs will affect the record industry because a lot of that work is being done overseas," Sweeney said. "Unfortunately, the customers here will probably see a [price] increase on records."

Lukas Schmerse, who works at House of Heroes Comics, said there were no changes on imports from Canada and China so far, but anticipates prices to go up.

"Literally everything might go up, like all of our regular comic books: Batman, Spider-Man," Schmerse said. "It's the traditional as printed in Canada, so it's kind of up in the air right now."

Schmerse said the store's hardcover Marvel Omnibuses are imported from China and they could become more expensive.

"Those are already like \$150," Schmerse said. "I wouldn't be surprised if they are like \$200 plus."

Barb Nelson, an owner of Brinkley's Boutique, said her business won't be affected by tariffs in the short term.

"We buy our clothing out about a season to a season and a half in advance," Nelson said. "Everything that could happen right now is not going to affect us because those orders have already been placed."

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OPD arrests eight for human trafficking

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The Oshkosh Police Department arrested eight men in connection with human trafficking April 24 as a part of law enforcement's efforts to combat trafficking during the NFL Draft in Green Bay.

"This operation was conducted in our efforts to work closely with our community advocacy groups in bringing awareness to human trafficking, especially during large community events," OPD Public Affairs Officer Kate Mann said. "The Damascus Road Project Blitz the Draft initiative reached out to motels, hotels, gas stations and convenience stores in Winnebago and Outagamie counties to hand out information about red flags to look for to identify human trafficking prior to the 2025 NFL Draft."

OPD's undercover investigation led to the arrest of men ages 20-48 from Oshkosh, Appleton, Clintonville, Wautoma, Oakfield and one person from Florida for pandering.

The 41-year-old man from Wautoma was also arrested for felony bail jumping, and during the arrest of the group, law enforcement found a loaded handgun concealed in a waistband.

Mann said the OPD continues to work diligently to investigate human trafficking crimes throughout the city.

"For a variety of reasons, it can be very hard for human trafficking victims to get out of these situations," Mann said. "We partner with local non-profit organizations so that resources can be quickly provided to victims ... our door is always open to those seeking help, and we encourage anyone with information or concerns about human trafficking to come forward."

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.

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Politicians call for Milwaukee judge’s release

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Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers and U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin are among the politicians throughout the state who are calling for the FBI to release Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Hannah Dugan after she was arrested April 25.

“In this country, people who are suspected of criminal wrongdoing are innocent until their guilt is proven beyond reasonable doubt and they are found guilty by a jury of their peers — this is the fundamental demand of justice in America,” Evers said. “Unfortunately, we have seen in recent months the president and the Trump administration repeatedly use dangerous rhetoric to attack and attempt to undermine our judiciary at every level, including flat-out disobeying the highest court in the land and threatening to impeach and remove judges who do not rule in their favor.”

Dugan was charged with two felonies of obstructing a U.S. agency and concealing an individual to prevent arrest.

According to a criminal complaint, Dugan assisted undocumented immigrant Eduardo Flores-Ruiz from being arrested by federal immigration officials on three misdemeanor counts of battery at the Milwaukee County Courthouse April 18. The report said that Dugan tried to expedite Flores-Ruiz’s hearing once

she learned that federal agents were inside the courthouse, and escorted Flores-Ruiz through a jury door to a non-public area where law enforcement could not legally arrest him.

Two federal agents eventually chased Flores-Ruiz outside the courthouse and apprehended him at West State Street and North 10th Street, according to the report.

The two charges that Dugan faces carry a maximum of six years in prison and a \$350,000 fine.

An attorney for Dugan said in a statement that she has committed herself to the rule of law and the principles of due process for her entire career as a lawyer and judge.

“Judge Dugan will defend herself vigorously, and looks forward to being exonerated,” the statement said.

Baldwin said that the arrest follows a pattern within the Trump administration of not following due process.

“In the United States, we have a system of checks and balances and separations of power for damn good reasons,” Baldwin said. “The President’s administration arresting a sitting judge is a gravely serious and drastic move, and it threatens to breach those very separations of power.”

Evers said that he will continue to put his faith in the justice system as the court case plays out.

“I have deep respect for the rule of law, our nation’s judiciary, the importance of judges making decisions impartially without fear or favor, and the efforts of law enforcement to hold people accountable if they commit a crime,” Evers said.

Baldwin said that the U.S. is governed by laws that everyone must abide by.

“By relentlessly attacking the judicial system, flouting court orders, and arresting a sitting judge, this President is putting those basic Democratic values that Wisconsinites hold dear on the line,” Baldwin said. “While details of this exact case remain minimal, this action fits into the deeply concerning pattern of this President’s lawless behavior and undermining courts and Congress’s checks on his power.”

U.S. Rep. Tom Tiffany supported the decision to arrest Dugan.

“If you help illegal aliens evade arrest, you will be arrested,” Tiffany said in a post on X.

Dugan made an initial appearance in court two hours after being arrested but made no public comments during the hearing. She was elected to Branch 31 of the Milwaukee County Circuit Court in 2016, and her judicial term expires in 2028.

In a two page order released April 29, the U.S. Supreme Court stated that it is in the public interest to temporarily suspend Dugan of her duties.



Hannah Dugan

Trump’s response

When asked about Dugan’s arrest and her conduct April 28, President Donald Trump said, “well I think it’s horrible. I think the whole thing is horrible with judges, with what’s going on. They shouldn’t be [sheltering undocumented immigrants]. That’s very dangerous territory, and we have to be able to do what I ran on. I ran on a campaign of taking criminals out of our country — murderers, drug dealers, people that are insane ... moved out of insane asylums and mental institutions. These are insane people, and I won on the fact that we’re going to be doing this. We have to be allowed to do it, otherwise we’re not going to have a country any longer.”

Tariffs: Preparing for the effects of price hikes

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Johnson said that small, family-owned restaurants will see higher prices for tomatoes grown in Mexico once the tariffs go into effect.

“Because their profit margins are so thin, they would likely try to pass the costs onto consumers immediately using a ‘tariff surcharge’ applied to meals,” Johnson said.

Drew Landgraf, food and beverage director at Elsewhere Market and Coffee House, said that choosing alternative products can manage influence from tariffs.

“Depending [on] what is impacted, you know, it could be switching brands that we use or, you know, utilizing other resources,” Landgraf said. “Really just depending on what the product is and what the price increase may be.”

Schmerse said that in order to prepare ahead of time before tariffs kick in, they put in a big supply order.

“Bags and boards that protect comics ... we put in a big order of those before the price went up,” Schmerse said. “We are going to adjust on a fly ... nothing will change on our end until it needs to.”

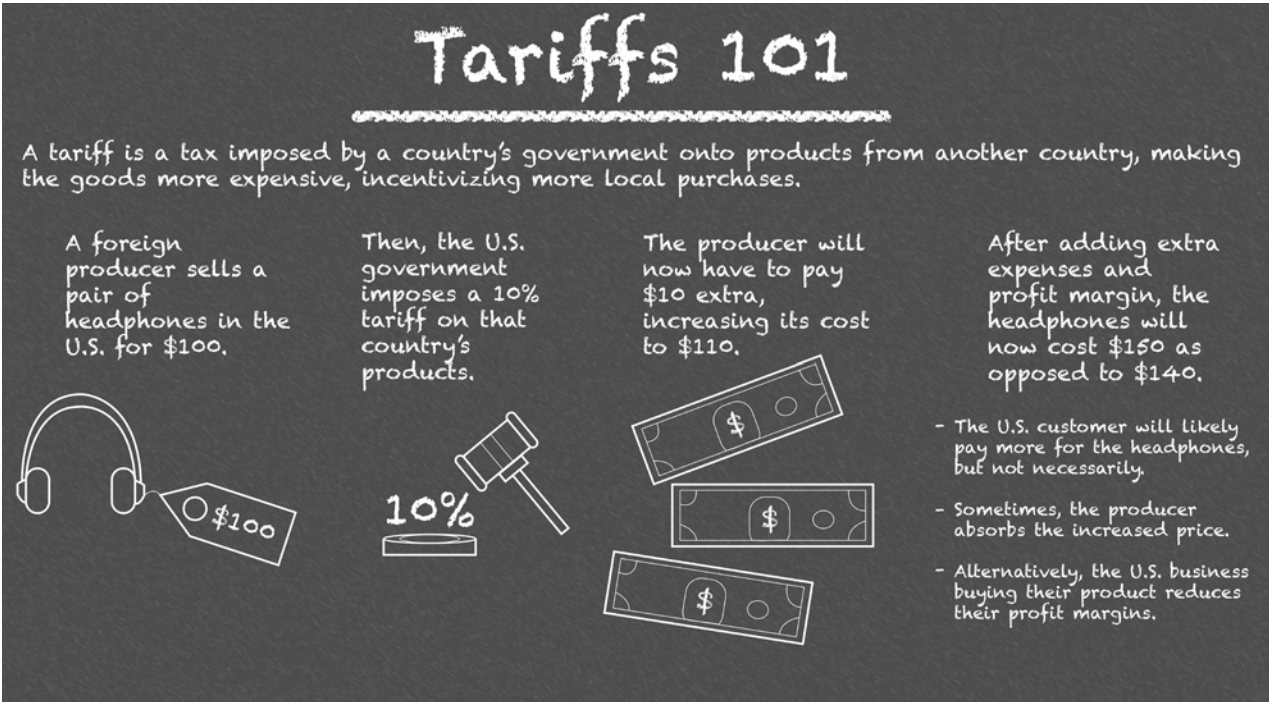
Sweeney said companies are less interested in opening re-

cord-pressing plants in the U.S. because it is cheaper to do so overseas due to cheaper labor and easier resource access.

“They (record industry) aren’t too eager to manufacture or create factories in the U.S. because of how cheap it is to press records in the Czech Republic, or, you know, just in Europe,” Sweeney said.

Nelson said that she supports current tariff actions in Washington, D.C., because they will benefit the U.S. in the long term.

“I don’t think the scare is going to be as strong as what everyone is feeling right now, but I do think there is going to be good,” Nelson said. “We just have to be patient.”



Graphic by Josh Lehner

Nelson said that there is some anxiety because she can see her retirement savings decreasing due to tariffs.

“Of course, there are fears as you watch your 401K go lower and lower, and especially at our age, when it will be a need,” Nelson said. “We don’t have the luxury to wait as my children do.”

Johnson said that low-income households will pay relatively more of their annual income in tariffs than high-income households.

“Economists estimate that the current tariffs will mean that households pay about \$3,000 more for things this next year than they did last year,” Johnson said. “Coupled with consumers

cutting back on spending because they face higher prices, we might expect higher unemployment over the next year as well.”

Johnson said retaliatory tariffs will hurt Wisconsin’s agricultural sector and the Fox Valley’s machinery manufacturing industry by making U.S. products more expensive compared to their competitors.

“Wisconsin’s economy relies a lot on agriculture, [and] China’s retaliatory tariffs will particularly harm farmers that are used to exporting soybeans and ginseng to China,” Johnson said. “The Fox Valley is particularly exposed to tariffs in manufacturing high-quality machinery like firetrucks and generators.”

WIAA passes NIL for student-athletes

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The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) passed four amendments to its constitution, bylaws and rules of eligibility at its 129th annual meeting in Stevens Point April 25.

The WIAA's 456 representatives from 411 schools voted 293-108 to approve proposed name, image and likeness (NIL) rules to allow high school student-athletes to profit off their personal brand while still in school.

The amendment, which was voted down at last year's meeting, to the WIAA constitution makes Wisconsin one of 40 states that allow students to have NIL opportunities. Students are allowed to make NIL deals as long as they are not associated or identified with their respective school team, school, conference or the WIAA. High school student-athletes also have to make sure they are not engaged in other prohibited NIL activities, including language attempting to deter undue influence to transfer schools.

"With today's vote, member schools have opted to join a

growing list of states that allow student-athletes to capitalize on their athletic talents in a way that is similar to students with other valued talents and skills," Executive Director Stephanie Hauser said. "At its core, the WIAA is charged with promoting fairness and sportsmanship while protecting the integrity of the game—something I believe this NIL language preserves."

Another amendment passed by the WIAA expands opportunities for coaches to have summer contact with their athletes for all WIAA-sponsored sports. Coaches and athletes are now able to meet from June 1-30 and from July 7-31 without any restrictions except for football, which requires contact with coaches to end one week before the start of the fall training camp.

The WIAA also voted 393-17 to allow ninth-grade teams to play the same number of contests as junior varsity and varsity teams do for each of their sponsored sports.

The final amendment that the WIAA passed forces spectators who are ejected from a contest to serve a one-game suspension



Courtesy of the WIAA

Members of the WIAA gathered at the 129th annual meeting, where they passed four amendments.

and complete a free National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Sportsmanship Course. The spectator must then submit a certificate showing that they completed the NFHS course to school officials before being allowed to return to any home contests.

A proposed change to make cross country excluded from the competitive balance performance factor used to change divisions and qualify for certain tournaments was voted down 161-241.

Oshkosh will see representation on the WIAA's Board

of Control after Bryan Davis, the superintendent of the Oshkosh Area School District, was elected to serve a three-year term for District 4.

More information on the new rule changes can be found at www.wiaawi.org/.

Local Christians react to death of Pope Francis

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When the world received the news of Pope Francis' death on April 21, the impact was felt around the globe, including in eastern Wisconsin.

"[It is] with deep sorrow I must announce the death of our Holy Father Francis," Cardinal Kevin Farrell, the Camerlengo of the Holy Roman Church, said in the official announcement. "His entire life was dedicated to the service of the Lord and of His Church. He taught us to live the values of the Gospel with fidelity, courage and universal love, especially in favor of the poorest and most marginalized."

As camerlengo, Farrell, a cardinal from the United States, will oversee all Vatican proceedings during a time of vacancy, known as the interregnum, which will occur until a new Pope is elected.

Bishop David Ricken of the Diocese of Green Bay said in a statement that while saddened by the loss, he is grateful for Francis' papacy.

"His humility, great love and pastoral care for the marginalized and the poor and his commitment to interreligious dialogue are all hallmarks of his papacy," Ricken said.

During his 12-year pontificate, Francis recorded several firsts. In addition to being the first Latin American and Jesuit to hold office, he was the first pope to address a joint session of the U.S. Congress, the first to call for civil union laws and approve ecclesiastical blessings for same-sex couples. He was

also the first to visit Iraq, the Arabian Peninsula, Mongolia and Myanmar, the online Catholic magazine, The Pillar, noted.

Francis' last public appearance was the day prior as the Christian Church celebrated Easter. The Pope appeared offering his traditional blessing from the balcony, before taking a final ride in the popemobile greeting the crowd. Due to a shortness of breath from recent illnesses, he had a cardinal offer his remarks and greetings.

"Thank you for bringing me back to the Square," were his final words, spoken to his long-time nurse. Francis died of a stroke and coma, the death certificate notes.

The impacts are felt by Catholics around the world, including in Oshkosh.

"Pope Francis truly touched my heart in bringing me (and many of us) to the simplicity of our faith," Father Tom Long, Pastor of St. Raphael the Archangel parish in Oshkosh, wrote in a message to parishioners. "What is most important is an encounter with Jesus and how we encounter one another."

Michael Johnson said that he was surprised to wake up to the news. Especially because he was recently released from a 38-day hospitalization that had him grounded for in February and March.

"I was sad," Johnson said. "Not like he was my neighbor or best friend, but because of the positive impacts he was trying to make on the world."

Father Zach Weber, UW Oshkosh chaplain, said that, while naturally, we jump to the curiosity of who the new pope will



Courtesy of Flickr

Pope Francis, the head of Catholic Church and sovereign of the Vatican City State, died at the age of 88 on Monday, April 21.

be, it is important to mourn for Pope Francis.

"This is a new experience for a lot of us," Weber said. "But the Church in her wisdom purposely gives us these nine days of prayer, to grieve and mourn."

After the funeral took place on Saturday in the Vatican, the Catholic Church will observe what is called the novendiales, a period of nine consecutive days of mourning, marked by Masses held in suffrage for the late Pope Francis. Eyes will

then turn to a conclave.

The 135 cardinals under the age of 80 will hold an election to vote on the 267th successor of Saint Peter. The conclave is expected to start on May 7 and can last up to a few days and several votes. A two-thirds majority vote is required to be elected. While the new pope will begin immediately, a special inauguration Mass will take place days later.

10 cardinals will be participating from the U.S., and four

cardinals have ties to Wisconsin. Two of whom live in the state for part of the year. Another seven cardinals from the U.S. are over the age of 80 but are expected to attend upcoming meetings in Rome.

As the conclave takes place in secret with the threat of excommunication for the electors, smoke is the sign of election results.

"If it's black smoke, no pope," Weber said. "If it's white, Habemus Papam. (We have a pope.)"

Staff reactions to the 2025 NFL Draft

By A-T Staff

The 2025 NFL Draft took place over the past week at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Even though it was held in the leagues smallest market, it was anything but small. From the size of the crowd to some big picks, the event did not disappoint at all. The Packers also delivered in the draft, starting by breaking the drought of drafting a first round wide receiver since 2002. Us writers for the sports section in the Advance-Titan reacted to how the packers top five picks went and overall.

Round 1 Pick: Matthew Golden

The Packers broke the long first-round receiver drought in maybe the right time possible. To the delight of the hundreds of Packers fans at Lambeau and around the globe, the Packers drafted wide receiver Matthew Golden from the University of Texas for its first round pick. Golden caught a total of 58 passes, totaling for 987 yards with nine touchdowns. Golden is also a big play maker, one of his most notable plays happened in the 2025 Peach Bowl on Jan 1 when on 4th and 13 and down by seven in overtime, Golden hauled in a game tying touchdown on Texas' last breath to send it to an extra overtime attempt. The Longhorns ended up beating Arizona State to advance in the College Football Playoff. One of our writers who was there said the crowd knew the magnitude of the pick. "There wasn't a better time to break the streak and draft a WR in the first round with it being held in Green Bay," he said. "I only heard a louder reaction when the Brewers hit back to back home runs in



Nolan Andler / Advance-Titan

A general view of the NFL Draft stage before the first round of the 2025 NFL Draft. The stage was set up along Oneida Street in Green Bay.

game three of the MLB Wild Card Series." The pick of Golden also gives quarterback Jordan Love another weapon to throw to in a young receiving core.

Round 2 pick: Anthony Belton

Anthony Belton is an offensive tackle from North Carolina State. To us, the pick seemed weird at first but then realizing that more depth on an injury-prone offensive line is needed. "I thought this pick was weird in the sense of what the purpose of the Jordan Morgan pick was last season," one writer said. "But having a massive tackle who can help with our powerful run game is really exciting to see if it works out."

Round 3 pick: Savion Williams

One of the most versatile players in this draft, Savion Williams has high potential with this team. With

his time in TCU last season, Williams was used not only as a receiver, but as a running back and a wildcat QB. The pick of Williams has us excited about his potential with the scheme the Packers run. "(Williams) is another gadget receiver for Love, he can make our offense even more predictable with Matt LaFleur's play-making ability," a writer said. Williams does have an issue with dropping passes, and that also plagued the Packers last season but hopefully with a long offseason still to go it can get figured out.

Round 4 pick: Barryn Sorrell

Out of all the draftees that made the trip to Green Bay, Sorrell was maybe the one that had to wait the longest. Lucky for the edge rusher from Texas, he didn't need to wait super long to hear his name called on the final day of the draft. In

fact he came out to the delight of the home crowd that stuck around for the third day. At the Advance Titan, we're ready to see the potential that he has with the Packers. "Credited for his power by many draft analysts, he may be able to carve out a role early in his career at training camp this summer," a writer said.

Round 5 pick: Collin Oliver

The NFL Combine's second fastest edge rusher is a Green Bay Packer, despite some concerns with his size. The Edge rusher from Oklahoma State has big play ability. Oliver had an injury last season that derailed his 2024, but in 2023 he had a great season where he recorded 73 total tackles with 49 solo tackles. "Every time I turned on an Oklahoma State game the last few seasons, I always heard Oliver's name be men-

tioned on a defensive play for OSU so hopefully that carries over to the NFL." a writer said.

Thoughts on draft experience

With the draft being in Green Bay and so close to the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, it allowed a lot of UW students, including us sports writers, to go to the draft. The common thought with everyone is that Green Bay did a great job. "To see Green Bay matter so much to the world was something I'd never thought I would see in my lifetime," a writer said. Day one of the NFL Draft alone, 200,000 people showed up, shattering the entire population of Green Bay wisconsin by 100,000. In fact on the first day, officials had to halt letting people in because the draft campus reached capacity so Lambeau Field had to be used so people could still watch the draft.

MLB has an ownership problem

Sports Column

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When the 2024 World Series took place, I noticed a lot of people were upset about it. One reason is because it was two teams that most find easy to root against in the Los Angeles Dodgers and New York Yankees. However, it was also the top two teams in Major League Baseball, which was also two of the biggest markets in the sport facing off on the sport's biggest stage.

The Dodgers were able to not only sign arguably the best player in the league in Shohei Ohtani, the team also were able to find a loophole in the system and defer his and other big free agents like Teoscar Hernandez and Japanese pitcher Yoshinobu Yamamoto. The Yankees were able to sign one of the most powerful bats in the league in Juan Soto to pair him with the face of the franchise in Aaron Judge. These signings are how the Dodgers and Yankees were able to reach the World Series. Fans of small market teams were upset due to the fact that it seems unfair that these two teams were basically able to "buy"

their way to a World Series while their team couldn't get much. It is true that the Yankees and Dodgers are the two most valuable teams in baseball according to Forbes.com, but the biggest reason why they are so good is because their front offices have one goal, they want to win.

The MLB has plenty of talented teams in the league that can compete at the highest level when healthy but aren't taking advantage. The Minnesota Twins are a good example of that. The only problem is that its top three superstars in Byron Buxton, Carlos Correa and Royce Lewis have health issues that have plagued their careers. The Twins owners in the Pohlad family are known to be very cheap and not give those three depth. After a post-season run in 2023 where the Twins finally broke an 18-game post-season winless streak that has haunted this franchise, it was also the first time since 2002 that they looked like a team that could go all the way. Owner Joe Pohlad decided to cut payroll in the 2023-24 offseason by nearly \$30 million which led to the controversial release of pitcher Sonny Gray who had a career 2.91 ERA in his two seasons for the Twins. In an interview with Twins media members, Pohlad defended himself and said it was the right move.

"We were headed down a great direction and I had to make a very difficult business decision but that's just the reality of my work," Pohlad said. "I have a business to run, and it comes with tough decisions and that's what I had to do. I wouldn't make any other decision."

If that is how you are running a baseball team, you shouldn't be in the "business" of baseball. Pohlad's move has ruined fan morale which was at nearly its highest after the 2023 postseason. But ever since he cut payroll, the Twins had a brutal collapse to end the 2024 season where from August 18, the team finished the season with a 12-27 record resulting in an 82-80 season record. Not only did the team end up missing the postseason after at one point having a 90% probability and was in striking distance of the AL Central Division, but the malaise from 2024 has carried into 2025 where the team is off to a 7-15 start as of writing this.

The Twins aren't the only team that has dealt with a cheap owner. The Milwaukee Brewers have been plagued by a lack of spending these last few years. The infamous trade of all-star closer Josh Hader in the summer of 2022 led to a collapse that season where Milwaukee just missed the postseason. The Brew-

ers have had the ability to make a big signing or make a trade that did work out for them in the long haul, for example the 2017 trade with Miami which saw Christian Yelich come to the Brewers or the multi-team trade in 2023 which saw the Brewers get William Contreras.

Milwaukee also has a lot of young star power. Last season, not only did the Brewers get a platinum glove season from second baseman Brice Turang, they also saw the rise of young phenom in Jackson Chourio. Center fielder Garrett Mitchell, who came back from a long injury in the beginning of 2023, showed promise to end 2024. The problem for the Brewers was in the Wild Card series last season against the New York Mets. It was only the young guys contributing, and if it wasn't for three combined home runs from Chourio and Mitchell which led to a 5-3 win in game two, Milwaukee would've been swept in the Wild Card series for the second consecutive season.

Despite winning the NL Central in four of the last seven seasons, the Brewers have only made it past its opening postseason series once (in 2018, the team lost to the Dodgers in the NLCS). Part of that reason is the Brewers do not spend that much. Brewers fans have openly

voiced their frustration with owner Mark Attanasio for not spending big. In an interview with MLB insider Bob Nightengale, Attanasio did not make himself look better.

"Is my job to win a World Series?" Attanasio said. "Or is my job to provide a summer of entertainment and passion and a way for families to come together?"

This mindset didn't look too good when at one point in the early 2025 season, Milwaukee had to have two spot starts for its bullpen due to a heavy injury bug in its pitching staff.

Sure, MLB has had a big market issue that showed based off of last season. But the Twins and Brewers are an example of something bigger that haunts the sport; it is the lack of other teams spending. This is especially after the 2023 season where two underdog teams in the Arizona Diamondbacks and Texas Rangers made it to the World Series. It has been proven that anyone can make that big move to make their team a championship contender. The issue is the owners need to have the guts to allow their front office to make that move. Hopefully the MLB will do something to make other teams spend. Until then, expect more World Series that feature a big market team.



Courtesy of Steve Frommell / UWO Athletics

UWO’s Haylie Wittman swings at pitch in a game earlier this season at the UW Oshkosh Softball Park. Oshkosh swept UW-Stout over the weekend.

UWO Softball wins fourth straight game

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The UW Oshkosh softball team swept the UW-Stout Blue Devils in Saturday’s doubleheader at Alumni Field in Menominee.

The Titans took game one 7-4 and won game two with a score of 9-2, extending their winning streak to four games.

The Titans trailed in game one 3-0 through five innings, until a seven-run sixth inning allowed the Titans to snag their eighth win on the road.

The sixth inning rally was started by Amanda Martineck, who hit a sacrifice fly to left field, advancing Morgan Rau to third and Olivia Ullman to score.

The inning followed with RBIs from Ullman, Sarah Hammerton, Cali Divito and Mary Kate Quaid, along with 2 RBIs from Haylie Wittman, who singled up the middle.

The Titans threw four pitchers in game one, with Sydney Nemetz starting in the circle. Nemetz threw 28 pitches through two innings, allowed two hits and one unearned run.

Skyler Calmes pitched 2.2 innings threw 37 pitches, allowing two hits and two earned runs. Morgan Miller only faced one batter, throwing five total pitches, but was credited with her second win of the year after coming into the fifth inning and getting the quick out.

Brianna Bougie pitched the final two innings, facing eight batters and allowing two hits and only one run. Bougie earned her seventh win of the season when she pitched five innings in game two, allowing just one hit and no runs, and striking out three of 17 batters faced.

Bougie came in to relieve Grace Nardi, who got the start in the circle in game two. Nardi pitched two innings, allowed three hits and two earned runs through 10 batters faced.

The Titans’ victory in game two was a result of their performance at the plate, as the lineup was able to register 15 total hits.

Led by Ullman, who went 2-3 with two RBIs, the Titans batted in four more runs with RBI from Martineck, M. Rau, Hammerton and Wittman. Ullman, Divito, M. Rau and Quaid all record-

ed two hits, as well as Abby Garceau and Sophie Wery, who led the Titans in at-bats with five.

The Titans are now 29-7 all-time against the Blue Devils and haven’t lost since April 2023. On April 30, 2023, the Blue Devils won 4-3 at Alumni Field.

Oshkosh returns home to UWO Softball Park for its final four games of the 2025 regular season. The Titans will host UW-Platteville on Wednesday, April 30, and UW-Eau Claire on Sunday, May 4.

Titans sweep Stevens Point, fall to Whitewater

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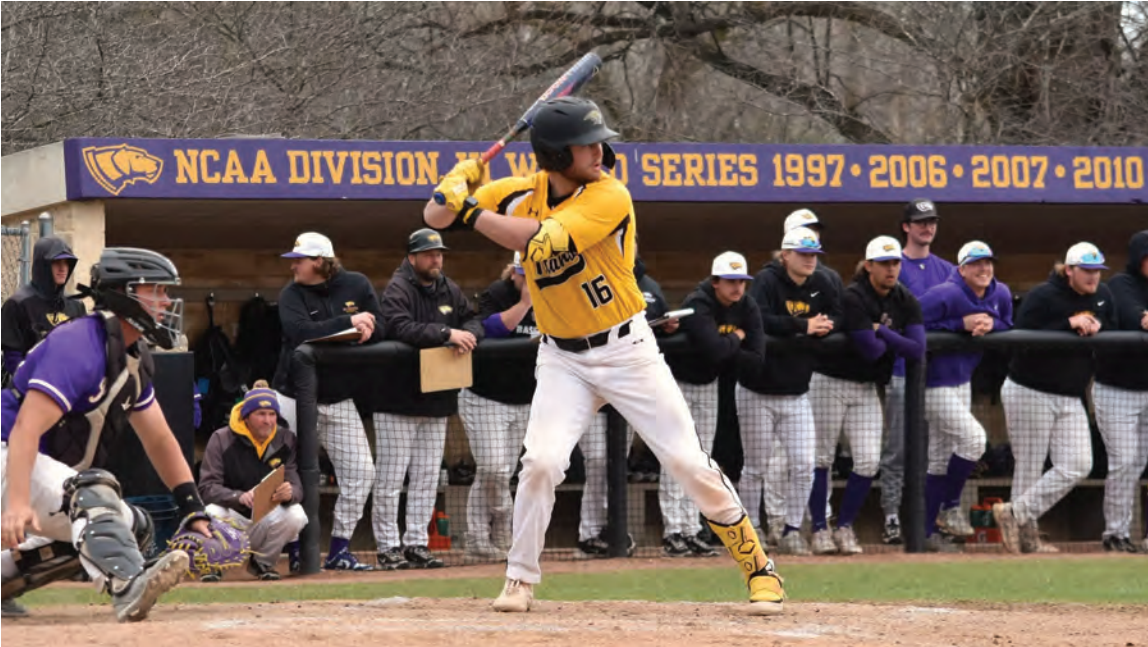
Over the past week, the Titans played six games against UW-Whitewater and UW-Stevens Point. UWO lost both games in its doubleheader at home against the Warhawks on Wednesday, but returned the favor by winning all four games over the weekend at Stevens Point.

The first game of the doubleheader against No. 1 UW-Whitewater foreshadowed how the day would go. UWO was able to hang in with the Warhawks for the first couple of innings, only down 3-2. Unfortunately for the Titans, the Warhawks were able to pull away thanks to an Eli Frank sacrifice fly in the fifth that started a 5-0 unanswered scoring run in the immediate innings for UWW to go up 8-2. Despite scoring three combined runs in the seventh and eighth innings for the Titans, UWO was unable to come back as UWW pulled away to an easy 11-5 game one win.

The second game of the doubleheader started out well for the Titans, as a Zach Taylor single scored Nick Shiu and Jake Surane to go up 2-0. The only problem for UWO is that the Warhawks did a lot of damage with home runs. In the second inning,

UWW immediately took the lead with a three-run home run to go up 3-2. The Titans were able to respond with back-to-back doubles from Owen Housinger and Jack McNamara, sparking a four-run inning to reclaim the lead at 6-3. Again, the Warhawks immediately responded with back-to-back home runs to lower the gap to 6-5. Both teams were able to put a run across later to make it 7-6, but where the damage really happened for Whitewater was in the top of the sixth. The Warhawks took advantage of a hit-by-pitch by following it up with a go-ahead two-run homer to go up 8-7. Whitewater followed it up with another two-run home run to extend the lead to 10-7. A hit-by-pitch, a throwing error and a single loaded the bases in the bottom of the ninth for the Titans, but unfortunately, they weren’t able to get any of those runs home as UWW closed out a 10-7 win.

UWO was able to rebound with a big weekend against UW-Stevens Point. The Titans swept the Pointers in all four games and outscored them 39-10. UWO opened the first game of the doubleheader, going up 5-0 in the fourth behind four runs batted in from Shiu. UWO was able to take the game one win behind Shiu’s 6 RBI game and



Courtesy of Jennifer Zuberbie / UWO Athletics

UWO’s Zach Taylor stands in the batters box against UW-Stevens Point over the weekend.

eight innings pitched from Connor Brinkman, where he only allowed one run on three hits and struck out eight.

UWO won the next three games with scores of 12-3, 5-3, and 14-4. The only game that was close this series was the first game of the doubleheader on Sunday, where the Titans won it 5-3.

UWO opened that game with an RBI single from Shiu to go up 1-0 in the second. All of the damage happened in the fifth and

sixth innings for the Titans. In the fifth, UWO put two across thanks to a Carter Stebane sacrifice fly and a Housinger RBI single. The Titans put two more across in the sixth with a Schill single and Surane reaching on a fielding error to go up 5-0. Those runs in the sixth ended up being the difference due to UWSP putting up a three-run inning in the eighth inning behind three RBI singles to make it 5-3. Josh Jansen earned his sixth win of the season for UWO. Jansen pitched seven in-

nings, allowing no runs on seven hits while striking out five. Nick Rector got the save, pitching the last inning and a half, striking out two while allowing no hits.

The Titans now shift its attention to one more regular season series this weekend at UW-Stout in Menomonie for back-to-back doubleheaders. The first game of the doubleheader is on Friday May 2 and will start at 1 p.m. The first game of the doubleheader the next day, Saturday May 3, will start at noon.



Scoreboard

Wednesday, April 23

Softball (Game 1)

UWO - 0

UWSP - 6

Softball (Game 2)(13 innings)

UWO - 3

UWSP - 4

Baseball (Game 1)

UWO - 5

UWW - 11

Baseball (Game 2)

UWO - 7

UWW - 10

Thursday, April 24

Softball (Game 1)

UWO - 2

Lakeland - 0

Softball (Game 2)

UWO - 5

Lakeland - 2

Saturday, April 26

Women’s Golf

3/7, 650 strokes

at Augustana College Viking Invite
Rock Island, Ill.

Baseball (Game 1)

UWO - 8

UWSP - 1

Baseball (Game 2)

UWO - 12

UWSP - 3

Softball (Game 1)

UWO - 7

UWS - 4

Softball (Game 2)

UWO - 9

UWS - 2

Sunday, April 27

Women’s Golf

3/7, 326-324 650

at Augustana College Viking Invite
Rock Island, Ill.

Baseball (Game 1)

UWO - 5

UWSP - 3

Baseball (Game 2)(7 innings)

UWO - 14

UWSP - 4

Wednesday, April 30

Softball

vs UW-Platteville

Game 1 LATE

Game 2 LATE

Upcoming Events

Friday, May 2

Track and Field

at WIAC Outdoor Championship
Oshkosh 11 a.m.

Baseball

at UW-Stout

Game 1 at 1 p.m.

Game 2 at 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 3

Track and Field

at WIAC Outdoor Championship
Oshkosh 11 a.m.

Baseball

at UW-Stout

Game 1 at 1 p.m.

Game 2 at 4 p.m.

Sunday, May 4

Softball

vs UW-Eau Claire

Game 1 at 1 p.m.

Game 2 at 3 p.m.



Courtesy of Patrick Flood / UWO Athletics

The UW Oshkosh women’s golf team poses for a picture at a meet earlier this season. The Titans finished third at their final meet of the season.

Golf ends season at Viking Invite

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UW Oshkosh women’s golf concluded its season in Rock Island, Illinois, with a third-place finish in the Augustana College (Illinois) Viking Invitational at Highland Springs Golf Course April 26-27.

The Titans finished the invitational 112-over par after a day one performance of 326 total strokes

and 324 total strokes on day two, which happened to be the day’s leading team score.

Taryn Endres led the way for UWO at 10-over par through two rounds and finished in third place individually. In Endres’ first round, she shot +3 with 75 total strokes, which tied for the invitational’s third-best round of golf. Endres followed up day one with 79 total strokes on day two.

Hailey Matenaer had the Titans’

second-best performance of the weekend after shooting 159 total strokes and placing sixth. On day one, Matenaer shot 7-over par and 79 total strokes. On day two, she shot 80 total strokes, 8-over par.

The next best Titan was Sydney Bornhorst, who placed 10th after shooting 13-over par in her first round and a solid bounce-back second round of 6-over par. Bornhorst’s total strokes over the two rounds were 163 or 19-over par.

UWO’s Josie Hofer and Chloe Strunk rounded out the Titans’ leaderboard with scores of +30 and +38, respectively. The two combined for a total of 356 strokes. Hofer finished the invitational tied for 20th, and Strunk in 30th.

Lake Forest College (Illinois) won the weekend with 638 total strokes, led by a day one where the team as a whole shot 39-over par.

Track and field wins 7 events at St. Norbert

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The UWO men’s and women’s track and field teams participated at St. Norbert College to compete in its invitational on Saturday April 26.

Alex Arndt won the first event, the 5000-meter run, with a personal record time of 15:36.92. Eli Traeder placed second with 15:42.22, and Brady Lewis ran a 16:22.64 for seventh.

In the 110-meter hurdles, Aden Sears won in 14.56 seconds, followed in second by Daniel Wilson with a personal best 14.65-second finish. Brady Larson took fourth in 15.50 seconds, Matt Scholbe placed fifth with a personal record 15.68 seconds and Payton White took sixth with a personal record 16.01 seconds.

For the 1500-meter run, Cameron Cullen took first with 3:59.15. Bennett Midthun ran a 4:02.38 for fourth and Alex Peterson ran a 4:05.89 for seventh, both achieving personal bests.

In the 400-meter hurdles, Wilson set a personal record of 54.47 seconds for first place and Weston Lerdal placed second with 54.78 seconds.

The 4x400-meter relay squad of Jett Breed, Lucas Nicholson, Colin Smith and Riley Szymik placed second with a time of 3:31.32.



Courtesy of Steve Frommell / UWO Athletics

Gavin Fritsch throws the shot put at the St. Norbert College Invitational.

In discus throwing, Gavin Fritsch placed third in the discus throw at 47.70 meters and Kieran Maude set a personal best-placing distance of 45.80 meters.

Cameron McAndrews and Christian Thomson placed third in the high jump with a height of 1.85 meters, and Kendrick Cyracus vaulted 1.80 meters for seventh.

For the women, Emma Maly took first place in the 5000-meter run with a time of 19:35.19

and in the 3000-meter steeplechase, Ella Galaszewski placed second with a personal record time of 12:39.80. Her teammates Olivia Schwarm and Madeline Osmanski placed fourth and fifth with personal bests of 12:47.22 and 12:56.56.

Emma Boegh and Stenzel placed second and fifth in the 800-meter run with times of 2:18.13 and 2:20.69.

In the shot put, Brenna Masloroff took third with 13.19 meters, Carly Huelskamp threw

11.59 meters for seventh and Brooklyn Manz threw 11.50 meters for eighth.

In the discus, Masloroff placed second with a throw of 40.82 meters. Alana Noggle took fifth at 37.18 meters, Abi Masloroff took sixth at 36.75 meters, Manz took seventh at 36.71 meters and Huelskamp took eighth at 35.76 meters.

UWO will have its next meet on May 2 and 3 at the Oshkosh Sports Complex for the WIAC Outdoor Championship.



Getting thrifty downtown

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The thrill of hunting for cute and good priced clothing is unmatched and incomparable to a chain clothing store. With inflation rising, normal clothing stores seem too high to buy from. However, where are the best places for young people to update your wardrobe for cheap in Oshkosh?

01 Vintage

01 Vintage is a vintage clothing store offering apparel and hats from the 1970s through the 2000s. However, it is geared mostly to a masculine/unisex crowd but has a very small feminine attire rack. Being that it is a vintage store, the prices appeared to be a little high for my taste. The collection includes vintage men’s shirts, sweatshirts, sports jerseys, jackets and baseball hats.

This store is not my thing, but I can see why people flock to this place. I have never seen a men’s focused vintage store geared towards college students. They cater to a niche audience of young people looking for gender neutral clothes that you really cannot find anywhere else.

The Turquoise Door

The Turquoise Door is right down the street from 01 Vintage and offers both designer and non designer women’s shoes, clothes, purses and home décor. However, it’s a luxury consignment store so keep that in mind when looking at the prices. They carry designer bags such as Coach, Vera Bradley, Kate Spade and vintage leather bags. However, Coach bags are at a better price than they would be at the outlet mall. There is also a rack by the cash register of Lululemon Athletic and Athleta work out clothes and a rack of expen-

sive brands such as Anthropologie and Free People. One noticeable problem I noticed was the lack of variety in large size clothing and no plus sizes to be found. There was plenty of selection from 0-6, but good luck on trying to find jeans like Levi’s or Abercrombie and Fitch. The rack for tops did not go past a XL and I would feel extremely frustrated if I needed a size from XXL-3X. However, they do carry jean sizes from 14-22. All in all, it’s a nice place to shop but leans on the pricier side.

Fabulous Finds

Fabulous Finds is a second hand store targeting older women and men. The store is inside an old building and kept the original Victorian ceiling tiles like 01 Vintage. The lighting is warm and bathes the place in a soft glow. However, there is not much



Madison Hull / Advance-Titan
Fabulous Finds (left) and Turquoise Door (right) on Main Street.

variety and mostly has run of the mill used clothing brands such as Old Navy and Gap. There is a men’s section, which was surprising to me. The pricing was good and there was a sale when I was there. They also have used books and items such as Bath and Body Works lotions and perfumes for sale.

They did have a better selection of plus size clothes which is always a bonus. It’s a nice store, but there’s not much to look at. All in all, Oshkosh has nice places to hunt the perfect vintage item and shop for designer bags at a reasonable price. Come visit Main Street and help support local businesses. They will be glad that you did.

Waka Flocka to headline Bye Gosh

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Headlined by student-chosen performer Waka Flocka Flame, UW Oshkosh’s signature end-of-year event, Bye Gosh Fest, returns Thursday, May 8, to cap off and celebrate the end of the school year before finals week begins. “The whole event is designed to be a fun and relaxing celebration for students right before finals begin,” Megan Molthen, the live music chair for Reeve Union Board, said. Bye Gosh Fest is free for students using their TitanCard, and each student is eligible for one guest ticket that they can receive at the Student Engagement desk at Reeve Union leading up to the event. Waka Flocka Flame, best known for his party anthem “No Hands,” will take center stage at Kolf Lot No. 13 at 6:30 p.m., while the festivities themselves start at 3:30 p.m. Openers include alternative

rock band WNDW performing at 3:45 p.m. and Gangstagrass at 5 p.m., who Molthen describes as “a unique group that blends bluegrass and hip-hop for a truly one-of-a-kind experience.” Molthen, who’s in her first year at her position, said that many activities will be available at the event to promote a festival-style atmosphere, along with eight food trucks for attendees to choose from. “This year we’re bringing in bigger and more exciting inflatables than ever before to make the activity area even more fun,” she said. “We’re also adding more interactive elements to engage students throughout the event. And don’t forget to stop by and get your picture taken in the big pink chair.” Molthen said that Bye Gosh Fest is a fun way to end the semester and that she is excited to see everyone enjoying themselves for something that took months to prepare for.

“I’m super excited to see the energy Waka Flocka Flame brings to the stage and how the student crowd reacts especially because this has been months in the making,” she said. “... Ultimately, he’s an energetic performer with a lot of name recognition and hype potential.” With planning large events like this and dealing with a wide range of genres with artists, Molthen said her team always has conversations about the content of performers. “We work to strike a balance between entertainment and community standards,” she said. “With Waka Flocka, we discussed content expectations with his team and made sure the performance would be appropriate for a campus environment.” When Reeve Union Board sent out its annual campus-wide survey to choose a headliner for this year, Molthen said that Waka Flocka Flame received overwhelming support from the students.

“He received the most votes overall, and once we confirmed his availability and that he fit within our budget, we were able to move forward with booking him,” she said. “It was exciting to be able to secure the top choice this year and bring in the students’ number one overall pick.” Molthen said that for choosing a headliner, her team works with a booking agency that specializes in college events that filters out artists who don’t fit their budget or time window. “Our executive board and committee narrow it down to a top 20 or so, balancing different genres and artists we think students would be excited about,” she said. “Then we send out a campus-wide survey so students can vote on their favorite artist, [and] student input plays a huge role in our decision.” Molthen said that different genres and artists in the survey included Uncle Kracker, Andy Grammer and Owl City, also noting that she wanted to get rid of

the multiple-round survey system used in past years. “This year, I wanted to simplify the process by sticking with one main survey instead of doing multiple rounds like in the past,” she said. “We focused on narrowing down the list beforehand, which helped us move faster and secure contracts earlier. This was a huge help in planning everything else around the show.” Molthen said that she wants students to bring their friends and their energy to cap off the school year, along with staying up to date with events from Reeve Union Board on Instagram. “We really want ByeGosh to feel like a celebration of the whole campus community,” Molthen said. “It’s free for students, and we put a lot of care into making it fun and safe. It’s more than just a concert; it’s an experience.” For more information regarding Bye Gosh Fest this year, check out www.uwosh.edu/reeve/involvement/traditions/bye-gosh/.



Fun takes flight at Flights

Cocktail & charcuterie lounge specializes in drink flights

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Some of the best creations are made when somebody sees something missing in their world, and instead of complaining about it, decides to create it themselves.

This is the story of Andrea Reichenberger, creator and owner of Flights Wine & Cocktail Bar. This unique bar revolves around the recent trend in dining of beverage flights, the first of its kind in Winnebago County.

Located on 607 S. Main St. in downtown Oshkosh where The Brooklyn Grill used to be, this fun and unique wine and cocktail bar was designed to be the perfect place to hang out with friends, try out new wines and “unWINEd” after a long day.

“I just wanted [a place for] the businesswoman to have a space to talk and hang out with friends over a good glass of wine,” Reichenberger said. “That’s really how it all started.”

Reichenberger loves a dive bar as much as the next, but said she wanted to create a place that put conversation on the forefront instead of the back burner.

“They [dive bars] can just be so loud, its hard to have conversations,” she said. “I think in the world we’re in today with all the technology and people very isolated on their phones, bringing back the art of having conversation is important.”

Reichenberger’s vision only grew from there. Something else that was missing from her

life was a place to try really good wine.

“I’m always looking to try something new, and that’s kinda where the concept of flights started,” she said. “We wanted to be able to provide an opportunity to try different things and develop people’s palates.”

While this idea was born from Reichenberger’s passion for wine, she has expanded the concept of drink flights to beers and cocktails, including their popular Old Fashioned Flight that features an orange, cherry, peach and plum Old Fashioned.

Reichenberger offers both preset drink flights perfect for those who don’t know where to start, as well as a build-your-own option perfect for those looking to experiment.

She said her goal was to provide customers with the opportunity to try new drinks and wines without all the pressure of sometimes snobbish wine connoisseurs, the commitment to a whole bottle and the often steep price tag attached to it.

Beyond beverage flights, the spot also offers classic cocktails such as Espresso Martinis and Lemon Drops, along with some twists on the classics such as the Oshkosh Manhattan and the Bloody Gin-a.

Flights also has a revolving door of specialty cocktails for each season. For the winter season, they’re offering the tangy Key Lime Pie Whiskey Martini, the sprinkle-rimmed Sugar Cookie Cocktail and the Lovely Ol’ Fashioned.

Made with cranberry and orange bitters and burnt sugar whiskey, the Lovely Ol’ Fashioned has become a favorite amongst staff and guests alike, and is soon to be renamed Flight’s Ol’ Fashioned and moved to the main menu.

For the summer, they’re looking at adding sipping rums and a Kentucky Derby-inspired Moonshine flight.

There’s also a variety of non-alcoholic options, including non-alcoholic wine and beer and cocktails such as an NA Mai Tai, Margarita and Limoncello.

If you get hungry, you can build your own charcuterie board in a way that makes ordering feel like a fun game. Instead of a traditional menu, patrons are handed a paper menu with a checklist featuring 30 locally-sourced options to choose from.

All charcuterie boards come with bread from Thunderbird Bakery and olive oil and balsamic vinegar from Olive Cellar, but you can also choose from a variety of Renard’s cheeses from Sturgeon Bay, candied nuts from Sweet P’s in Oconomowoc and Oak’s chocolate meltaways from here in Oshkosh.

Besides unique food and drink options, Flights also works hard to maintain a fun, chic and intimate environment with their rustic-chic decor and unique outdoor patio complete with string lights, a fire pit and curtains to bring that sense of intimacy outside.

This atmosphere is also main-



Courtesy of Vanessa Reichenberger
Their fan-favorite Old Fashion Flight with plum, cherry and more.

tained by the variety of events they offer. This includes trivia nights, live music almost every month and pop-up shops featuring local businesses such as Periwinkle Poppy Boutique and Uptown Links, a permanent jewelry bar.

Flights will be hosting its third Uptown Links pop-up on Thursday, May 15, an event that Reichenberger says is “always a big hit.”

They will be hosting trivia nights in May with a “Friends” themed one on Tuesday, May 20 and a “Bridgerton” themed trivia a couple of days later on Thursday, May 22.

All the events mentioned above are free and open to the public, but Reichenberger also offers some more exclusive events.

One she is particularly excited about is a Kentucky Derby theme night and watch party in which people can come dressed for the derby, “bet” on their favorite horses and win prizes.

Reichenberger is working on even more events and collaborations for the upcoming year, including something she calls “Boujee Bingo” in which players pay for a card for the chance to win a luxury prize such as a facial or a nice piece of jewelry.

No matter your level of wine expertise, your price point, gender or your goal for the night, this joint is the perfect spot for a night out with the guys or gal-pals, a date night, birthdays, book clubs, post-dinner drinks and all of life’s moments in between.

New music festival to debut in Oshkosh

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More music is being brought to the city of Oshkosh, as it holds its first-ever Valley Vinyl event.

Located at the Leach Amphitheater on 303 Ceape Ave., the event is to have headliner Ski Mask the Slump God, along with other musicians such as Snow Strippers, Homixide Gang and eight more on Saturday May 10.

Founder Johnathon Jungwirth explained his thought behind the event, and how it came to be.

“I’m from Oshkosh, so it’s

really cool to bring something exciting to the area,” Jungwirth said. “Oshkosh has never seen something like this before. My main goal was to bring the culture that I identify with into my home city.”

Jungwirth explained how the event came to be.

“Two years ago, I came up with the plan,” he said. “I love going to festivals and concerts, so I wanted to make an impact on the community.”

Jungwirth explained the donations to the community that will come along with the event, and

how many proceeds will go to organizations.

“Habitat for Humanity will be there, and half of all of the alcohol sales I’m donating to them,” he said. “Also, income will be going to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.”

Tickets for the event being sold online at the Valley Vinyl Instagram page for \$75.

The tickets are to be one entry fee, with no additional types of tickets.

“We need to come back together as a community and it’s not about who has more money

to buy one ticket versus another,” he said.

While the event is to hold beautiful music, fun vibes and good crowds, Jungwirth explained his main plan behind the event.

“I just want to reverberate through the entire festival, like love, energy and family,” he said. “If someone comes to Valley Vinyl and meets their new best friend, then I’ve won.”

With the excitement that surrounds this event, along with a great community and great founder, Valley Vinyl is not an event you’d want to miss!



More information regarding the event can be found online and on the organizers’ social media at @valleyvinylmusicfestival.